



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. Recovering from a recent hospital stay.

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.

Brittany Rosga. Niece of the Lovell's & JoAnn. Battling a bad infection.

Patty Walker. Misty Gardner's mother. Struggling with a lot of health issues.

Caregivers.

Our Country & Our Military.

Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.



Special Needs

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.



Sibbie Byrd. Health issues.

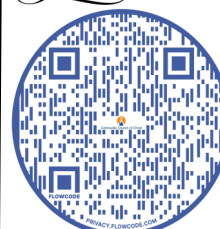
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia .

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:

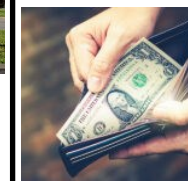
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I Know It's Not Dead

One of the marks of New Testament Christianity is that on the first day of the week, we give of our means, (our money) to help with the work of the church. Several passages of scripture teach us this (Acts 2:45, 1 Cor. 16:2). We are also taught the attitude in which we are to give according to 2 Cor. 9:7, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." During times when our financial resources may be in short supply, we may be tempted to cut back or even stop giving to the Lord but before we do that, maybe the following story can help us understand why giving to the Lord's work each Sunday is so important.

The story is told of one lady who complained that the church was always asking for money. Another woman responded that she and her husband could not have children and adopted a child, a baby boy. It took a lot of money: money for food, clothing, education, toys, etc.

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“I Know It’s Not Dead” Continued from Front Page ... As the child grew, he cost the husband and wife more money. But they were glad to do it because they loved their son very much. He went off to college and that cost even more. But one day as he was traveling home from college for spring break, he was killed in a tragic car wreck. The mother with tears in her eyes said, “Our son does not cost us a thing now because he is dead.” She went on to say, “I am more than willing to give to the church because I know that money is needed to help the church grow. If the church did not need money, then I know that it is dead.”

Church, thank you for being cheerful givers, and giving what you can. Today you will have an opportunity to give to the Lord’s work. Besides fulfilling a command of God to give (2 Cor. 9:7), it is also a reminder that the church is not dead.

—Mark T. Tonkery



That Is Not Helping

In July of 1993 an offshore oil rig northeast of Aberdeen, Scotland had a catastrophic failure. The entire rig caught fire and eventually exploded. The cause was attributed to a safety valve that had been removed and not replaced.

Why would anyone do that? It was part of a safety inspection to see if the rig was a safe work environment.

Many times, our attempts to ‘fix’ things make them worse. We may think that our judging of things will make them better. They rarely do.

Consider what the Scriptures teach in James 5:9, “Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.”

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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

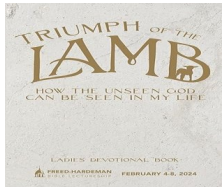


September Anniversary!

14TH	JAY & SHELIA MARTIN
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Ladies’ Bible Class!



Our Thursday Ladies Bible Class has begun it’s new session. 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.

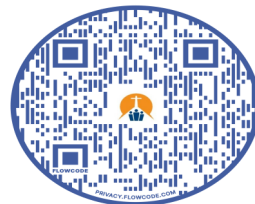


5th Sunday Potluck

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



Electronic Giving



Solution

boat; tempest, sea; awoke, perishing; fearful, faith; winds, sea



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“Cheers to the Devil” Continued from Page 5... When Peter talked about the former lifestyle of some Christians in the first century, he said, “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries” (1 Pet. 4:3). He used three words that describe different types and circumstances of drinking.

One is *drunkenness*. This is from the word *oinophluyia* which is from *oinos*, wine and *phluo*, to overflow. This is a general word for being intoxicated, inebriated, or in common language stoned or just plain drunk.

The second word is *revelries*. This from the word *komos* which refers to “drinking parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry” (Thayer, *Greek-English Lexicon*, p. 367). The emphasis is on the partying that goes with drinking.

The third word is “banquetings” in the King James and “drinking parties” in the New King James. The word in Greek is *potos* which means drinking. It is used in the plural form and means *drinkings* — drinking for pleasure of any kind. It can include drunkenness but it also includes “social drinking” or “drinking in moderation.”


