

Scottie Barner. Family friend of the Wyatt's. Upcoming surgery for breast cancer. Address for cards: 1307 26th Street, Canyon, TX 79015

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.

Ioe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Sonva Underwood. Friend of Dave's. Cancer.

Eric Walker. Family friend of Donn & Kitty. In Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Complications & infections following surgery.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Leaders & Military



Family of Betty Arthur. Mother to Danny Arthur.

Family of Bobby Campbell. Brother to Sherry Lirette.





ccocva.org/connect facebook.com/CCOCVA Phone: (276) 647-8454 Fax: (276) 794-4940 **Message Alert:** (276) 794-4035



© 2025 CCOCVA The Collinsville Church of Christ Collinsville, Virginia

CCLI: 11375622 **CCLI STREAMING+: 20990706** CVLI: 505488461



The Collinsville Herald

A Weekly Publication of the Collinsville Church of Christ.

January 19, 2025



Vol.15





Collinsville Church of Christ

P.O. Box 158 2115 Daniels Creek Rd Collinsville, VA 24078 www.ccocva.org (276) 647-8454

> **Times We Meet:** Sunday:

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



An Old Piece of Furniture

No. 03

One popular hobby among crafters and doit-yourselfers is that of furniture restoration and with current social media platforms, "furniture flipping" has drawn even more interest.

There is something intriguing about taking an old, worn-out chair or table, which would be considered useless junk, and bringing it back to life, thus making it useful, attractive, and functional again.

In much the same way, the Gospel of Jesus Christ compares to furniture restoration. First, old furniture has become worn, damaged, or stained from years of use or abuse. After years of living separated from God, people become spiritually corrupt, and their life stained with sin. After the old furniture is rescued by the restorer, work begins to strip off the old, damaged finish, preparing it for the new. When the repentant sinner comes to God through Christ, the old is stripped away and the new spiritual person emerges. The bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Cor. 5:17)

"Furniture" Continues on Page 2...

"Furniture" Continued from Front Page...

In most cases, the restored furnishing is placed back into service and becomes a useful piece of furniture again. The person who has confessed Jesus (Rom. 10:9-10) and has been baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27), now finds themselves reconciled with God and in His service. However, for the restored furniture to remain useful, it must be cared for and maintained. In the same way, the Christian must take care of their spiritual self by consistent worship, contact with God's word, fellowship, and good works in service to the Master Restorer (John 4:23-24; Heb. 10:24-25; 2 Pet. 3:18; Acts 2:42; Eph. 2:10). —*Jay Launius*

Three Words That Change Everything

There are three words, that if we really believe them, will change our perspective, our outlook, our attitude – our everything! What are they? Well, let's let one of the great people of faith, Abraham, tell us.

In Genesis 22, God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Now, consider the fact that Isaac was the son that God promised Abraham and Sarah. He was the only one who could continue the lineage of Abraham's innumerable descendants, again as promised by God. And now, Abraham was asked to kill him! Abraham's faith in God caused him to trust and obey (Hebrews 11:17-19).

As they neared the spot God had designated to be the sacrificial place, Isaac asked his father, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7). It is then that Abraham gives us the phrase to always remember – the phrase that changes everything: "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." (Genesis 22:8). And He did! After passing the test of faith in the motions of going through with the sacrifice, in the nick of time, God provided a ram to be the substitute (Genesis 22:9-14).

"Three Words" Continues on Page 3...







Ianuary Birthday!

MATTHEW HOLLANDSWORTH



Page 7

Thursday Ladies' **Bible Class!**

Class starts at: 10:00 a.m. Come early at: 9:30 a.m. for coffee & donuts!



Thursday Mid-week Virtual Bible Class!

Our Mid-Week Bible Class on the Book of Psalms, Thursdays at: 12:30 p.m. on our Facebook Page.



Men's Breakfast

Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat., Jan 25th! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:30 a.m. for food & fellowship.



Ccocva.org/events







Solution

synagogue; withered; sheep; lawful, Sabbath; destroy





Page 3

"Reasons" Continued from Page 5...

Read the Bible to be wise unto salvation. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

Read the Bible to know how to live right. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Read the Bible because you will be blessed (truly happy) if you do. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3).

Read the Bible that you might know truth from error. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Read the Bible because it is commanded. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

All of these Scriptures reveal the need to read the Bible. When making your list of resolutions for the New Year, resolve to read the Bible each day. You will be glad you did.

