



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.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Jack Beavers. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health issues.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

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

Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.

Hester Hollandsworth. Recovering from a back injury and a recent hospital stay.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

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.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

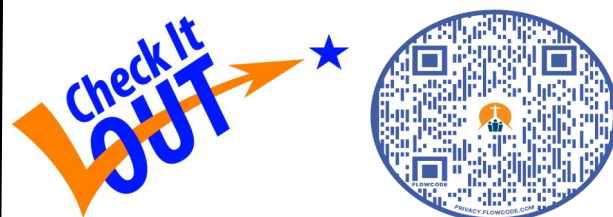
Carolyn Roop. Recovering from a stroke.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia .

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

Caregivers.

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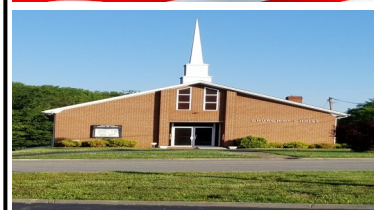


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Times We Meet:

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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Can We Really Be Like Jesus?

When thinking about the earthy life of Jesus Christ, it is nothing short of extraordinary. From His humble birth in a manger, to His ministry to the multitudes, we are fascinated by His composure, compassion and character. He reached out to the rich and the poor, the popular and unpopular, without partiality. Having the full measure of the Holy Spirit, He performed amazing healing miracles including bringing the dead back to life. Yes, when we consider the life of Jesus, it is remarkable.

Thus, the perceived dilemma of 1 John 2:3-6. "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

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“Be Like Jesus” Continued from Front Page... He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” Walk (live) just as Jesus walked? How is that possible? Why would God ask us to do the impossible? The truth is, He never would.

Not only does this passage encourage us to be like Jesus, but there are others as well. Matthew 11:29, John 13:15, and 1 Peter 2:21 all tell us to exemplify the life of Christ. We do this by being humble, compassionate, giving, sacrificial, and possessing the servant’s attitude. We may not be able to heal the sick, raise the dead or walk on water, but we can take on the character of the Christ and thus be like Jesus!
—Jay Launius



The Real Influencers

You know what people who are really popular on YouTube, Instagram, or TikTok are called? Influencers. I guess because so many people follow them and are influenced by them. Well, let me tell you who the real influencers are supposed to be: Christians – you and me – and we don’t need to be on social media to do it.

Paul so poignantly put it in Romans 14:7, “For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.” We are always around other people and we should influence them for God and good.

So how do we influence others? I can think of two ways – by what we say and by what we do. Colossians 4:5-6 puts it this way: “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time (note: that’s what we do). Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one (note: that’s what we say).”

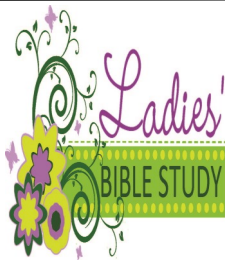
Jesus also referenced His followers as influencers when He compared them to salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16).

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September Birthdays!

22ND GARY HOLLANDS-WORTH
26TH CAROL PACE
27TH RITA LAWLESS



Ladies’ Bible Class!

Our Thursday Ladies Bible Class has begun it’s new session. Class starts at 10:00 a.m. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts.



Men’s Breakfast

Our Men’s Breakfast is returning! Join us at Clarence’s Steakhouse in Ridgeway on Sat., Sept. 28th at 9:30 a.m. for food & fellowship.



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.



Annual Chili Cookoff

We will host our Annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone please bring your favorite chili & salad to share.

GOSPEL MEETING

Autumn Gospel Meeting!

Mark your calendars! We will host our Autumn Gospel Meeting October 20 - 23, 2024 with our Minister Jonathan Beavers.



Upcoming Events!

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



Solution

Gergesenes, demon, tombs; Son, God, torment; swine; begged; city, depart




“I Think You Can” Continued from Page 5... The result might be right, but the test wasn’t. Rosenthal selected the kids at random. Nothing was different about them.

What really changed was how they were viewed by their teachers. Instead of seeing them as average, they viewed them as special. And that viewpoint changed how they treated them.

The teachers treated these kids kinder with more warmth, gave them more learning material, and called on them more in class. When the students made a mistake, they gave them the benefit of the doubt and were quicker to presume they needed better feedback. This change in how they were treated changed how they performed.


I think this is akin to what Paul tells us in 2nd Corinthians 5:16-17: “Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

Instead of looking at people in the worldly, fleshy light, we should see them in the way Christ does as one with the potential for growth. That will change how we treat others, and that can change what they become! —*Barry Haynes*



Don't Let Sin In


Don't get used to sin. Just because we are bombarded with worldliness and sin day and night does not give us the excuse to become apathetic toward such things. God still expects His children to talk, dress, act and think differently than the world. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.




