



Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

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.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

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.

Velvet Wyatt. Recovering from a broken arm.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Leaders & Military

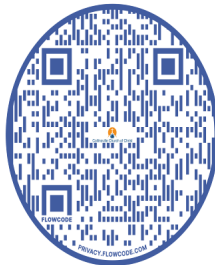


Family of Wayne Napier. Friend of James Patrick. Passed away last Sunday, February 23, from cancer.

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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The New Birth

As we continue to settle in to a new year, it seems appropriate to consider once again the concept of the new birth. The following is a portion of a conversation Jesus had with a teacher of the Jews.

"Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again'" (John 3:1-7).

Nicodemus did not understand. He asked, "How can this be? How is this possible?" With his limited vision and perspective, he had trouble seeing past the physical limitations of a new birth. ***Continues on Page 2...***

“The New Birth” Continued from Front Page... Jesus wanted him (and us) to see things differently (cf. Matt. 16:23; Col. 3:2). Jesus needed him to see with spiritual eyes—to look with a vision toward eternity.

So, we approach the Lord with a similar question: Spiritually speaking, how is the new birth possible? The answer:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Evidently, there are three components to the new birth. In other words, there are three things that make the new birth possible:

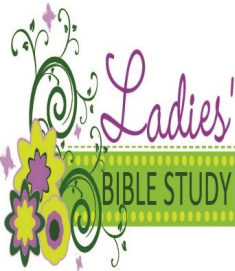
1. The sacrifice of Jesus—We know we cannot save ourselves. We are sinners who deserve death (Rom. 6:23). However, thanks to the sacrifice of Jesus, we have hope (1 Peter 1:24)!
 2. The love of God—We would be lost without the amazing and unending love of God. He chose to show us His love even though we were unlovable (Rom. 5:6-10; 1 John 4:19).
 3. The faith of man—God loves us and provided a sacrificial lamb to take our place, but He still requires us to trust and obey Him (Heb. 11:6; John 14:15). We must be buried with Christ in baptism and continue walking with Him in faith (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7).
- Jesus made it crystal clear that participation in the new birth is an absolute necessity. “You must be born again.” Are you thankful for the sacrifice of Jesus? Are you in awe of the matchless love of God? Have you demonstrated an obedient faith by being washed in the blood of the Lamb?

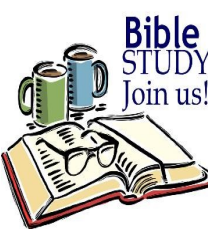
—Bart Warren



**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.

**Ladies Day @ Dale Ridge**
Saturday March 15th
Registration 10:00a.m.
Program 10:30a.m.
Lunch provided.
RSVP online by March 7th. www.daleridgechurchofchrist.net/womens-ministries





**Men's Breakfast**
Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat March 22nd! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.

**Game & Snacks Time**
Our Game Time is back at a new time on Sat. March 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Earlier time for more of our members to be able to attend. Bring your favorite games & snacks to share.

**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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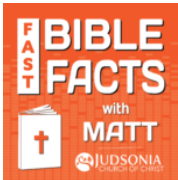


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“Don’t Forget Who You Are” Continued from Page 5... In the book of Romans chapter 1 versus 14 through 16, Paul recounts three things that he never forgot he was because he was a Christian. In verse 14 he says “I am a debtor.” In verse 15 he said, “I am ready.” In verse 16, he said, “I am not ashamed.” In other words, he was saying, “I have never forgotten that I am a Christian. And because of that, I am obligated, I am prepared, and I am courageous and will not stop.” As a result of this attitude, he forged forth and preached the gospel and made a difference.

Who are you? Are you a Christian? Don’t forget that and don’t forget the responsibilities you have as one. You are someone who has been created by God, someone whom God loves immensely, someone whom God has saved, someone who has unique and amazing talents and abilities, and someone who can make a difference with your life. Don’t forget that. Don’t forget who you are!

—Edd Sterchi



Did You Know This About 2 Kings?

