



**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.**  
**Our Country, Leaders & Military**

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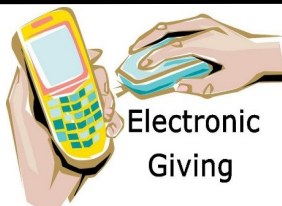
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#### Times We Meet:

**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.



### Evidence of His Handiwork: Bees Outsmart Scientists

Scientists have long recognized that bees are intelligent creatures. Many believe that this intelligence is the product of millions of years of natural selection. But the extremely fast learning ability of the bee puts in doubt the millions of years and instead shows the hand of the Creator.

Researchers at Princeton University decided to find out whether bees were smart enough to find their food source if it was moved. The researchers moved the prime food source fifty meters farther from the hive. It took the bees less than one minute to locate the moved food source. The men then moved the food source another fifty meters away. The bees still took less than a minute to find the food source.

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Two more moves, each a precise fifty meters, produced the same results.

However, the bees had also been studying the researchers. Before the researchers could move the food another fifty meters, they found the bees had discovered the pattern and were already waiting at the new location!

God is our Creator and has clearly left evidence of His handiwork—His fingerprints—in the creation itself. For those who have eyes to see, this fills us with wonder, and yes, with love for the Creator God who first loved us.



**The Best Investment**

There is an old saying I used to hear. It is: “a rooster one day and a feather duster the next.”

This is a Texas way of saying that you shouldn’t “crow like a rooster” (boast) about what you have, because it could all disappear tomorrow.

This reminds me of Proverbs 23:5 – “In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle” (NLT).

Wealth and possessions can be fleeting. You work hard and save but then unexpected expenses occur, and you find yourself broke and trying to figure out how you’re going to pay the water bill.

Jesus taught us about riches that never fail. These are the things we do for others and God. These are eternal riches (Luke 12:33-34). And we should understand that our Heavenly Father will provide what we need (Matthew 6:31-33).

So, let us not put our hope in our wealth but put our hope in God who provides for us (1 Timothy 6:17).

—Larry Fitzgerald



**April Birthdays!**

4TH JORDYN  
NEWTON

13TH LISA KENDRICK

24TH BARBARA  
OLIVER

**Pizza/Movie Nights!**

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

**Ladies' Bible Study**

**Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

[Ccocva.org/events](http://Ccocva.org/events)

**Bible Study**  
Join us!

**Thursday Mid-week Virtual Bible Class!**

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

**Bible Quiz**

**Solution**

good, enemy; tares; servants, field;  
False; burn, barn

**Potluck Luncheon**

**5th Sunday Potluck**

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

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**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.

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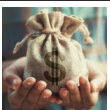
***“God is With You” Continued from Page 4...*** The future is always daunting and scary. What will it hold? But, every child of God should know that if God is with us, no trouble is too great, and no obstacle is insurmountable. Jesus said, “Lo, I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20). An old song says, “If Jesus goes with me, I’ll go anywhere.” Enter life boldly! He will be with you all the way!  
—*Darwin Hunter*



### ***The Right Road***

1. The right road is a way of purity and holiness (Isaiah 35:8).
2. The right road is protected. “The redeemed shall walk there” (Isaiah 35:8-9).
3. The right road carries you forward. It is a guide for your life (Isaiah 35:8).
4. The right road is a way of praise (Isaiah 35:10).

Which road are we on? If we find that we are on the wrong road in life, there is a way to return to the right road.



### ***How Much Does It Cost?***

The cost of consecrated living for Christ can be high.

- Abraham had to yield up his son (Genesis 22:1-19).
- Daniel was cast in the lions’ den (Daniel 6).
- Stephen was killed by stoning (Acts 7).
- Paul spent years in prison (Act 7).
- Jesus died on the cross (Hebrews 12:2).

How much does it cost me?

*“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:32).*



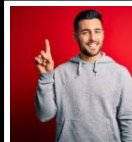
### ***In Times of Stress***

In Psalms 56, we read David’s words during a time of extreme stress. There came a time when the young warrior was captured by the Philistines in the area of Gath. You will recall that David defeated and killed the Philistines’ beloved warrior, Goliath, in battle (1 Samuel 17). Goliath’s hometown was Gath. You can imagine that this was a place where David was most hated. David gives us an idea of how dangerous this area was to him: It was there that David was being hunted down (Psalms 56:1-2); David’s enemies were spreading lies about him (Psalms 56:5); and they were constantly planning and scheming to destroy David (Psalms 56:6).

In the midst of all this stress and fear, David makes this amazing declaration of faith: “When I am afraid, I put my trust in You ...” and “... in God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me?” (Psalms 56:3,11).

David knew that by actively choosing to trust in God, one can overcome fear and find peace even amidst the most difficult circumstances. So, whenever you are feeling anxious or threatened, turn to prayer and trust in God’s protection.

—*Larry Fitzgerald*



### ***Jesus Christ is First!***

In 3 John 9-10 we read John writing, “I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.” Diotrephes had placed himself in the top position of the church and made unscriptural decisions on behalf of all. To reject the apostles (and their writings) was to reject Jesus Christ Himself (Luke 10:16).

Jesus Christ is the only One that has preeminence in the church and over everything (Col. 1:18).

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**“Jesus” Continued from Page 3...** We must turn to Him (and the writings that He inspired) as the final authority in all matters. This is crucial concerning the church, our lives, and salvation.

We would all do well to ask ourselves: “Is Jesus Christ first in everything in my life?” He already has the preeminence. Do we recognize that?  
—Edd Sterchi



### ***A Wise Father***

During the frontier days in the United States, the driver of a covered wagon stopped his horses on the street of a young town and called to a passing man, “Hey, any saloons in this place?”

“Sure, we have four!” the man replied boastfully.

“Giddap,” the driver shouted, urging his horses on.

“Stop,” called the man.

“I cannot stop here,” replied the stranger. “I have got four boys in this wagon.”

“Why?” again called the man. “What is your business?”

“My business is to raise these boys for God, and I cannot do that in a town with four saloons.” And he hurried his horses on, soon turning the bend in the road.



### ***God is With You***

Joshua was taking over the leadership of the people of God, and knew that Moses left some big shoes to fill. But God gave him the assurance he needed to lead the people into the promised land. He told him to “be strong ... do not be afraid...for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Josh. 1:9).

***“God is With You” Continues on Page 6...***



### ***Matthew 13:24-30***



1. “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed \_\_ seed in his field; but while men slept, his \_\_ came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.”
2. When the grain sprouted, the \_\_ also appeared.
3. “So the \_\_ of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your \_\_? How then does it have tares?’”
4. True or False: The servants asked the owner if he wanted them to go and re-plant the field.
5. “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to \_\_ them, but gather the wheat into my \_\_.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



### ***Did You Know This About Esther?***

God is not mentioned a single time in the book of Esther. This has led some people to claim the book should not be included in the Bible.

However, there are a few good reasons to know that God is deeply involved in the events of this book.

First, Mordecai told Esther that if she chose not to help save the Israelites, “relief and deliverance” would come to the Jewish people from another place (Esther 4:14). Mordecai knew God was working to return His people to Jerusalem, just as He had promised.

Second, Mordecai continues by appealing to God’s providential work when he said, “Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom or such a time as this?”

Finally, Esther told the people to fast for her for three days and nights. What would that accomplish, if the fast was not focused on prayer and requests for God’s intervention?

God is definitely working in the book of Esther!

—Matt Clifton