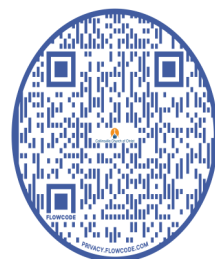
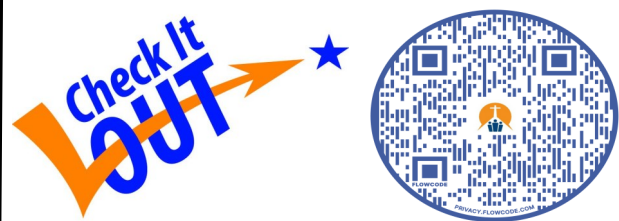




To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan.

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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. Health concerns.

Terry Mason. Heart ablation this week.

Teresa Moran. Recent 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.

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Times We Meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Bible Study:

Facebook: 12:30 p.m.



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Gracious Faithfulness

"Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell of what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear; but certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer nor His lovingkindness from me" (Psalm 66:16-20).

We must remember that God's faithfulness to His people is always colored with His grace. No one should say, "Yes, I know that God is faithful, but unless we exhibit perfect obedience to Him, we nullify His obligation to carry out His promise to us." God requires obedience of His people, but not one of us can bring Him flawless obedience. It is for this reason that we see the word "lovingkindness" so often in the Old Testament. God in His great love and eternal kindness has made a covenant with His people.

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God’s faithfulness demanded the cross. God said to man, “I will expect you to walk before Me with a trusting, obedient faith. I know that you will sin, but I will forgive your sin as I keep my promises to you.” Every time a sacrifice was made at the tabernacle or temple, God was making another promise to man. He said, “I will receive your sacrifice on one condition: I will accept it on the basis that one day I will offer the full and complete sacrifice for sin.” Jesus came in the fullness of time and offered Himself as that eternal sacrifice. He was the vindication of God’s truthfulness. Paul said,

“Whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed...so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:25,26).

God’s grace and faithfulness give us hope. Because of His grace and faithfulness, we know that we can depend upon God. —Eddie Cloer



The Best Possible Exercise

We live in an age of health-conscious people. Many people are concerned about their health. Many of you are either on a diet or exercise program. I want to share with you the best exercise program. It’s not a new program. People have used it for thousands of years. What is this exercise program, you ask? It’s called “walking with God.” We first see it in Genesis 5:21-24. Here we are told that Enoch walked with God. Can you think of a better exercise program? God desires that we walk with Him. Noah was a man who walked with God (Gen. 6:9). Abraham was encouraged to walk with God (Gen. 17:1). What does it mean to walk with God?

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October Birthdays!

10TH HESTER
HOLLANDSWORTH
28TH KEVIN WYATT



October Anniversary!

14TH JONATHAN &
BRANDI BEAVERS



5th Sunday Potluck

Following our Bible Study & Worship Gatherings today we are hosting our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch.



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.



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.



Autumn Gospel Meeting!

Mark your calendars for our Autumn Gospel Meeting Oct. 20 - 23 with our Minister Jonathan Beavers.



Gospel Meeting Potluck

Following our Worship Gatherings on October 20th we are hosting our Gospel Meeting Potluck Lunch.



Men’s Breakfast

Our Next Men’s Breakfast is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 26th! Join us at Clarence’s Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:30 a.m. for food & fellowship.



Upcoming Events!

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



Solution

paralytic, bed; cheer, forgiven; scribes, blasphemes; power, bed, house; multitudes, God

“Like a Tree” Continued from Page 5... A tree is a growing thing. “By the rivers of water ” is a place of nourishment. Nature demands that a tree grow, and the law of God demands that a child grow (1 Pet. 2:2). The environment for growth is equally important for the tree as it is for a Christian (1 Cor. 15:33).

A tree is a beautiful thing. Few things in nature are as beautiful as a tree. There is nothing more beautiful than a godly life (Romans 10:15).



Surviving the Shock

Last year, a Summersville, West Virginia, school principal got quite a surprise as he prepared to begin the new day. It was 7 a.m. and teachers and staff were getting ready for the students to arrive. The Zela Elementary School custodian had a problem. He couldn’t get the lid to unlock on the dumpster.

Principal James Marsh thought he would assist the worker with the lid. After managing to get the lock open, Marsh lifted the lid. Suddenly, a growl came from inside the container. The lid flipped open with force and out jumped a 400 lb. black bear.

Marsh and the bear ran off in different directions. After reviewing security footage, it seemed that the bear had climbed into the dumpster near the end of the previous day. Apparently, he stuffed himself with leftover school lunch food and fell asleep. The janitor closed the lid and locked it into place – not knowing that the bear was there.

