



Cancer

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

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.

Kylo French. Son of a friend of Brad Newton.

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.

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.

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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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What Motivates You?

We all could use some motivation from time to time to stay on the "strait and narrow." And it's always good to get advice from a seasoned Christian concerning matters like this. So let's do so.

Paul mentions in 2 Corinthians 5:9, "Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him." In the six verses that follow it seems to me that Paul was listing some things that kept him motivated to continually make sure that his actions were pleasing God. Some of them may surprise you, but if you will utilize these as Paul did, you will definitely stay motivated. Notice what motivated Paul:

The Judgment. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body..." (v.10). Paul knew that he would be judged by his actions and that prompted him to stay faithful. Note: It could be said that Heaven was also a motivational encouragement for Paul as he was confident of going there after the Judgment (Philippians 1:21-23).

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Fear. "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (v.11). Paul knew that God meant what He said and he respected it and even feared disappointing God, and that kept him moving forward.

Others. "For we...give you opportunity to boast on our behalf...if we are of sound mind, it is for you." (v.12-13). Paul knew that his actions affected and influenced others, and that spurred him on to keep doing what was right.

Love. "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." Knowing that Christ loved him and died for him drove Paul to return that love to Christ and keep on living for Him.

Need some motivation to keep on keeping on in the faith? Then remember the coming Judgment of God, that God means what He says, that we can influence others toward God, and how much God loves us! Stay motivated!

—Edd Sterchi



The Great Gift

Everything we have, and everything we are is a gift of God's grace (2 Peter 1:3-9). The fullest expression of grace is this: "We, who were once dead in trespasses and sin, but we have been made alive through faith in Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 2:5).

Here is God's grace in action. "And being found in appearance as a man, (Jesus) humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8). And, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). *"The Great Gift" Continued on Page 3...*



September Birthdays!

1ST ALAN BEAVERS
13TH DAVID PALMER
15TH NANCY BEAVERS
22ND GARY HOLLANDS-WORTH
26TH CAROL PACE
27TH RITA LAWLESS



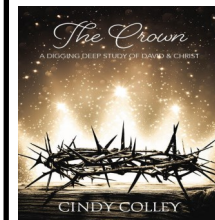
August Anniversaries!

14TH JAY & SHELIA MARTIN



Game Night!

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



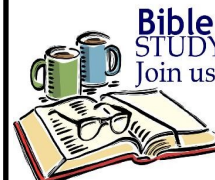
Ladies Digging Bible Class!

Our next Monthly Ladies Digging Deep Bible Class is Sunday, Sept 8th 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.



Ladies' & Mid-Week Classes!

Our Ladies' Class & Mid-Week Virtual Class return on Thursday, September 12th!



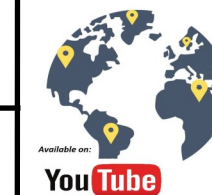
5th Sunday Potluck

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.



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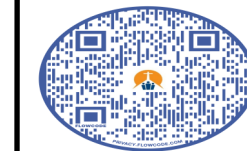
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On The Lighter Side

The Good Samaritan

Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the good Samaritan. She asked the class, “If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?” A thoughtful little girl broke the silence, “I think I’d throw up.”

Golfing Fun

A golfer’s ball landed on an extremely large anthill. Instead of moving the ball, he decided to hit it where it lay. After a mighty swing with dirt and ants flying through the air, the golf ball lay exactly in the same spot. He swung three more times with the same results. Two ants had survived the onslaught. One dazed ant asked the other, “What are we going to do?” His fellow ant replied, “I don’t know about you, but I’m going to get on the ball!”

Wife: “I love you.”
Husband: “I love you too.”
Wife: “Prove it. Scream it to the world!”
Husband: (whispers in her ear) “I love you.”
Wife: “Why’d you whisper to me?”
Husband: “Because you are my world.”