The history of Israel is filled with kings who followed God, and kings who did evil in his sight. Between good King Hezekiah and good King Josiah, there was evil king Manasseh. During his time of evil leadership idolatry was rampant, and apparently the book of the law was lost. While Josiah was cleaning out and restoring the temple during his religious reforms, the Book of the Law was found by Hilkiah the priest. When the book was read before King Josiah, he tore his clothes and mourned because Israel had not been faithful to the Lord! Some people think it’s okay to ignore the word of God, having a “what I don’t know won’t hurt me” attitude, and counting on God’s mercy. Josiah knew they were in trouble, however, because they had not been obeying the Lord!

—Matt Clifton



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The Salutation of our Life

In 2 Corinthians 3:2-3, Paul tells the church of God at Corinth, “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.”





When we read through the New Testament Epistles—the letters that men inspired by God’s Holy Spirit sent to the church in the first century—we find those messages begin with a very uplifting greeting! If we read through the opening paragraph of Paul, Peter and John’s letters, we find them expressing grace, peace, and mercy to their brethren.

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 1:7).

“Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Galatians 1:3-5).

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:2-4).

“Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love” (2 John 3). Continues on Page 4...

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<div><p><i>“The Salutation of our Life” Continued from Page 3...</i> As I was reading through a devotional on God’s Daily Gifts from 2 John 3, it made me think about our lives as living epistles! What greeting do people get when they interact with me? Does my life exhibit a message that exalts the grace, peace and mercy that God has gifted to me? Have I allowed God by His Holy Spirit to display in me a proper reflection of God’s grace, peace, and mercy?</p><p>With great blessing comes great responsibility! Our lives are the first introduction to the gospel of Jesus Christ that most people encounter! May God help us to embrace and reflect the wonderful blessings we have in Christ! May that reflection help open the door for us to share the hope that is in us with those we meet each day! To God be the glory!</p><p>—John Helbig</p></div>	<div><div>Matthew 12:38-45</div><div><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. True or False: In this section, Jesus’ mother and sisters came while He was speaking to the multitudes.2. Jesus family members sought to __ with Him.3. “Look, Your __ and Your __ are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.”4. “And He stretched out His hand toward His __ and said, ‘Here are My mother and My __!’”5. Jesus said His true family are those who do the __ of His Father in heaven.</div><div>CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!</div></div>
<div><div></div><div><p><i>Don’t Forget Who You Are</i></p><p>In 2012, Steph Curry was in his third year of professional basketball. He was well on his way in establishing himself as a premier point guard. Then, his world came crashing down when he injured his foot. He missed the rest of the season, and his foot required surgery. This was his second surgery on his foot, and he was worried that this might be something that would diminish his career. After the surgery, by his own admission, he states that he was at one of the lowest points of his life. He was usually an optimist, but this had really gotten him down. He was doubting himself and his abilities.</p><p>Curry felt like he simply wouldn’t be able to bounce back from what he called his “lowest of the low” moments. That is until his wife, Ayesha, spoke a one-liner to him – five words that hit Steph hard and turned things around in his mindset. The five words she spoke to him where this: “Don’t forget who you are.” Steph took those words to heart and worked hard at his rehab. The next year he set the record for number of three point shots made in the NBA in a single season.</p><p><i>“Don’t Forget Who You Are” Continues on Page 5...</i></p></div></div>	<div><p><i>“Don’t Forget Who You Are” Continued on Page 4...</i> Since then, he has broken his own record twice, won four NBA championships, been the NBA scoring champion twice, and been the most valuable player of the league twice. He credits those words of encouragement from his wife as the spring board of his reaching new heights in his career.</p><p>Those are five of the greatest words we can say to ourselves to help keep us positive and productive – “Don’t forget who you are.” Those words remind us of the power and potential that lies within each of us. Remembering who we are brings to the forefront our abilities, possibilities, and responsibilities. Remembering who we are pushes us to do what needs to be done for God and for good.</p><p>The great apostle Paul started out as an enemy to Christianity. He was a devout Jew who was bent on destroying Christians and the church. But after his encounter with Jesus on the road Damascus, he “saw the light” and things changed. Once he became a Christian, he never forgot who he was. He was a follower of Christ. He was a devout proclaimer of the gospel. He never forgot that – and that pushed him on to the great successes that he had.</p><p><i>“Don’t Forget Who You Are” Continues on Page 6...</i></p></div>