



Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Ruby Brad. Cancer.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns & life stress.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Steven Kelly. Cancer.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Jimmy Koen. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Katie Morrison. Debbie's daughter. Life stress.

Wayne Napier. Friend of James Patrick. Stage 4 terminal cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Hospitalized with another stroke.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Sonya Underwood. Cancer.

Eric Walker. Complications & infections following surgery.

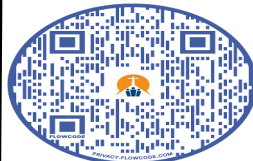
Velvet Wyatt. Recovering from a broken arm.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

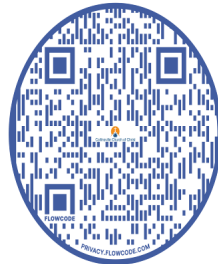
Our Country, Leaders & Military

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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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.



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Why Your Family Needs to Be in Worship

It is important for families to worship together. The God who created us and ordained marriage and the family knew the importance of families worshipping together. To a woman who had miserably failed in her family life, Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4:25).

The Father does not need our worship to be a better being or a better Father. One cannot improve on perfection, but the Father knew the need for each of us to worship. The adage, "A family that prays together stays together," is true. One just does not normally find those in the divorce courts who are truly committed and serving God.

Families should worship for three major reasons: (1) God commanded it (Heb. 10:25); (2) for the influence that we exert on one another; and (3) it will enhance our spiritual life (Rom. 12:1,2). No family can be completely balanced when there is a major spoke left out of their wheel. Families are to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. ***Continues on Page 2...***

“Why Your Family Needs to Be in Worship” Continued from Front Page... The family that does not worship is missing a least a quarter of this designed growth.

What is a major blessing each can offer their family? Here is a simple, yet life-changing answer: Begin this week to worship God!

We hope to see you and your family at every worship service this year!
—Jerry Jenkins



A Worship Experience

When it comes to corporate worship of the church, should Christians seek a worship experience or seek to offer worship? Should followers of Christ choose a worship style that suits them, or worship by divine biblical design? How much of our worship style is left to liberty and tradition? When considering the state of modern Christianity in America, these questions and many more come to mind. We seem to be even more confused now than in the past about whether an activity is expedient or an addition to the worship hour. Personal preference has overtaken God’s desire for simple, straight-forward worship as Jesus described in John 4:24, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” Jesus also said that God’s word is truth (John 17:17) and thus to worship in truth means to worship according to the commands and examples found in the Scriptures.

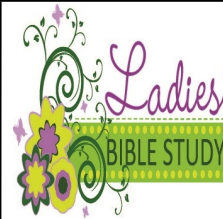
In an effort to appease our personal desires, worship services have now been divided into specialized events customized to our liking. We now have a choice of a traditional or contemporary style service. There are early or later service times to choose from. In some churches, the choice of an instrumental or a capella music services are available. With streaming services now available, one can choose to worship at home instead of being in physical fellowship.

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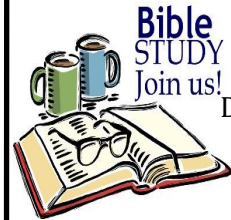
Announcements and Upcoming Events





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!

Due to several doctors' appointments our Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study will return on Thursday, March 6th.



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.

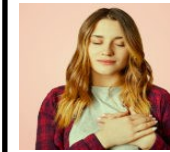


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evil; justified, condemned



Thank You God for Your Gift

Thank You God...
For the One who is Wonderful
Providing wonders to my life
For His help as Counselor
Easing my worry and strife
He is the Mighty God
Doing great things for me
He is Everlasting Father?
Granting a blessed eternity
As the Prince of Peace
He calms my inner being
Praise the given Son!
Given free and ever freeing!

—Edd Sterchi




The Joyful Life

May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord;
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.

“Did You Know This About Ruth?” Continued from Page 5... Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.
Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried.
The Lord do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me.”

This passage is read in many modern weddings, but it is not about romantic love. It is about dedicated family love, and also expresses faith and commitment to God.

—Matt Clifton




Did You Know This About 1 Samuel?

First Samuel records the progression of leadership over Israel from judges to kings.

Samuel was the last judge, and served also as a prophet for the nation. His mother, Hannah, had prayed for a son, and promised him to the Lord. He was very young when God called him into service. Samuel remained a faithful servant all his life, but ironically his own sons proved to be ungodly in behavior and poor leaders, resulting in the people calling for a king to rule over them.