—Mark Lindley



On The Lighter Side



Aunt Matilda was astonished when the bank called and told her that her checking account was overdrawn. She offered this response as proof of her good standing: "How can I be overdrawn? I still have checks."

"Three Words" Continued from Page 2...

"God will provide." Believing and saying that reminds us that no matter the circumstances in our lives, God is in control and will always act on what is in our best interest at the proper time. We must, like Abraham, trust and obey and step forward in faith knowing that "God will provide."

—Edd Sterchi

Christ the Hope of the World

What do the words "No Hope" bring to your mind? Perhaps it is when a loved one was sick, a soldier missing in action, or a number of other things. Suicide prevention centers often use the motto, "Where there is hope, there is life." Humanity needs Hope but a Hope that lasts forever. God can only give this kind of Hope (Rom. 8:24). Ephesians 2 teaches us that without Christ there would be no Hope. Today, man's biggest problem is still sin, and the only Hope is in Christ and the gospel (Rom.16:16).

Let us consider the **plight of man**. Isaiah in Isaiah 59:1-2 pointed out that the plight of man was sin. Paul in Romans 1:20-28 also discussed the plight of man and connected it to a rejection of God that caused the world to be lost in sin. The sin of Adam and Eve caused sin to enter into the world, but in the fulness of time God sent Christ to die for our sins (Gal. 4:4). Man's plight is sin, and Christ is God's remedy for sin.

However, there is a **person of Hope**. Who? Jesus Christ the Son of God. Consider what these passages teach about Jesus as the person of Hope (John 1:29; Matt. 26:28; Mark 10:45; Eph. 2:5). Why is Christ the person of Hope? Because the love of God and Christ was manifested in Him on the cross (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9; Rev. 1:5). How and where does one gain access to this Hope? By one's obedience that places one in Christ (Acts 4:11-12; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal.3:27). Christ is the only Hope of the world (John 10:10).

"Christ the Hope" Continues on Page 5...

BIBLE

FACTS

Matthew 12:9-14



- 1. In this section, Jesus went into a __.
- 2. "And behold, there was a man who had a _ hand."
- 3. Jesus used an illustration of a man who saves a _ from a pit on the Sabbath day.
- 4. "Therefore it is _ to do good on the _."
- 5. Seeing this, the Pharisees went to and plotted how they might _ Him.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

Did You Know This About Deuteronomy?

Moses was about to die. The book of Deuteronomy recounts a onemonth period of time when the Israelites were camped in the plains

of Moab, and is considered to be a series of farewell addresses from Moses shortly before his passing.

The Israelites were about to go into the promised land, and as Moses recounts the history of their journey and the principles of God's law, he reminds them not to practice false religion or listen to those involved in witchcraft and sorcery. Instead of false teachers, God told Moses:

"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him" (Deuteronomy 18:18-19).

According to the New Testament in Acts 3:22-23, Jesus is that Prophet, and if we don't hear Him, we will be lost!

—Matt Clifton ,Fast Bible Facts Podcast

Page 5 The Collinsville Herald 01-19-25

"Christ the Hope" Continued from Page 3... Let us now consider the provision of Hope. Salvation is a free gift from God, but how does one acquire a free gift? The first step is obedience that brings us into contact with God's grace and by continued obedience (John 14:15; Eph. 2:5-9; Rev. 2:10). Those in Christ must grow in the fulness of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16). The gospel of Jesus is the only thing that brings saving Hope.

Finally, we consider the **proclamation of Hope**. First of all, the gospel of Hope must be preached (Mark 16:15; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:14). What are the results of not proclaiming the message? People will be lost without hope (Eph. 2:12; 2 Thess. 1:8-9). Are you sharing the gospel with others? Where would you be if someone had not shared the gospel with you?

Christ is the *only hope* for a world lost and dead in sin. Have you obeyed His gospel, and are you faithfully living for Him?

—Billy Cline

Reasons to Read the Bible Each Day

There is no way to know all the challenges, trials, triumphs, and sorrows the year will bring. However, one thing is certain: you will have a better year if you read the Bible each day. The following are reasons to read the Bible each day:

Read the Bible to increase your faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Read the Bible to increase in knowledge. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

"Reasons" Continues on Page 6...