Little Girls

My son and I were sitting in the living room when my second granddaughter opened the front door and yells, “Daddy, Sister threw a rock at me.” Then from the front yard, “She threw one at me first.” The second granddaughter said, “Yeah, but I missed!”

“The Great Gift” Continued from Page 2... But God’s gift does not negate the importance of obedience. Indeed, Faith demands Obedience or it isn’t true faith. “... through whom (Jesus) we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the *obedience of faith* among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake” (Romans 1:5).

Thank you, Lord, for your saving grace!
—Larry Fitzgerald



‘Are You the Church That __?’



I used to get phone calls frequently asking if we were the church that gave away furniture. There was another group in town that did. I do not ever get a call asking if we are the church mentioned in the Bible. People may not ask that question. Doctrine alone may not attract a lot of people. When trying to set up a study with an individual, we may have to initiate the study. Generally most people will not ask to study the Bible, but when they are asked, many will.

Locally, how are we known? If you were to fill in the blank above, what would you put? Would we say we are the church that sings “acapella?” Would we say we are the church that stresses baptism for the remission of sins? Many might say we are the ones that think we are the only ones going to heaven.


How about saying we are the church that believes we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:5, 9)?

How about saying we are the church that believes the blood of Jesus washes away our sins, and that baptism puts us in contact with that blood? (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16) How about saying we are the church that worships in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23,24)? How about saying we are the church that believes in elders as overseers (Acts 20:28)?

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Matthew 8:14-17



1. Whose house did Jesus go to?

2. The man’s mother-in-law was __ with a __.

3. “So He __ her hand, and the __ left her. And she arose and served them.”

4. That evening people brought to Jesus many who were __-possessed.


5. “And He cast out the __ with a __, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet...”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

“Are You the Church That __?” Continued from Page 3... As individual members, how are we known? Are we known as criticizers or encouragers? Are we known as condemners or instructors? Are we known as self-righteous or humble?

It is not our job to argue with people. We should be known as Christians who believe in following the Bible, and living the life as Jesus would want. We should love the souls of others and help them know what the Bible says we must do to get to heaven.

We should be known as the church that believes Christ should be exalted above all others. So, we bear His name, preach His doctrine, and teach His gospel. We do not say that to be arrogant, just biblical. —Bill Brandstatter



The City of Can’t

You may have never heard of the city of Can’t. It was founded by settlers who didn’t want to go any further, since it was too much work to keep going, so they sat down and said, “We Can’t!” Can’t became a place simply because folks had it in their heads that this was it, even though they knew better. Can’t just popped up and a bunch of folks just accepted that it was where they were.

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“The City of Can’t” Continued from Page 4... It’s a quaint place since nothing ever changes in Can’t. There are no new buildings, no new work, no new much of anything. They tried to get something going there but it fizzled out because... well, that’s just the nature of Can’t.

Can’t is located just down from Won’t, so close that people think that Can’t and Won’t are the same. Now the folks of Can’t say no, they are different than those in Won’t, much more reasonable. But really, they end up being pretty much the same place.

Can’t isn’t the most productive place. Their chief export is excuses. There are a few folks that make good reasons in Can’t but to tell the truth a reason or excuse works the same so it’s easier to make excuses. And people in Can’t like things easy.

There are a lot of people that live in Can’t, even though Can’t is not where most folks want to live. Can’t is a place most people settle down in. Can’t has a way of keeping you from going anywhere. It’s like once you get a little Can’t in you, you just don’t go anywhere else. Can’t just becomes a way of life. I guess that is why so many people live here even though they never intended to.

Come to think of it, it is strange how people find this place. If you are going to Success or Accomplishment or A Better Place, you just don’t make it there if you go through Can’t. Can’t leads you to Despair and Misery but those aren’t popular destinations, even though a lot of folks from Can’t do end up there from time to time.

If I’m being totally honest, I hope you don’t ever go to Can’t. There isn’t much to do, isn’t much to learn or much to get from Can’t. But I guess if you are not careful you might just end up there anyway. —Barry Haynes

