




**Cancer**

**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.** Broken vertebrates in back.

**Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health concerns.

**Rita Lawless.** Health concerns.

**Karen Lovell.** Recovering from a min-stroke and receiving therapy.

**Paul Mays.** Health concerns.

**Ruby Mason.** Back & hip concerns.

**Terry Mason.** Recovering from hip surgery.

**Darel Patrick.** Recovering from surgery.

**Elizabeth Rice.** Sister of a friend of Dave Robert-son. Requesting prayer.

**Skip Walker.** Recovering from surgery.

**Caregivers.**

**Our Country & Our Military.**

**Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.**

**In Sympathy**

**Family of Brad Hurd.** Recently passed away after battling cancer for sometime.

***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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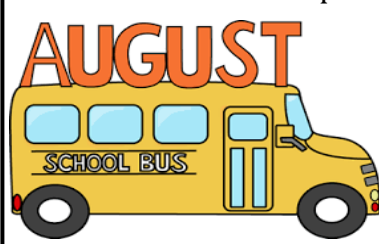
**Times We Meet:**

**Sunday:**

**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday:**

**Virtual Bible Study:**  
**Facebook:** 12:30 p.m.



***Back to School: Hammer or Nail?***

Yes, it's that time again! Our young people, teachers, and administrative workers are heading back to the old school "grind." That routine includes daily interactions with a wide variety of people from all backgrounds. What a fertile ground for showing people the light of Christ!

An old football coach used to say that in every contact on the playing field, a player can choose to be either the hammer or the nail. You are either pushing people around, or getting pushed!

Translating that to social interactions, each one of us has the opportunity to either be the influencer (hammer), or the one being influenced (nail). Being the nail is just fine if you are constantly among strong Christians, but if you are out in the world, this is unlikely. Christian, you have to be the hammer!

Make a goal for yourself this school year to be the salt and light the Lord wants you to be (Matthew 5:13-16). If you use your influence to pull people toward God, then you will be making excellent use of your school days. Be the hammer!

—Matt Clifton

## Does Secular Education Benefit Christianity?



It has always been God's will that His people teach their children about Him. Speaking of His commands He said, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deuteronomy 6:7). Most of us are familiar with Proverbs 22:6 which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." When reading this proverb with its spiritual application in mind, it is easy to understand that the seed of God's word must be planted in the hearts of our children and the godly principles taught during childhood will remain with them well into adulthood.

So one might ask, "How does our secular education fit in with spiritual training?" "Are the two compatible or completely in opposition?" First, the importance of a secular education cannot be understated and success in life depends highly on the school years of our childhood. And even though there are those subjects that contradict the biblical story and its precepts, the development of reading, writing, and arithmetic are vital in learning, comprehending, and application of the Holy Scriptures. Not only does secular education make bible study possible, but the skills and career training received make us productive members of our society and thus productive members of the Lord's church. So yes, secular education can and does benefit the Christian. However, there is one caveat. Secular education, with its many extra-curricular activities, demands much time from students and parents alike. But these activities must never interfere with appointed times of worship, spiritual training, and service, period (Rom. 12:2; Heb. 10:24-25; Luke 14:15-24; James 4:17; 1 John 2:15).

—Jay Launius



## Church News



### August Birthdays!

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



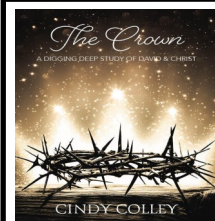
### August Anniversaries!

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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### 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.

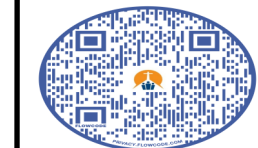


### Solution

Capernaum, centurion; worthy, healed; faith, Israel; kingdom, weeping; believed, done



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## ***Why We Fail...Sometimes***

Let's just face the facts: Sometimes we fail. However, Jesus never fails. Multiplying the loaves and the fishes is one of the most amazing of all Christ's miracles. Jesus set aside laws of physics and science to multiply and magnify matter. At the same time He multiplied and magnified His name.

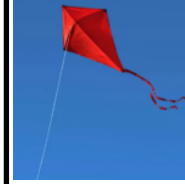
When He was faced with the unrealistic challenge of feeding a hungry multitude, the apostles felt defeated and destroyed. The events they faced seemed like they were just too much. How in the world were they to go forward and continue to help others. Philip tried to calculate the cost of a feeding that would allow each person to get what they wanted (John 6:7,11). He knew that they were unable to do this on their own. Jesus in a feat of magnificence showed why He was the true Bread of Life (John 6:35). The question becomes why did the disciples feel hopeless and defeated?

