



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Ruby Brad. Cancer has returned.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

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

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Steven Kelly. Friend of Karen Lovell. Cancer.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Jimmy Koen. Father to a friend of the Patrick's.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Recovering from a stroke.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

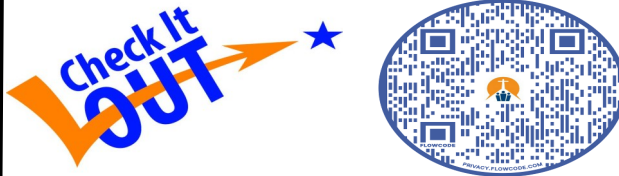
Sonya Underwood. Friend of Dave's. Cancer.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

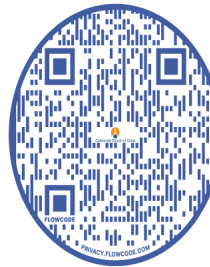
Our Country, Leaders & Military

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.



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Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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I Will Sing With Understanding

Some of the songs we sing may be difficult for us to understand if we are unfamiliar with the “poetic license” employed by the authors. The *Friendly Visitor* bulletin from a church of Christ in Oklahoma City gives the following information about songs which might help you better understand some difficult wording.

EBON PINION speaks of the confinement of darkness. The dark of night held Jesus when He prayed in Gethsemane.

BEULAH LAND was Palestine to the Jews. They longed to be free again, go back home from Babylonian captivity and be “married” to the Lord once more.

EBENEEZER means memorial to divine aid. The Jews raised memorials in places where God had given them great success. We hold in solemn remembrance places dear to us because of special blessings from the Lord.

LOWER LIGHTS are the lives of Christians shining forth in this dark world of sin. They are sending forth the gospel to those who are in danger of drowning in iniquity.

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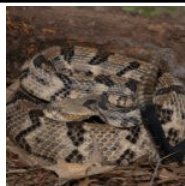
THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET is from Isaiah 1:18. Scarlet was the color of a deep-red permanent dye and its deep stain was virtually impossible to remove from clothing. The stain of sin seems equally permanently soiled. Only God can remove sins stain.

KING OF OUR LIVES BY HIS GRACE WE WILL BE. Following Him, we will rule ourselves wisely and well.

BREAD OF LIFE refers to food that sustains spiritual life (ie being given instruction about Christ, being taught the Bible, etc.)

THE FIERY CLOUDY PILLAR speaks of God’s leadership by night and day as when leading the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan.

“All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You” (Psalm 66:4).

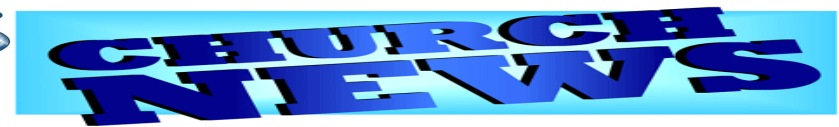


You Could Have Done That

Carol Bartz was the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Yahoo. In an interview while at a forum at Georgia State University she was asked what the best advice was she had been given.

She said it came from her grandmother, who raised her, on a farm in Minnesota. “I was in the machine shed with my brother. We heard a rattlesnake above us and ran for Grandma. She grabbed a shovel, knocked the snake out of the rafters and chopped its head off. Then she said, ‘You could have done that.’ And you know what? She was right.”

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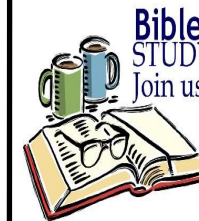


January Birthday!
31ST MATTHEW
HOLLANDSWORTH



Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!

Our Thursday Ladies Bible Class is on Winter Break. Class returns on January 16, 2025!

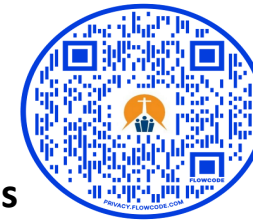


Thursday Mid-week Virtual Bible Class!

Our Mid-Week Bible Class is on Winter Break. Class returns on January 16, 2025!

Upcoming Events:

Ccocva.org/events



New Member!

Sister Debbie Brooks is moving back to town. She will be worshiping with us starting Jan. 12th. She is in need of a few pieces of furniture.

She needs:

High top dinning chairs,
Sleeper sofa or love seat,
A recliner and end tables.
If you can help, see Matthew or James.



Solution






wise, prudent; Father, good; all; labor, laden; yoke, light



The Tomato

Have you ever bought a tomato in January? I have.

They are okay, better than nothing. For years, I have planted a few tomato plants in spring. The tomatoes get ripe in July. They taste so much better than those greenhouse tomatoes. Have you ever thought, “Why?” It is because man cannot improve or even equal what God can do. His sunshine and rain are perfect just like everything else He does. We can see this in nature, but men keep trying to improve, change, add to, or subtract from what God did in religion. Man can never improve on what God has done in His church, His doctrine, His salvation, His sacrifice, or His love. If we are wise, we will go back to the Bible, God’s will for us, and accept His perfection.