“The Real Influencers” Continued from Page 2... Salt is very influential – it affects everything it comes into contact with. Light penetrates and dispels darkness. If we live and speak as we ought, others will take notice and be influenced.

Our influence as Christians cannot be overemphasized. We have an effect on others. This is illustrated well by the poem “Touching Others” (author unknown).

*The slightest breeze that ever blew
Some slender grass has wavered,
The smallest life I ever knew
Some other life has flavored.
We cannot live our lives alone
For other lives we touch
Are either strengthened by our own,
Or weakened just as much.*




Let us all be concerned about how we are influencing others – for they are watching and taking note. “Be an example...in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12). —*Edd Sterchi*







Five Questions about Inner Space

You may have heard of a couple of astronauts who are stuck in outer space and can't return to earth until someone picks them up in February. That is a long time to wait for a ride home! Man has always been interested in the place we call “outer space,” but for all of our progress trying to conquer the “final frontier,” there is another frontier that needs even more work and exploration: Inner Space!



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Page 4	The Collinsville Herald	09-22-24	Page 5	The Collinsville Herald	09-22-24
<div>Matthew 8:28-34</div> <div><p>1. In the country of the __, Jesus was met by two __-possessed men coming out of the __.</p><p>2. “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You __ of __? Have You come here to __ us before the time?”</p><p>3. What sort of animal herd was grazing nearby?</p><p>4. The demons __ Jesus to allow them to go away into the herd of swine.</p><p>5. “And behold, the whole __ came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged <i>Him</i> to __ from their region.”</p><div>CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!</div></div> <div><p>“Five Questions” Continued from Page 3... In Acts 5:1-6, the Bible gives a case where a man and a woman failed to conquer their own inner space, and it led to their destruction. In confronting Ananias and Sapphira, Peter alluded to five questions relevant to our inner space—the heart—that must be answered by us all.</p><p>“Why has Satan filled your heart...?” The Bible gives us a clear answer on this: Because he is the father of lies (John 8:44); because he is your enemy (1 Peter 5:8); and because he is the enemy of Christ and the church (Rev. 12). In order to conquer inner space, we must resist Satan’s temptations (James 4:7).</p><p>“...to lie to the Holy Spirit...?” Can we lie to God? No, because nothing can be hidden from Him (Ecc. 12:14). Ananias and Sapphira failed to realize that lying to the apostle was in effect lying to God, and the Holy Spirit, because of the authority they carried.</p><p>“...and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?” Greed and self-ishness can destroy us. Ananias and Sapphira wanted the apostles and the church to believe they sold the land and gave the <i>entire</i> proceeds. They wanted <i>recognition</i> for the gift, but to <i>profit</i> financially as well.</p><p>“Five Questions” Continued on Page 5...</p></div>			<p>“Five Questions” Continued from Page 4... To control our inner space, we need to beware of the love of money (1 Timothy 6:10) and refrain from our desire to be seen among men (Rom. 12:3; Matt. 6:2).</p> <p>“...was it not your own...was it not in your own control?” The offering was a “free will” offering. There was no set amount commanded (2 Cor. 9:7). Rather it is what we “purpose” in our inner space, our heart, that is important! There was no reason to lie, but their inner space was out of control.</p> <p>“Why have you conceived this thing in your heart?” The simple fact is, Ananias and Sapphira made the plan in their own hearts, and executed it because their inner space was out of control. Their hearts were not right with God (Acts 8:22). In their hearts they hatched the plan (James 1:14-15).</p> <p>Of all the frontiers, “inner space” is the most difficult to tame. Jesus says sinful actions from within man (Mark 7:20-23). We can’t tame the heart on our own. Instead, we need the word of God (Psalm 119:9-11). —Matt Clifton</p> <div>I Think You Can<p>Robert Rosenthal came to teachers with a new test called the <i>Harvard Test of Inflected Acquisition</i>. This test, he informed the instructors, could accurately predict kids that would excel in the coming year. The test was administered and the teachers were given the names of potentially high-achieving students. Rosenthal expressed to them that these kids were special and that even if they might not have done well in the past, they showed unusual potential for growth.</p><p>The test proved itself right. Those students it selected scored better and improved more. The first graders gained 27 IQ points versus only 12 for the rest of the class. In second grade, the potentially high achievers gained 17 points versus only seven by the rest of the class.</p><p>Continued on Page 6...</p></div>		