



## Cancer

**Brad Hurd.** Under Hospice Care.

**Steven Kelly.** Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.

**Ken Moran.** Odell's son. Stage 4 cancer.



## Special Needs

**Ryan Kendrick.** Special needs.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.

## Nursing Home

**Sibbie Byrd.** Health issues.

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Dementia .



**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

**Jack Beavers.** Health concerns.

**Dixie Clifton.** Health concerns.

**Drew Clifton.** Dixie's grandson. Need of prayer.

**Norman W. Hill.** Health concerns.

**Hester Hollandsworth.** Health concerns.

**Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health concerns.

**Rita Lawless.** Health concerns.

**Pete & Karen Lovell.** Health concerns.

**Paul Mays.** Health concerns.

**Darel Patrick.** Recovering from surgery.

**Elizabeth Rice.** Sister of a friend of Dave Robertson. Requesting prayer.

**Skip Walker.** Recovering from surgery.

**Caregivers.**

**Our Country & Our Military.**

**Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.**

*To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan.*

*Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.*



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### Times We Meet:

#### Sunday:

**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

#### Thursday:

**Virtual Bible Study:**

**Facebook:** 12:30 p.m.



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## Life Is a Journey with Daily Choices

One simple way to view life is to think of how it is a journey up a mountain trail. There are many times when on this journey there are forks in the path ahead of us, and we must choose which one to take, knowing that one of them leads to the place you have heard so much about. You want to get there, but sometimes it seems so hard.

Early in your life you heard about the Hiker who completed the journey and always made the right choice. You have read the book about His life and you are convinced that He really lived, completed the journey and has left behind the story of His life. There is something so fascinating about Him that you long to be like Him, knowing that He is waiting for you at the end of your own journey.

There are those around you, often your own parents, who have told you so much about the Hiker, but now the time has arrived that you must make your own choice. You have reached "the age of accountability" and your journey begins with you making your own choices in life. Before you lies the first major fork in the path.

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***“Life Is a Journey” Continued from Front Page...*** One path evidently gives you so much more freedom and what looks like a far easier path. It certainly does not seem to have the many hard climbs that you see on the path the Hiker took. You must make that decision on your own and it is not an easy one. You soberly look at the two options and as you start your journey you must first answer this question, “Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?”

You see others as they come to that division in the trail and most of them choose the easier path to left. You have made your choice; you choose to go to the right. It is remarkable how often on the journey you choose to make this same choice. It is as though it is always right to do right.

You very soon discover other crossroads. One is how to respond to obeying my parents. One concerns moral purity. Another is how much time do I spend meditating on the Hiker’s book and meeting with others who every week spend serious time learning more about Him and in a sense being with Him. There is a path of your place of secular employment and social life with those in that place. There is the path of responding to those who mistreat you and how to deal with them. Time after time you make the harder decision to continue your upward journey even though it seems more difficult.

As you make this journey you are more and more convinced that you made the right decision when you made your first choice. Then, the time arrives, and your journey is about finished. You see Him with outstretched arms awaiting you and saying, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

—Dan Jenkins




### ***The Greatest Thing You Can Do***

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. It is not the only thing, but is the chief thing. The great people of earth are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take the time to pray.

—S.D. Gordon






**August Birthdays!**

1ST	MARK BARBER
10TH	WALTER BEAVERS
12TH	JACK BEAVERS
18TH	NORMAN W. HILL
20TH	JONATHAN BEAVERS
23RD	DONN SHUMATE




**5th Sunday Potluck**

Following our Bible Study & Worship Gatherings on September 29th we are hosting our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch. Everyone bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



**August Anniversaries!**

20TH	GARY & JAN HOLLANDSWORTH
20TH	DAVID & LORI PALMER



**Game Night!**

Next Game Night is on August 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite games & finger foods to share.



**Ladies Digging Bible Class!**

Our next Monthly Ladies Digging Deep Bible Class is Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



**Pizza & Movie Night!**

Our next Pizza & Movie Night is on Sept. 14, 2024!  
Pizza Supper @ 5:00 p.m.  
Movie @ 5:30 p.m.



