



**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.** Requesting prayer.

**Skip Walker.** Recovering from surgery.

**Caregivers.**

**Our Country & Our Military.**

**Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.**



## Special Needs

**Ryan Kendrick.** Special needs.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.



**Sibbie Byrd.** Health issues.

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Dementia .

*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

**(Starts 9/12/24:)**

**Ladies Class:** 10:00 a.m.

**Virtual Bible Study:**

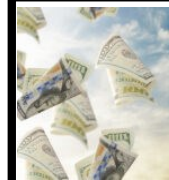
**Facebook:** 12:30 p.m.



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## How Wealthy Are We?

No matter how much wealth the rich young ruler had, he could not ride in a car or fly in a plane, get a shot of penicillin, get a flu shot or take any of a multitude of patent medicines, have surgery, turn on an electric light, wash dishes in heated running water, sleep on an inner spring mattress, listen to recorded music, talk on the telephone, or any number of other things you could list. There is much, much more.

Dear Lord, if he was rich, what am I?







## Mistakes of ‘Successful’ Men

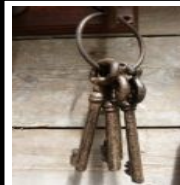
We have put “successful” in quotation marks, because these men were successful only from the world’s point of view. The rich young ruler was rich, religious, and young (Matt. 19:16-22). However, he loved material wealth more than the Lord, (1 Tim. 6:9-10).

The rich man in the story with Lazarus would have been the envy of many as well as pride of the community (Luke 12:16-21). He had great things, but he missed heaven because he neglected his own soul (Heb. 2:3).

Judas Iscariot had the honor of being one of the twelve apostles. Furthermore, he was chosen to be the treasurer (John 12:6). He made the mistake of allowing Satan to enter into his heart (Luke 22:3). Satan is too dangerous to entertain in our lives.

Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea. He made the mistake of yielding to public favor against his convictions. Worldly success does not amount to anything in the afterlife.

The wise man Solomon wrote about true success. “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecc. 12:13).



## The Keys to Overcoming the World

In Revelation, there is a lot of figurative language and many difficult symbols. Because of that we often avoid reading the book. But in it are some great Bible helps. One of them is found in chapter 12, where we learn how Christians are to overcome the world.

To preface what is going on, in verses 7-10 we read about war breaking out in heaven,  
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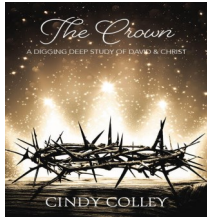
### September Birthdays!

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
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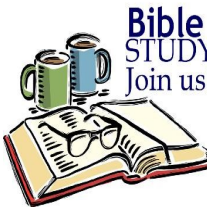
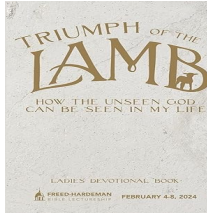
### Ladies Digging Bible Class!

Our next Monthly Ladies Digging Deep Bible Class is this afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



### Ladies' Bible Class!

Our Thursday Ladies Bible Class returns this Thursday, September 12. This session the ladies will discuss: Triumph of the Lamb: How the Unseen God Can Be Seen in My Life. Class starts at 10:00 a.m. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts and fellowship.



### Mid-Week Virtual Class!

Our Virtual Class on The Book of Psalms will return this Thurs, Sept. 12th around 12:30 p.m. on our Facebook Page.



### Pizza & Movie Night!

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



### 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.



### Upcoming Events!

More upcoming events are online on our events page. Ccocva.org/events or Scan the QR Code.



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<p><b><i>“How Do I Keep” Continued from Page 5...</i></b> he continues to hang around those who are given to (or approve of) those sinful desires, then those associations will weaken the resolve and eventually quell the determination. Our friends have a tremendous influence on us (1 Cor. 15:33), and some of them will keep us from making meaningful changes in our lives.</p> <p><b>Third, deliberately associate with those who do share the same godly drive.</b> As we disassociate with ungodly influences, we must build relationships with faithful Christians, who will help to “sharpen” us as Christians and help us deepen our resolve to live holy lives for God (Prov. 27:17).</p> <p><b>Fourth, abstain from tempting situations and people.</b> We all know that we are especially weak and susceptible when we are in certain situations, around certain stimuli. God’s solution is clear-cut, “Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul” (1 Pet. 2:11). Get away. Stay away.</p> <p><b>Fifth, pray about it.</b> The power of prayer is beyond our ability to comprehend. “You do not have because you do not ask” (Jas. 4:2). In detailing the Christian armor, precisely suited to fight the devil and his temptations, the final piece of armor is “praying always” (Eph. 6:18). Ask. Seek. Knock. All the time!</p> <p><b>Sixth, write the word of God on your heart.</b> We all need to be able to say, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!” (Psa. 119:11). When “the law of his God is in his heart, his steps do not slip” (Psa. 37:31). God’s word has amazing power to work in our lives!</p> <p><b>Seventh, remember that being tempted is not a sin.</b> Jesus was tempted but never sinned. Fleshly lusts are hard to overcome, but with God’s help we can resist giving in to those sinful urges. Each victory over temptation will help you to win another victory down the road. Trust in God. Lean on Him!</p> <p>—David Sproule</p>		