**They Underestimated Themselves.** Phillip quickly calculated that it was too big of an endeavor and just knew that they could do nothing. He did not say it was a bad work but just felt they were not the ones to do it.

**They Underestimated the Power of Small Things.** The disciples were unable to see the potential in the small amount they already had collected. They had everything they needed except an accomplishing mindset.

**They Underestimated the Power of God.** This was the most serious mistake they could have made and is one of the failures we make also. He could do anything and still can. We just have to remember that He is in control. We just have to remember that His power is greater than anything upon this earth!

—Jonathan Burns



## ***First a String***

In November of 1847, a civil engineer named Charles Ellet Jr. was commissioned to build a bridge across the Niagara Gorge. As you can imagine the greatest challenge was the start. How could you get the first cable across an 825-foot chasm with 225-foot cliffs on either side?

The solution came from a local ironworker named Theodore Graves Hulett, who suggested a kite-flying contest. A fifteen-year-old boy named Homan Walsh won the \$10 cash prize for flying the first kite across the chasm.

The day after that successful flight, a stronger line was attached to that kite string and pulled across. Then an even stronger line. Then a rope. Then a cable consisting of thirty-six strands of ten-gauge wire. The bridge would eventually become the world's first railway suspension bridge. It would connect two countries, and it was strong enough to support a 170-ton locomotive. And it all started with a single kite string!




“For who has despised the day of small things?” (Zechariah 4:10).

Some tasks seem at the start to be insurmountable. We can't see how something so large can be overcome. But never underestimate the value of small things. A small action can lead to more. Too many times we do nothing, thinking a small act is meaningless. Yet action begets action, one step takes you to the next, and success leads to more of the same.

Is there something you are struggling to overcome? Some task that seems too big to overcome? A relationship broken by too big a gulf? A habit that overwhelms you? Start with a small attempt. Even the smallest action can lead to something bigger. It may not be much more than a string but it could build a bridge.

—Barry Haynes






### Matthew 8:5-13

1. When Jesus came to \_\_, a \_\_ came to Him pleased on behalf of his servant.
2. “Lord, I am not \_\_ that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be \_\_.”
3. Jesus said He had not found such great \_\_, not even in \_\_.
4. “But the sons of the \_\_ will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be \_\_ and gnashing of teeth.”
5. “Go your way; and as you have \_\_, so let it be \_\_ for you.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



### A Second Chance


In Luke 7:11-17, there is reported a very special interaction between Jesus and a widow who was now grieving the loss of her only son. Apparently the whole town of Nain felt sorry for her as they were mourning with her. Jesus had compassion on her—He raised her son from the dead and gave him back to his mother.

Can you imagine the scene? This mother was given a second chance. I wonder what she did. I wonder what she said. Do you think she used the days differently now? Do you think she valued her time with her son differently now? Do you think she spoke to her son differently now? Do you think she used the time to regularly talk to him about the Lord (Deut. 6:4-9)?

Most of us are missing “key people” from our lives (parents, spouses, children, friends who have passed away). Many of us wish we could say one or two more things to these people—but we will not be given a second chance like the widow of Nain.

We dare not take any of our blessings (like our families) for granted. Let us love more...forgive more...smile more...talk more. What would you do with a second chance like the one given to the widow of Nain? We better just take advantage of today instead.

—Bart Warren



### Spiritual Standards

Several years ago, it was reported that the telephone operator in a town in Cape Cod received a call every morning asking for the correct time. Finally, overcome with curiosity, she asked the inquirer, “Would you mind telling me why you call about this time every day and ask for the correct time?” “Sure, I’ll tell you,” The man said. “I want to get the exact time because I’m the man who blows the whistle at noon.” Well, that’s funny,” said the operator, “because every day at the stroke of noon I set our clock by your whistle.”

How often do we set spiritual standards for ourselves based on what others are doing?

Jesus based His spiritual standards on Scripture. He was committed to fulfilling what the Scriptures foretold about His life, ministry, death, burial, and resurrection.

No human being, depending on their own knowledge, can look into the future and tell what is going to happen even tomorrow. Only knowledge given by God could predict the future. This is how the prophets knew that Jesus was coming to this world because God told them. The inspired words they spoke are Scripture. Jesus was devoting His life and mission to fulfilling the Scriptures.

Notice in Matthew 26:56 Jesus stated, “But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then in Galatians 4:4, we read, “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son...” Jesus’s spiritual standards were based on the Scriptures, He came at the right time, just as God had planned.

When we come around the Lord’s Table to remember Jesus’s crucifixion remember it was no accident. It was fulfilled according to the Scriptures.

—Mark T. Tonkery