



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.

Wes Johnson. Friend of Cookie Spencer. Cancer.

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.

Carolyn Roop. Recovering from a recent stroke.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Kitty Shumate. Upcoming back surgery.

Virginia "Cookie" Spencer. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Velvet Wyatt. Recovering from a broken arm.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

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or to have information updated,
please contact Matthew.
Names will be removed after four weeks if
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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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One Step at a Time

One of the most vivid images in the Bible is what we read of in Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." This presents a powerful picture, especially in the context of those who lived in biblical times.

In the times of the Psalmist, there were no powerful flashlights. The traveler carried a small oil lamp, whose flax wick gave off only a little light. There was enough to see by, but not enough to see very far down the path. There was basically just enough to take the next step or two without stumbling or falling.

What an appropriate reminder for us. The Word of God is a lamp to our path. It doesn't illuminate far into our personal future, but it does shine in our present. God's Word gives us the light to take our next step in life – and that's all we need to keep from stumbling.

If we fill our minds, hearts, and lives with God's Word, we will always have the light we need to know what we must do next.

—Edd Sterchi



Great!

The word “great” has been used a great deal. Many times it is used to refer to a singer or actor. During this time of year, a football team may be called “great” after winning the Super Bowl. The word itself means that something is superior to something else. The word “great,” however, truly describes all the things God has provided for us. Nothing tops the greatness of God.

His salvation is great. The writer of Hebrews spoke of this great salvation. He wrote: “How shall we escape so great a salvation” (Heb. 2:3)? God’s salvation is great because it was spoken by the Lord and confirmed by those who heard Him (Heb. 2:4). God bore witness with miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 2:4). These gifts help to confirm the message and how great it was (Mark 16:20).

His grace is great. When Christ came, the ultimate act of grace appeared to man (John.1:1:17). God’s grace appeared to all men when they saw and witnessed Christ (Tit. 2:11). Paul described God’s grace by indicating, “Much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of one man abounded to many” (Rom. 5:15). Paul then states, “Grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:21). When Christ came, grace came. How great is His grace!

His mercy is great. Moses said, “Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.” (Num. 14:19) God is more merciful than man. His mercy is greater than man’s mercy. The Psalmist declared “For great is Your mercy toward me” (Psa. 86:13).

His greatness can be ours. Paul wrote, “And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power” (Eph. 1:19). If a person does not have God, this power is not available to them. Do you know and have God’s greatness working in you?

—Bill Brandstatter



Church News



March Birthday!
29TH Jaydan Patrick

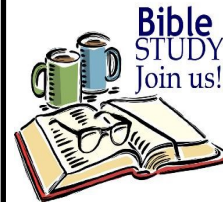


March Anniversary!
24TH Terry
& Ruby Mason



Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!

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



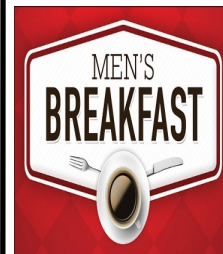
Thursday Mid-week Virtual Bible Class!

Virtual Class on Psalms, Thursdays around 12:30 p.m. on our Facebook Page.



5th Sunday Potluck

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



Men's Breakfast

Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat April 26th! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.



Pizza/Movie Nights!

Our Pizza & Movie Nights will return on May 3rd! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

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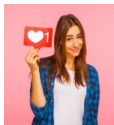




