Prayer Request

Scottie Barner. Family friend of the Wyatt's. Breast cancer.

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.

Eric Walker. Family friend of Donn & Kitty. Complications & infections following surgery.

Velvet Wyatt. Recovering from a broken arm.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Leaders & Military

Next Sunday, February 2nd, the prayer list will be reset. If you have someone on the prayer list that haven't been updated and they need to remain, please give Matthew an update by Thursday, January 30th.

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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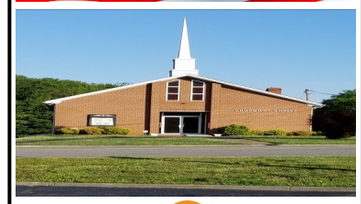

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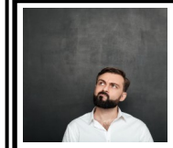
Times We Meet:
Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Ladies' Class: 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Psalms Class:
12:30 p.m. on Facebook.



Are We Practicing What We Think?

When surveyed, 75 percent of Americans think the nation's morality is heading downhill. Almost a third of respondents said that moral decline was a result of people not reading the Bible, 88 percent of them own a Bible, 80 percent think it is sacred, and 61 percent wished they read their Bible more.

Yet only 26 percent of Americans said they read their Bible on a regular basis (four or more times a week). Of those who do say they read their Bible the majority, 57 percent, only do so four times a year or less.

It isn't a matter of knowing what we need or having the ability or resources to do it, it is the doing it that seems to be the problem.

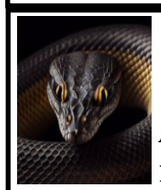
We can see what happens to a society that suffers from a lack of knowledge of God's word (Hosea 4:6). If we know the world needs it, do we think we don't? God's word is a vaccine against the diseases of immorality, a guard watching over our heavenly treasure, and a safety harness for our soul.

"Are We Practicing" Continues on Page 2…

"Are We Practicing" Continued from Front Page... If we don't take the medicine, don't set the alarm, or neglect to attach rig, do we expect it to do any good?

Bible study must begin with me. If I want the world to get better I must work to be better. If I know the world needs the Bible, then I need to be a reader of it.

If we don't, who will? *—Barry Haynes*



The Sting of Death

A particular church received personal greetings from the Kejave Medical Center staff in Kenya and read of the following amazing story.

Eight-year-old Monica broke her leg as she fell into a pit. An older woman, Mama Njeri, happened along and climbed into the pit to help get Monica out. In the process, a dangerous black Mamba snake bit both Mama Njeri and Monica. Monica was taken to Kejave Medical Center and admitted. Mama Njeri went home, but never awoke from her sleep.

The next day a perceptive missionary nurse explained Mama Njeri's death to Monica, telling her that the snake had bitten both of them, but all of the snake's poison was expended on Mama Njeri; none was given to Monica. The nurse then explained that Jesus had taken the poison of Monica's sin so that she could have new life. It was an easy choice for Monica. She became a Christian.

In 1 Corinthians 15, the Apostle Paul poses the questions:

"Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55).

Then he answers: "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:56-57 NASB). ***"The Sting" Continues on Page 3...***

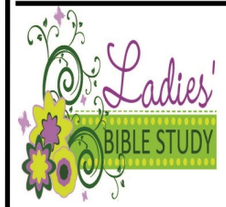
CHURCH NEWS

January Birthday!

31ST MATTHEW HOLLANDSWORTH

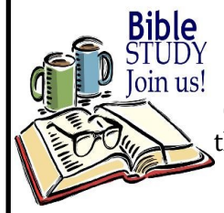
February Birthdays!

8TH SIBBIE BYRD
10TH JO ANNE HAIRFIELD
14TH TERRY MASON



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., Feb. 22nd! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:30 a.m. for food & fellowship.

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'Tain't

'Tain't what we have, But what we give,
'Tain't what we are, But how we live;
'Tain't what we do, But how we do it—
That makes this life worth going through it!

Do What You Can

Do what you can, being what you are,
Shine like a glow worm, if you can't be a star.
Work like a pulley, if you can't be a crane,
Be a wheel-greaser, if you can't drive the train. *—Benjamin R. DeJong*

"Christianity in Common" Continued from Page 5... However, when offenses do surface, Christians should treat one another differently because of their mutual love for one another.

