



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.

Arnold Pigg. Liz's brother. Health concerns.

Carolyn Roop. Hospitalized with another stroke.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Sonya Underwood. Cancer.

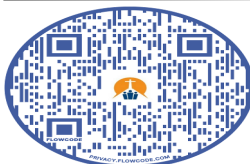
Eric Walker. Complications & infections following surgery.

Velvet Wyatt. Recovering from a broken arm.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia. Caregivers.

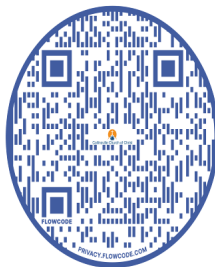
Our Country, Leaders & Military

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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Let God Make You Over

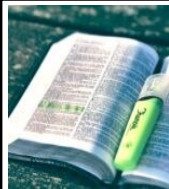
In the book of Jeremiah, we get a very visual picture of us and God working in our lives. In the opening verses of chapter 18 are these words: "The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: 'Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.' Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 'O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?' says the LORD. 'Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!'" (v.1-6)

Jeremiah gives us an image of God as the potter and us as the clay. God works diligently to form us and transform us into useful, beautiful vessels, but sometimes things don't work out. It's not the potter's fault; a flaw in the clay causes the problem. But God doesn't wad us up into a clay ball and fling us away. Like a potter, He lovingly starts over to start shaping us again.

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“Let God Make You Over” Continued from Front Page... The process of producing a beautiful pot isn’t fast. The potter takes time, carefully crafting the clay into shape for its intended use. In the same way, when God starts over with us, we may not become instantly useful. It takes time and the skill of the Great Potter to shape us. Sooner or later, though, we’ll be useful again.

Just remember this: The God who made you can make you over. You are never hopeless. We just need to give in to Him and be patient and let Him do His work.
—Edd Sterchi



Commands from Christ Are Not Optional

I recently read a Bible Q&A article written by a denominational preacher. In it he was asked, “Can you go to heaven if you ‘trust’ Jesus as your Lord and Savior but you are not yet baptized?” He began his answer by saying: “Yes. Baptism has nothing to do with salvation.” Later in the answer he stated: “Baptism is an ordinance instituted by Christ until the ‘end of the age’... Clearly this command was not only for the apostles who heard it but for His followers throughout the entire age.” Finally, he concluded with: “One is saved without, apart from and before baptism. Those who are saved should desire baptism as a public profession of faith, but please realize that it is not necessary for salvation. If a person believes in Jesus as Lord and is never baptized, they will still be saved.”

I would like to analyze how this person answered this most sincere and important question about baptism and see if it really “holds water.” I think it is very interesting that he admits that baptism is a command from Christ and then declares that it does not have to be followed for salvation. Imagine that – the command from Jesus Christ to be baptized is optional (or so he said)! Given this logic, I wonder what other commands from Christ would be optional? I guess all that are not in line with man’s teachings!

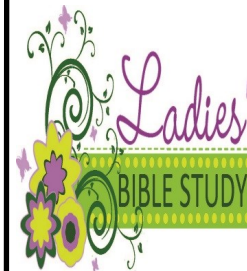
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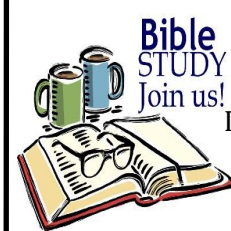
March Birthday!
29TH Jaydan Patrick



March Anniversary!
24TH Terry
& Ruby Mason



Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!
Class starts at: 10:00 a.m.
Come early at: 9:30 a.m.
for coffee & donuts!
Returns on Thursday,
March 6th!



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

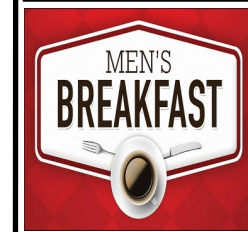


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Ladies Day @ Dale Ridge
Saturday March 15th
Registration 10:00a.m.
Program 10:30a.m.
Lunch provided.
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Men's Breakfast
Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat March 22nd! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:30 a.m. for food & fellowship.



5th Sunday Potluck
Following our Bible Study & Worship Gatherings on March 30th, we are hosting our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch.

Upcoming Events:

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sign; Jonah, fish; South; spirit, dry; wicked



Did You know This About 1 Kings?

First Kings chapter 3 records the time God came to King Solomon in a dream and said, “Ask! What shall I give you?” Solomon’s first thought was that God had been kind to his father David, and had also give David an heir to sit on the throne. In his humility, Solomon admitted that he did not feel confident to lead the people of God. So he asked God to give him an understanding heart, able to discern between good and evil. Because he didn’t ask for long life, great riches, or destruction for his enemies, God gave Solomon the wisdom he desired, but also things he didn’t ask for: honor and riches. If you could have anything in the world, what would you ask for?
—Matt Clifton



Listen and Believe

“Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord” (Psalms 119:1). “How can a young (person) keep his way pure? by guarding it with God’s word” (Psalms 119:9). “Receive with meekness the implanted word of God and it will save your soul” (James 1:21). “Faith comes by hearing; and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

What each of these passages from God’s word is promising are GREAT blessings by listening with obedient hearts to God’s word! These blessings include: happiness in the face of trials and suffering, keeping ourselves morally good, having our consciences cleaned, and growing in our faith in God when doubts attack us.