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<div>  <div> <p><i>“OMG” Continued from Page 5...</i> This phrase goes beyond such euphemisms as “goodness ” or “gracious” or “gee” or “golly” (which are all expressions referring to God, check the dictionary), and thereby should not be used either. The real reason is that it is not a euphemism at all! They do not attempt to disguise the reference to God. If “Oh, my God!” is not a vain usage of God’s name, then what is it?</p> <p>Our speech reflects our character and attitudes (Mt. 12:23-25). Let us refuse to be guilty of showing an empty and low regard for the God of Heaven. The apostle Paul wrote, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearer” (Eph. 4:29). <i>—via Chapman Church of Christ, Ripley, MS</i></p> </div> </div>	<div>  <div> <p><i>“Done That” Continued from Page 2...</i> That got me to thinking about what I could have done. Several years ago while preaching for the Bristol Road church in Flint, Michigan, we had a school of preaching. One of our instructors taught Greek and I signed up to take the course. I went three days and quit. But I could have done that. Here are some ideas.</p> <p>Read through the Bible (or New Testament) in a year. Recently while in Gatlinburg they had in their bulletin names of those who had already completed reading through the Bible. While in Gainesville, Florida I noticed on the board that 19 had completed reading through the Bible. You could do that.</p> <p>Read a set of commentaries. A brother at the Jacksonville, Alabama congregation told me that within a year and a half after he obeyed the gospel he had read the complete set of New Testament Commentaries by Burton Coffman. Do you think he knew a little bit more about the Bible after that? You could do that.</p> <p>Take up a service project. A good lady with whom I am acquainted bakes small pound cakes and gives to the sick. You could do that.</p> <p>Send cards. I knew a lady confined to a wheelchair. She regularly sent cards of encouragement to the sick and shut in, elders and members who needed lifting up. You could do that.</p> <p>Two men were sitting on a stump at the edge of the woods. One was a huge muscular guy the other much smaller. The small guy said to the large fellow, “If I were as big as you I would go into the woods and rip a big bear apart.” The big guy replied, “There are a lot of small bears in the woods.” You could do that. <i>—Larry Acuff</i></p> </div> </div>
<div>  <div> <p><i>Being Faithful</i></p> <p>There can be nothing more important in any relationship than faithfulness. It is the test of true devotion and love. It is the virtue that authenticates the bond and communicates an intention to “stick with” one another to the end. We value faithful friends, family members, and especially spouses as the people in life on whom we can truly depend.</p> <p>In fact, we have little use for the unfaithful. No one wants a “fair-weather friend” or a spouse who is not true. Every employer wants employees who keep their word and show up for work. Unfaithfulness is the essence of being undependable. Such people are never there when you really need them. In short, they always let you down.</p> <p>Why would it be any different with God? We have seen His abundant love; is it any wonder that He desires faithful love from us in return? <i>—Kerry Williams</i></p> </div> </div>	
	

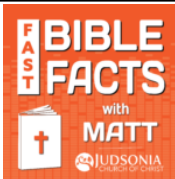


Matthew 11:25-30



1. “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* _ and _ and have revealed them to babes.”
2. “Even so, _, for so it seemed _ in Your sight.”
3. How many things have been delivered to Jesus by the Father?
4. “Come to Me, all *you* who _ and are heavy _, and I will give you rest.”
5. “For My _ *is* easy and My burden is _.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Leviticus?

Leviticus contains 27 chapters, 859 verses, and 24,546 words, and a whole bunch of laws! It is a guidebook for the Israelites, showing them how to worship, serve, and obey God. The concept of holiness before God is mentioned at least 87 times in this book.

Honestly, Leviticus is not high on the list for most people for recreational reading. However, right in the middle of this book of law, one of the most profound teachings about love is presented:

“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord” (Leviticus 19:18).

In the New Testament, Jesus would define for us exactly what it means to truly love our neighbor.

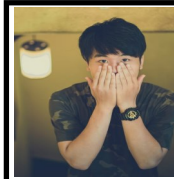
—Matt Clifton, *Fast Bible Facts Podcast*



‘OMG’

“Oh my God!” Hardly a day goes by that we do not hear someone exclaim it. You hear it at work or school, at the bank or the supermarket, and sometimes even on the church parking lot.

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“OMG” Continued from Page 5... Television, no doubt, is the chief offender, with nearly every game show, soap opera, situation comedy, prime time drama, and movie using this phrase repeatedly.

It has become a faddish and clever saying. It is used to register alarm, surprise, delight, dismay, sarcasm, and almost every kind of response. Probably some cannot imagine why. Why does, or should, this phrase grate so upon the ears of Christian people?

We would do well to consider the faith and devotion manifested by men and women from long ago; several of these are singled out and presented as examples for Christians today (Heb. 11). They insisted on using reverence and humility while addressing Deity. Abraham approached God with these words, “Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes” (Gen. 18:27). Jacob marked each place that the Lord spoke to him with a stone or alter, recognizing that even the plot of ground was sacred because the Lord had revealed Himself there (Gen. 28:13). Can you imagine the patriarchs referring to God in the off-handed manner that is so prevalent in our world today? Jehovah God is to be revered (Heb. 12:28); woe if we respect not God (Isa. 45:9).

Although we are not under the Law of Moses today (John 1:17), we worship and serve the same God revealed to Hebrew fathers. We should have the posture of godly fear and awe that was shown by Peter before Jesus (Luke 5:8) and the apostle John on Patmos (Rev. 1:17). The Jews sought to protect and preserve the sacredness of God’s name. In the centuries before the birth of Jesus, they decided to stop pronouncing it altogether so that its usage would not become common or ordinary. Should we show less respect and regard for our Heavenly Father?

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