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**Solution**

mountain, multitudes; a leper; willing, clean; leprosy; priest, Moses



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**Electronic Giving**






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<div><div>You Tell Me I Am Getting Old</div><div><p>You tell me I am getting old; I tell you that's not so! The "house" I live in is worn out, And that, of course, I know. It's been in use a long, long while; The color's changing on the roof; The windows are getting dim, The walls a bit transparent And looking rather thin. The foundation's not so steady As once it used to be- My "house" is getting shaky, But my "house" isn't ME! My few short years can't make me old, I feel I'm in my youth. Eternity lies just ahead, A life of joy and truth. I'm going to live forever there; Life will go on – it's grand! You tell me I am growing old? You just don't understand. The dweller in my little "house" Is young and bright and gay, Just starting on a life To last throughout eternal day. You only see the outside, Which is all that most folk see. You tell me I am getting old? You've mixed my house with ME!</p><p>—Dora Johnson</p></div></div>	<div><div>No One Came to Our Party</div><div><p>After a few days of hard work, all the preparations had been made and it was time for the party. The tables were ready, filled with stacks of paper plates, plastic flatware, and cups. Cold drinks were iced and ready while the grill belched out smoke with the smell of cooking steaks. There was sliced fresh watermelon, homemade ice cream and apple pie. Hanging decorations moved gently in the breeze while tunes played from the Bluetooth speaker. It was time for the party!</p><p>As the time for the gathering came and went none of the invited guest arrived. Perhaps the traffic was bad or other distractions were holding up the party goers. But as an hour passed, it soon became evident that no one was coming. The time, effort, and expense that had gone into getting ready for the party was all for nothing. The host felt disappointed and embarrassed. "No one came to our party."</p><p>Jesus told two similar stories, one about a wedding, the other about a great supper (Matt. 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24). Both had been prepared but some guests made excuses as to why they could not come while others "made light of it and went their ways..." (Matt. 22:5).</p><p>Each week, the preparation for worship to God has been made for all of us. We may believe that our lack of attendance doesn't affect anyone but ourselves. However, by my absence I may be discouraging those who have worked diligently in preparation for me to experience the blessing of worship. Just as in our previous example, the bible class teacher may sit in an empty classroom and say, "No one has come." Let us all give appreciative consideration to those that work so hard to make it possible for us to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.</p><p>—Jay Launius</p></div></div>



**Matthew 8:1-4**



1. When Jesus came down from the \_\_, great \_\_ followed Him.


2. Who came and worshiped Jesus?

3. “Lord, if You are \_\_, You can make me \_\_.”

4. Jesus healed the man of his \_\_.

5. “See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the \_\_, and offer the gift that \_\_ commanded, as a testimony to them.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



**The Unimportant Church Member**

Have you ever met a member of the church who was unimportant? You know the type—the one who says, “My presence in worship services is really not important. After all, I’m not a preacher, Bible class teacher, or a song leader.” Or someone might say, “I’m just a one-talent man. The service I render to the church is not very significant.”

Are people who say such things right? Are some members of the church unimportant? Paul wrote concerning those who think they are unimportant: “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary” (1 Corinthians 12:22). Evidently, some church members in Corinth felt that they were not as important as others who had certain spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:31). Those who had the gift of tongues were thought to be special (1 Corinthians 14). Paul told them that just as each member of one’s physical body is important, each member of the church (the Lord’s spiritual body) is important as well.

Though the spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12 are no longer in the church today, the principle taught by Paul is applicable. There is a place of service for every member of the church, regardless of one’s ability or age. But you might ask, “What can I do?”

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**“Unimportant” Continued from Page 4...** The following are just some of the things you can do: mail cards to the sick, invite others to services, attend all the services, welcome visitors with a warm smile, visit the ill and those who are shut-in, help distribute tracts, cook meals for those who are ill, call and encourage those who are unfaithful, comfort the bereaved and a host of other things.

Whatever service you offer the church, remember that your work is important. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). There are no unimportant church members!

—Mark Lindley

**Have You Not Read?**

Jesus was constantly asking people about their Bible reading:

“Have you not read...?” (Matthew 12:3)

“Have you not read in the law...?” (Matthew 12:5)

“Have you not read...?” (Matthew 19:4)

“Have you never read...?” (Matthew 21:16)

“Have you not read...?” (Matthew 22:31)

What about you? Have *you* not read?

**Six Stewardship Principles**

1. You reap what you sow (Galatians 6:7).

2. The attitude of the giver is more important than the gift itself (2 Corinthians 9:7).

3. The time to give/commit is now (2 Corinthians 9:5).

4. We must give ourselves to God first (2 Corinthians 8:5).

5. “Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8).

6. Give God the “firstfruits” (Proverbs 3:9-10).