Christians who defend drinking say, “The Bible says getting drunk is wrong but it doesn’t condemn drinking a beer or two or a glass of wine now and then.” Yes it does. This verse specifically mentions it.

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise” (Prov. 20:1). Drinking has caused more misery than we can possibly measure. Why on earth Christians engage in it and then argue for it is beyond my comprehension. —Kerry Duke



“That Is Not Helping” Continued from Page 2... Our complaints often lead to discouragement and disputes and blowups without ever doing anything to help the thing we are complaining about. Instead of trying to be the judge, a position we are not qualified for, let’s be a helper or a fixer. Instead of pulling things apart, let’s work to strengthen and build them up.

Let’s not create problems, let’s work to keep them at bay. —Barry Haynes



Danger of Drowsiness

Being sleepy at the wrong time and in the wrong place can be very dangerous.

Drowsy driving can slow down thinking and reaction times—affecting our judgment and vision. Not to mention we could outright fall asleep and wreck, injuring ourselves and/or others.

An estimated 1 in 25 drivers report having fallen asleep while driving in the last 30 days. Another estimate indicates that up to 6,000 fatal crashes occur each year.

This is serious!

What do you do to try and stay awake if you should start getting sleepy while driving? Roll down the window and feel the fresh flowing air? Turn up the music and sing? Drink a caffeinated beverage?

But what if we are spiritually drowsy?



According to Mark 13:32-37, the danger of spiritual drowsiness is very real and very serious too. Jesus makes it clear that drowsiness leads to...

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“Danger of Drowsiness” Continued from Page 3... Deception. None of us likes to be tricked, or lied to. We want to know the truth! Being sleepy makes it easier for us to be fooled. Note Mark 13:1-8, 14-23 (particularly verses 6 and 22). They had been warned, but in their stupor, they did not believe the Lord and were deceived.

Division. Have you ever said things you didn’t mean when you were tired? We all have. Sleepiness can lead to arguing and division. Note Mark 13:9, 12; 14:32-42 (the world will try to divide us, we must stay vigilant)

Destruction. Note Mark 13:36. What do you think happens to the sleeping servant when the master of the house returns home? Serious punishment is sure to come! Today could be the most consequential of all days. Are we awake?
—Bart Warren



Matthew 8:23-27



1. What kind of vehicle did Jesus get into?


2. “And suddenly a great __ arose on the __...”

3. “Then His disciples came to *Him* and __ Him, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are __!’”

4. “Why are you __, O you of little __?”

5. “Who can this be, that even the __ and the __ obey Him?”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Jumping to Conclusions


An irate woman burst into the baker’s shop and said, “I sent my son in for two pounds of cookies this morning, but when I weighed them there was only one pound. I want a refund, and I suggest that you check your scales!” The baker looked at her calmly for a moment or two and then replied, “Ma’am, I suggest you weigh your son.”

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“Jumping to Conclusions” Continued from Page 4... Sometimes we let our mouth work before our mind does, and we speak before considering a matter. Oftentimes this is because man generally believes he is always right (Proverbs 21:2).

The Bible, however, tells us to gather evidence and listen before giving a response. “He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him” (Proverbs 18:13).

Don’t jump to conclusions hastily! Consider a matter thoroughly before speaking.
—Matt Clifton



Cheers to the Devil

Drinking is becoming more accepted in society and in the church. This week within a 24-hour period a deacon in one state and a preacher in another shared their experiences with me. The deacon said they are having trouble reaching young people. Why? His answer: “They want to party.” The preacher related a sad situation in a church he knew about. Some college boys—some of whom take a lead in worship—formed a club where they get together and drink different kinds of alcohol. When their fiasco came to light, one of the elders backed them up and said there is nothing wrong with drinking!

Solomon said, “Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup” (Prov. 23:31). To “look upon” doesn’t mean just to see a bottle of alcohol. It means to long for it, to look at it and desire it. How can any Christian say it is not wrong to drink when the Bible says he is not even to want it? And how can a Christian say one drink is okay when this verse says to stay away from the first cup?

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