This is a reminder to us that in even the best of times for the church—and even for Christian families—unfaithfulness can be just a generation away.

—Matt Clifton




“They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything” — Bil Keane

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.” — Charles M. Schulz

“If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you.” — A. A. Milne

“A Worship Experience” Continued from Page 2... If we don’t like the worship style or preacher at one congregation, we can easily move down the road and try another until we find a church that suits us. Perhaps it is time to strip away all the personal choices and get back to the basics of serving the Lord instead of serving ourselves. Let’s follow the simple examples found in the New Testament, giving humble worship to God with the utmost love and respect.

—Jay Launius



The Road to a Serpent’s Bite

The wise man Solomon gave specific warnings that most people ignore. He said that a loose tongue will get you into trouble (Prov. 18:7). He warned that pride will bring a man low (Prov. 16:18). He said that toying with lust is like playing with fire (Prov. 6:25-29). Millions pay a heavy price every day because they refuse to listen to these sound words of inspired counsel.

Solomon gave similar warnings about drinking alcohol. “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise” (Prov. 20:1). A man is foolish if he thinks he can control it. The very nature of alcohol is that it lowers restraint. It removes inhibitions. The first drink makes it easier to have the second and the second the third. A man who is under its influence will not be concerned about drinking in “moderation” or talking and acting with good judgment. He has compromised his self-control.

The wise man also said, “Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly; at the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper” (Prov. 23:29-32).

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“Serpent’s Bite” Continued from Page 3... Many say this only means that getting drunk is wrong and that drinking in “moderation” (to which they give a fuzzy definition to say the least) is biblical. But compare this to what Solomon said about lust in Proverbs 6. He warned against lust because it may lead to adultery. That doesn’t mean that lust is innocent or that lusting in moderation is acceptable as long s a person doesn’t commit adultery. The same is true of drinking. Solomon doesn’t any more teach that drunkenness is wrong but drinking is alright than he means that adultery is sinful but lusting for a woman is acceptable. He warns against drunkenness and the misery it brings and says to avoid it before starting it. Don’t “look on” it or long for it. He said to not even long for a “cup” of it! If that is not a command to avoid drinking, what would be?
—Kerry Duke



Tact

Tact is one of the lost arts of the twenty-first century. Someone has defined tact as the art of removing the stinger from the bee without getting stung. Harry Truman, put it this way, “Tact is the ability to step on a man’s toes without messing up the shine on his shoes.” At least that would be very tactful.

The dictionary defines tact as “the ability to manage others with consideration for their feelings; and sympathetic understanding.” Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he said, “Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves” (Matt. 10:16).

In a classic “Peanuts” comic, Charlie Brown is warned that all the girls are angry with him. The girls confront him with many complaints and then ask, “What have you got to say for yourself?” Rather than arguing, Charlie says, “Nothing. You girls are absolutely right, and I’m glad to hear you feel this way.” After they leave he turns to look at the reader and says, “My soft answer hath turned away a whole flock of wrath.”
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“Tact” Continued from Page 4... Many of the little things that disturb the peace of homes, the church, and nations are due to the lack of tact on the part of somebody. The Bible says, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Prov. 15:1).

May we be more tactful each day in our dealings with others. —Mark T. Tonkery

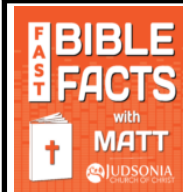


Matthew 12:31-37



1. Jesus said blasphemy against the __ will not be forgiven men.
2. “Anyone who speaks a __ against the Son of __, it will be forgiven him...”
3. Jesus said a tree is known by its __.
4. “A good man out of the good __ of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the __ treasure brings forth evil things.”
5. “For by your words you will be __, and by your words you will be __.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Ruth?

Of all the passages taken out of context, perhaps Ruth 1:16-17 is one of the biggest!

During the time of the judges, an Israelite woman named Naomi found herself a widow. She had left Bethlehem with her husband and two sons to go to Moab, due to a severe famine. While there, her husband died. Her two sons both married Moabite women, and then both sons died. All three women were then widows. When Naomi decided to return to her homeland, one of the daughters-in-law, Ruth, said to Naomi:

“Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
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