Solution

sower; wayside, wicked; stony; thorns, unfruitful; good, fruit



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<div></div> <div><h3>The Optimistic Frog</h3><p>Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl; One was an optimistic soul, But the other took the gloomy view: “We shall drown,” he cried, without more ado. So with a last despairing cry, He flung up his legs, and he said, “Goodbye.”</p><p>Quoth the other frog with a merry grin, “I can’t get out, but I won’t give in. I’ll just swim ’round till my strength is spent. Then will I die the more content.”</p><p>Bravely he swam till it would seem His struggles began to churn the cream; On the top of the butter at last he stopped, And out of the bowl he gaily hopped. What of the moral? ’Tis easily found: If you can’t hop out, keep swimming ’round.</p><p>—Lord Robert Stephen Smyth Baden-Powell</p><div></div></div>			<div></div> <div><h3>We, the Church</h3><p>‘Tis joy, O God, thy church to be, Blood purchased by thy love, Part of thy eternal purpose, It’s glory from above.</p><p>The holy bride of Christ the Lord, Made clean and sanctified. In holiness we live our lives, That He be glorified.</p><p>The body of the Son of God, His work, we e’er perform. We are His eyes, His hands, His feet, And to His will conform.</p><p>The church, Christ’s kingdom on the earth. We do its laws obey, Exalting Christ as King of kings, His power we convey.</p><p>In fellowship with kindred souls, Robed in His righteousness, We’ll one day rise to meet the Lord, Thy temple of eternalness.</p><p>—Selected</p><div></div></div>			<div></div> <div><h3>What Every Christian Needs</h3><p>“But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13).</p><p>In our confused, broken, and chaotic world, there are some fundamental things every person needs! Yes, they need each of these things. These things are not to be taken lightly or dismissed as trivial. They are basics of life.</p><p>We need faith. Without faith we cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith we cannot be saved (John 3:18; 8:24). Without trust in God, we are left to trust our feeble thoughts or the fickle opinions of the world. Opinions are guesses in the absence of evidence, while faith is built on God’s evidences in the world and in Scripture.</p><p>We need hope. Life without hope leaves us empty in our souls. The struggles, disappointments, and heartaches of life leave us longing for something better than what we now know and have. The Lord provides us a living hope in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 1:3-5). We have hope for forgiveness and hope for eternal life in heaven. Hope comes from trust in God’s promises. Since God keeps His promise, our hope is not in vain.</p><p>We need love. Love is the “<i>summum bonum</i>” of life, the highest good, the ultimate goal by which we determine our goals and morals. There is nothing higher than loving God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and loving our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40).</p><p>—Phil Sanders</p><div><div><p>For we walk by</p><p>2 Cor. 5:7</p><p>Faith</p><p>not by sight.</p></div><div><p>LOVE</p><p>ONE ANOTHER!</p></div></div></div>		



Just the Bible?

Have you ever thought, “Are there any churches that use just the Bible?”

We are trying.

When you visit us, you will not find a creed book. You will not find a set of written rules or traditions that must be obeyed. We have no earthly headquarters, no earthly president, and no board of directors. Our goal is to be guided by the Bible, and the Bible alone.

While God once communicated to man through lots of people in lots of different ways, God “has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:1-2). We will be set apart by the truth of God’s Word (John 17:17), and that truth will make us free (John 8:32).

We will be judged by the words of Jesus (John 12:48) and the words of the Bible writers He promised to inspire (John 14:26). Those writers were guided into all truth (John 16:13) and delivered the faith once and for all (Jude 1:3).

The Bible completely equips us (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and it contains “all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3). If the Bible is all we need (and it is), then why would we use anything else?

God does not want us to add to His verses nor to take away from them (Deuteronomy 4:2; Galatians 1:6–9), so we try to preach “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27).

“Are there any churches that use just the Bible?”

Come and see.

—Matt Wallin



Matthew 13:18-23



1. This section has as explanation of the parable of the __.
2. The __ seed is the one who hears the word, and does not understand it, and the __ one snatches it way.
3. The __ ground is the one who hears the word and receives it with joy, but stumbles under tribulation.
4. “Now he who received seed among the __ is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes __.”
5. The __ ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, and bears __ and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Nehemiah?

Nehemiah helped lead an effort to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

At the beginning of the book, he is living in Persia in the palace of King Artaxerxes, working as his cupbearer. When he heard a report about the wall of Jerusalem being broken down, he was determined to help.

Like Moses about 1,000 years earlier, Nehemiah left the comforts of a royal home to “get his hands dirty” serving God and His people.

A key verse in this book is Neh. 2:18: “And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me. So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to this good work.”

The work was completed in 52 days, because “the people had a mind to work” (Neh. 4:6).

—Matt Clifton