When Marsh opened the lid the next morning, the frightened bear quickly exited the container and fled, leaving an alarmed James Marsh.

This story is a modern-day parable that reminds us that our lives are full of uncertainties and the only certainty is that God is always with us, no matter what life throws at us. So, “do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).

—Larry Fitzgerald

“Exercise” Continued from Page 2... First, walking with God means to comply with His will. There is one thing that God has asked of His people in every dispensation (Patriarchal age, Mosaic age, Christian age). Do you know what it is? *Be holy!* Enoch complied with God’s will and lived a life that brought joy and delight to the heart of God. Enoch was a bright light in a dark world. Three words sum up his life: “He pleased God” (Heb. 11:15). He pleased God so much that God took him to Heaven without dying.

Second, walking with God means to be a voice for God (Jude 14). He warned the people of his day of God’s coming Judgment. If we’re going to walk with God today, we must lift up our voice and proclaim God’s coming Judgment (2 Thess. 1:8-10). We must also share how mankind can prepare for this coming Judgment of God by proclaiming the gospel (Mark 16:15-16).

Third, walking with God means consistency (Gen. 5:21-22). Enoch walked with God for 300 years. He started at age 65 and never looked back. Have you ever wondered why some people drop out of the Christian race while others keep running? Those who stay in the race make their relationship with God the highest priority of their life, while others have other priorities. If you want to be consistent, you must make the Kingdom of God the greatest priority of your life (Matt. 6:33).

Walking with God truly is the best exercise. Have you been walking with God? If not, you can start today. You will be glad you did (Heb. 11:6). God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

—Ray Rose



Genesis Account of Creation a Myth?

There are some in the religious world who try to teach that it is, but Jesus did not treat any of Genesis as if it were a myth. For instance, Matthew 19:4-6 (Adam and Eve); 24:37-39 (Noah); Luke 17:32 (Lot and his wife); John 8:56 (Abraham); Matthew 8:11 (Isaac and Jacob); and on and on. Genesis a myth? I’ll stick with Jesus! If we can’t believe Jesus’ words about the beginning, then we can’t believe Jesus’ words about the end. It’s that simple. After all, He was there (John 1:1-3).



1. “Then behold, they brought to Him a __ lying on a __.”
2. “Son, be of good __; your sins are __ you.”
3. Because Jesus forgave the man’s sins, the __ said within themselves, “This Man __!”
4. “‘But that you may know that the Son of Man has __ on earth to forgive sins’—then He said to the paralytic, ‘Arise, take up your __, and go to your __.’”
5. “Now when the __ saw *it*, they marveled and glorified __, who had given such power to men.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

Don’t Blow It

In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul reminded Timothy (and through inference, us) that he was a worker for the Lord. But also in that verse are great bits of advice of how we are to perform our work. If you’ll forgive my cheesy rhyming to help with remembering the points, allow me to make some suggestions from the text. Here’s the full verse: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Now, let’s dissect the verse so that we don’t blow it as workers for the Lord.

Gung-ho It (“Be diligent”). As a worker for the Lord, we should give it our all. We should be conscientious and complete in our duties. We should always make sure that we are giving it our best, because the Lord deserves nothing less.

Go Show It (“to present yourself”). We need to be always active in our work for the Lord. We are always a servant, and we should always be on duty. We should constantly be demonstrating our work for the Lord, because we are appreciative of what He has done for us.

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Bestow It (“approved to God”). It is important to remember that we are working for the Lord and not for ourselves. Our work should always honor God – for He is always watching. We also need to make sure that we are always doing works that God approves of.

Brightly Glow It (“who does not need to be ashamed”). As the Lord’s workers, we are to reflect His light to the world. We should never be embarrassed of standing for and performing His will. We should do His work with courage and pride.

Truly Know It (“rightly dividing the word of truth”). As Christians working for the Lord, it is important to realize that our “employee handbook” is the New Testament. We should be determined to know it well so that we can live it well.

And now, fellow Christians, workers for the Lord, let us take these suggestions, grease each elbow, and work with gusto!
—*Edd Sterchi*



He Shall Be Like a Tree

Man is said to be several things in the Bible: builders, sheep, branches, salt, light, withering grass, and fading flowers. Psalm 1:1-3 speaks of a righteous man being like a tree “planted by the rivers of water.” Christians have also been “planted” (Romans 6:3-5). Here are some other ways Christians are like trees.

A tree is a rooted thing. Christians are rooted and built up in Christ (Col. 2:7). It takes time for a tree to become rooted, and it takes time for a person to become established in the faith (Heb. 5:12).

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