It’s hard for young and old alike to accept this simple truth when we allow God’s simple truth to be influenced and watered-down by the message of the world. But if we will accept the Bible as the truth sent to us by God, then our God will crown us with salvation and blessings for a true and better life.

—Larry Fitzgerald

“Commands” Continued from Page 2... All facetiousness aside, listen to what Jesus Himself said concerning what our attitude should be toward every command He gives:

- John 14:15, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
- John 14:21, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.”
- John 15:10, “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love”
- John 15:14, “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”

Note that there is no room in these verses for options, opinions, or omissions. That’s because Jesus is the One with all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18). Whatever He has commanded, we’d better do. And Jesus commanded baptism as necessary for salvation (Mark 16:16) and declared it to be the process of how people become His disciples (Matt. 28:19). The apostles went about baptizing “in the name of” Jesus Christ (i.e. in the manner and for the purpose He authorized, see Acts 2:38; 10:48). They knew something we should never forget: If it’s a command from Christ, it’s not an option. —Edd Sterchi

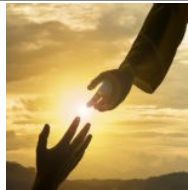


That Sharp Stone in Your Heart

My Cherokee grandmother used to say that there is a very sharp, triangular-shaped stone inside your heart. Every time you do something that violates your conscience, that stone turns a little and makes a small, very painful cut in your heart. However, if you break your conscience many times your heart no longer hurts. This is because the stone has cut a groove-track inside your heart. When it turns, it no longer cuts the flesh.

This is a metaphor about life. At first, when your conscience was pure, each little sin hurt. But the more you did that sin, the easier it became. A pure conscience, trained by the study of the Bible, is a good guide in your life. But when we ignore our trained consciences, they are no longer the trusty scouts we need.
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“Sharp Stone” Continued from Page 3... Did you know that a clear conscience and a pure heart are connected to genuine faith and love (1 Timothy 1:5)?
—Larry Fitzgerald

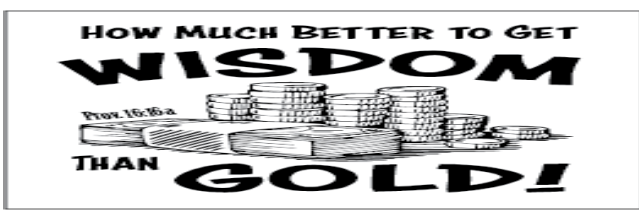


God is Always Concerned

“Vain life under the sun” is the majority theme of the book of Ecclesiastes. As you read you see the emptiness of earthbound life as it flows from the ink on the printed page. The inspired writer was not the first to ask the soul searching questions found in this great book. People from every corner of the earth and from all ages are seeking answers in the same things that Solomon tried. However, they keep coming up empty handed. Life sometimes is just hard to deal with.

Sometimes feelings of this hard life begin to descend a depressed mood and results in our lives being filled with discouragement over what has happened in our lives. If a solution is not found the temporary feeling becomes a lingering state of mind. Many, in our world conclude that life is not worth living. These people reasoned with themselves and found no hope in life. Solomon proclaims “vanity” and bewailed things “under the sun” about three dozen times in Ecclesiastes. However thoughts of God never escaped his mind. In all of the things listed in the book of Ecclesiastes we never find a point in which God was not concerned about the affairs of mankind. What a wonderful thought. God is concerned about His Creation. Yes, that is you and me.

Read Ecclesiastes 12:1,8,10-14 to see what Solomon concluded!
—Jonathan Burns



Matthew 12:38-45

1. The scribes and the Pharisees wanted to see a __ from Him.
2. “For as __ was three days and three nights in the belly of the great __, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”
3. “The queen of the __ will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it...”
4. “When an unclean __ goes out of a man, he goes through __ places, seeking rest, and finds none.”
5. In Jesus’ illustration, the unclean spirit brings back seven other spirits more __ than himself.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About 2 Samuel?

The prophet Samuel anointed two kings: Saul, and then David.

Saul died in disgrace, but David died in satisfaction.

Among David’s last words were the assertion that God has “made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure” (2 Samuel 23:5).

Regarding this promise, we read in 2 Samuel 7:16, “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”

The “forever” part of David’s kingdom was referring to the fact that the Messiah would come through the line of David. Luke 1:32-33 testifies to this truth, as the angel Gabriel told Mary about her future child:

“He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Everything God told David—and Mary—came true! —Matt Clifton