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<p><b><i>“The Keys” Continued from Page 2...</i></b> and Michael and his angels fighting with the dragon and his followers. We see that the dragon did not prevail and he was cast out of heaven. Because of this, Satan (the dragon) roamed the earth persecuting and tempting God’s people. Then, in verse 11, we read what the Christians possessed to overcome Satan and his worldly ways: “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” In this passage are the three keys to overcoming the world. Let’s examine them in a little more detail.</p> <p><b>The Blood of the Lamb.</b> We need to always remember what Jesus did to make salvation possible. It is only because of His sacrifice upon the cross that we have the opportunity of salvation in the first place. Too many times we do not trust enough of our lives to Jesus. The first key to overcoming the world is giving Jesus all of our lives and trusting in Him and the power of His blood, come what may. This begins with our baptism into Him and continues through a life of faithfulness.</p> <p><b>The Word of Their Testimony.</b> Not only did the early Christians trust Jesus, but they knew and lived His word. The word of our testimony is the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. We must love it, learn it, live it, and laud it. By doing so, we gain the knowledge and encouragement necessary to overcome the world and its sinful ways. We can only gain this through serious Bible study.</p> <p><b>They Did Not Love Their Lives to the Death.</b> The final key we must examine is that of separating oneself from the world. Christians may live in the world, but they are not to be of the world. Nothing on this earth is to be so precious to us that we are not willing to give it up for the cause of Christ (our lives included), and we show it in our attitudes and actions.</p> <p>Are you having trouble overcoming the world or the temptations of the world? Maybe it’s because you have not put enough trust in Jesus.</p> <p><b><i>“The Keys” Continued on Page 4...</i></b></p>		

***“The Keys” Continued from Page 3...*** Maybe it’s because you do not read and live His word enough. Maybe it’s because you do not separate yourself enough from the lost world and worldly ways. That’s how the first century Christians did it – and if we are to overcome, that is how we will do it also. —*Edd Sterchi*



***The Trouble Tree***

A preacher told of hiring a carpenter to restore an old farm house. On the first day when the carpenter was to report for work, he was an hour late. His tardiness, he said, was because he found that his electric saw was not working, and in addition, he had found a flat tire on his old truck.

Nevertheless, he put in a full day’s work. When finished; he got in his aged truck and turned the key in the ignition only to find that the stubborn vehicle refused to start. Seeing the problem, the preacher offered to take the carpenter home and the tradesman got in the preacher’s car. They engaged in friendly conversation on the way and soon arrived at the man’s home. Before exiting the car, the carpenter invited the preacher in to meet his family. They both got out and started toward the front entrance.

As they walked by a tree in the yard, the carpenter stopped for a second and touched the tips of several branches of the tree without comment. Entering the home, the smiling carpenter kissed his wife and hugged his two small children who had joyfully wrapped them-selves about his legs. It was obvious that the family was close and quite happy.

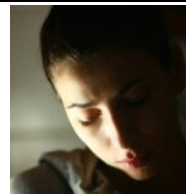
After visiting awhile, the preacher made his way to his car with the carpenter accompanying him. As they passed by the tree again, the preacher said that he had noticed the tradesman had touched several branches of the tree with both hands when they had passed by earlier. “Why did you do that?,” asked the curious preacher. “Oh,” said the carpenter, “that’s my trouble tree.

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***“The Trouble Tree” Continued from Page 4...*** I know can’t help having trouble but I try to keep trouble out of my house as much as I can. When I come home each day, I touch the branches of the tree and symbolically leave my troubles on the tree. In the morning, I pick them up again. But, strangely, it always seems that when I am ready to deal with my troubles in the morning, I don’t seem to have as many as I had the evening before.”

Writing about this to his church members, the preacher suggested that Christians could use Christ as the “trouble tree.” Thus we Christians could begin each new day with the love, compassion, hope and courage Christ provides to each of us.

—*via Keltonburg church of Christ, Smithville, TN*



***How Do I Keep from Doing a Sin That I Want to Do?***

In a Bible class that was discussing the topic of homosexuality, a 13-year-old girl asked, “What about someone who really doesn’t want to have those feelings but can’t seem to stop them?” That is such a great question, for there are many who are struggling with homosexual desires but they don’t want to be. How can they stop? What can they do?

**First, the first step in stopping sinful desires is to have a desire to stop.** The Bible calls that “repentance.” To repent, as defined in the Bible, is to change one’s mind which then leads to a change of conduct. One must truly want to stop sinning, if he is going to overcome the desires and thoughts. Genuine change of life will not follow where genuine change of heart and mind does not first lead.

**Second, one must disassociate with friends and acquaintances who do not share the same godly drive.** If one truly wants to stop sinful desires but

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