As the Psalmist wrote, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa 133:1). Unity in the church is not an unattainable goal. Christ would not have prayed for unity if it were not possible. The apostle Paul would not have pleaded for unity if it were not possible. The church at Philippi proved that Christianity could be shared in common with other believers. Paul needed monetary aid, and the church was willing and ready to assist.

The modern church in America generally does not struggle with monetary funds. What we do struggle with is building genuine, lasting relationships – relationships that confess, pray, and forgive. The church at Philippi proved its love for Paul and the Lord by making sure that he was taken care of financially. But more than that, there was a genuine love and appreciation for Paul's labor among them.

Sometimes, individual church members are guilty of growing cynical, being only concerned about themselves and their self-interest. The church at Philippi reminds us that we all need each other. Paul needed the brethren, and the brethren valued Paul. The elders needed the deacons, and the deacons respected the elders (Phil 1:1). The church needed donations from individual Christians to make sure that Paul's needs were met. When Christians recognize the value of commonality and community in Christ, the mission of the church will be more presentable to the lost and the church will grow. Think about it!

—Craig Simon

"The Sting" Continued from Page 2... "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

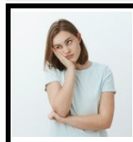
But God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24 ESV). Jesus suffered the "sting" of death so that we could receive the gift of eternal life. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

God will cleanse from sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

The Gospel – the Good News – is that Jesus "took the poison" of our sin by dying on the cross for our sins. He died for us so that we may have a new life now and eternal life to come.

Won't *you* accept His offer of forgiveness and life by submitting your life to Him?

—David A. Sargent



I'm Bored!

"You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it" (Malachi 1:13a). So said the Lord to the priests of Israel concerning their worship. They didn't specifically say they were bored, but it's rather obvious! Boredom occurs when one is uninterested, and Israel's priests had virtually no interest in faithful worship.

Today folks may be more bold in declaring that worship is boring. ***Continues on Page 5...***

Bible Quiz — *Matthew 12:15-21*

1. "And great __ followed Him, and He __ them all."
2. Jesus warned the people not to make Him known, in order to fulfill the prophesy of __.
3. "Behold! My __ whom I have chosen, My __ in whom My soul is well pleased!"
4. "A bruised __ He will not break…"
5. "Till He sends forth __ to victory; And in His name __ will trust."

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

Did You Know This About Joshua?

After everything the Israelites had seen—the ten plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, the manna, the fall of Jericho, the sun standing still—they still had idol worship among them.

That is why Joshua had to tell them, "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

This is a common problem, even among Christians today! We've see the blessings of God in our lives, and yet still hold on to idolatrous ways of thinking and acting. Flee from idolatry!
—Matt Clifton, Fast Bible Facts podcast on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts

"I'm Bored" Continued from Page 3… Could that be because faithfully doing God's will just doesn't appeal to them? In many cases, yes – and in such cases repentance is the only cure.

But boredom may also result from repeatedly doing the same things. Sing; pray; observe the Lord's Supper; sermon; contribution. The repetition *can* become boring, but it doesn't have to! Self-discipline can keep us focused on *why* we're doing what we're doing, thus preventing boredom.

Others complain that worship is boring because it isn't "fun." That's a loaded word. Should worship involve joy and praise? Of course! But "fun?" Where in Scripture do we find anything about worship being "fun?" Even children must learn that not everything is fun. We'll never out-entertain Hollywood, nor should we try! That's not the purpose of worship.

Those leading in worship should strive to prevent boredom. Whether it's preaching, singing, praying, serving communion, reading Scripture, or whatever, let's make it clear that we're glad to be helping God's people honor Him. An enthusiastic, positive attitude is contagious and will go a long way toward eliminating boredom.
—Joe Slater

Christianity in Common

The beautiful thing about the gospel is that it brings people together. People from every race, nationality, gender, and social class have united under the banner of Christ. People with every background imaginable have dropped off their baggage at the foot of the cross. One could travel the world and find the New Testament church and a group of fellow believers. Petty grievances and complaints toward one another become insignificant when Christians consider their camaraderie in Christ. According to the words of Christ, "It is impossible that no offenses should come" (Luke 17:1).

"Christianity in Common" Continues on Page 6…