



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.

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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 Ironies of Calvary

Man of sorrows, Prince of Peace,
Son of Joy, Man of griefs,
Wounded healer, Rejected King,
Earth’s disdain, Salvation’s wing.

Friend of sinners, Friendless One,
Men charge sin to the Holy Son,
Innocent, yet judged with guilt,
Had no home, but mansions built.

The irony Christ was and gave,
Buried, yet o’ercame the grave,
The irony Christ makes in you,
Buried in Him, you’ll rise anew.

—Edd Sterchi



Get Your Mouth From Your Heart

Man can justify nearly anything as okay in the mind. The reality though is what Solomon said, “The thoughts of the righteous are just; the counsels of the wicked are deceitful” (Proverbs 12:5). Humans justify sin in their hearts when Satan is the adviser. That is why it is the job of the Christian to counter this deception with truth. The first step in countering this is knowing where the heart is. Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). Do we put our hope and faith in our bank accounts, houses, jobs, spouses, parents, cars, retirement plans, etc.? None of these things are inherently wicked, but when they become the focus of our heart, our treasure is in the wrong place.

It is hard for people to hide the true colors of the heart. Someone may say one thing, but the heart testifies against them. Solomon went on to say, “The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright delivers them. The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand (Proverbs 12:6-7). The mouth is a powerful tool that displays character. Jesus demonstrates this with the Pharisees many times. For example, “You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matt. 12:34).

The mouth speaks of the heart. The heart needs to be one of pointing others to Christ. Paul says this about the way you talk, “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:6). Get your mouth from your heart. —Casey McDonald



On The Lighter Side: A boy was taking care of his baby sister when his parents went to town shopping. He decided to go fishing so he took her with him. “I’ll never do that again!” he told his mother that evening. “I didn’t catch a thing!” “Oh, the next time I’m sure she’ll be quiet and not scare the fish away,” his mother said. The boy replied, “It wasn’t that. She ate all the bait!”



Church News



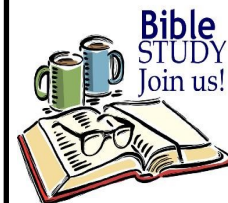
April Birthdays!

4TH JORDYN
NEWTON
13TH LISA KENDRICK
24TH BARBARA
OLIVER



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.



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:

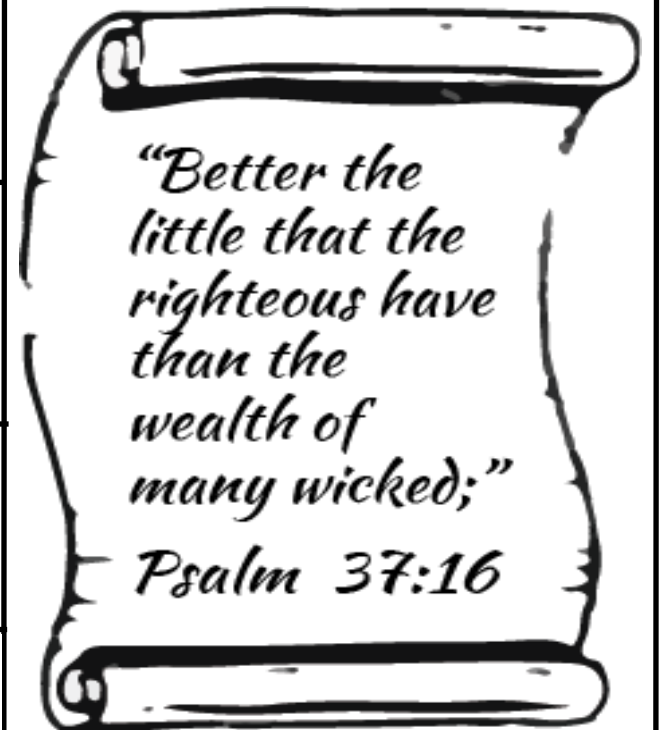


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True; parables, secret





Puncture-Proof Christian

You know, I like some of these new fangled inventions. The puncture-proof tire is the one I like especially well. If you're driving along with the ordinary tires, and a nail goes through them—whiss—you lose all the air. But a puncture-proof tire is different. If a nail goes through it, some stuff inside runs around and stops the hole and the air stays. You know, the heart of a Christian is like this puncture-proof tire. An ordinary heart may be filled with love, but when someone does something to puncture that heart all the love runs out and hatred and hard feelings take its place. But a puncture-proof heart is different. It is filled with the spirit of Christ and when someone, through his words or actions, punctures that heart, immediately the hole is stopped up tight and love stays in.

—Marshall Keeble



Where Are You?

In Eden, after man's fall, God asked Adam, "Where are you?" Adam said, "I was afraid...and I hid myself" (Gen. 3:9-10). Having sinned against his Creator, Adam hid among the trees. It is impossible to hide from God. Adam found that out, and so did Jonah. Many think they can hide out from God, and cover their sins. Many hide from elders and preachers, thinking this is a way to deal with wrongdoing. Hiding out doesn't change a thing. God knows.

Instead of hiding out, we need to come to God in repentance and enjoy His forgiveness through Christ. Then, instead of running from God, we can run to Him for every day's needs, and hide *in* Him, not hide *from* Him! "In time of trouble, He shall hide me" (Psalm 27:5).

—Darwin Hunter



"We are twice armed if we fight with faith." — Plato

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." — Thomas Aquinas



Get in the Wheelbarrow!

There was a tightrope walker, who did incredible aerial feats. All over Paris, he would do tightrope acts at tremendously scary heights. Then he had succeeding acts: he would do it blindfolded, then he would go across the tightrope, blindfolded, pushing a wheelbarrow. An American promoter read about this in the papers and wrote a letter to the tightrope walker, saying, "Tightrope, I don't believe you can do it, but I'm willing to make you an offer. For a very substantial sum of money, besides all your transportation fees, I would like to challenge you to do your act over Niagara Falls." Now, Tightrope wrote back, "Sir, although I've never been to America and seen the Falls, I'd love to come."

Well, after a lot of promotion and setting the whole thing up, many people came to see the event. Tightrope was to start on the Canadian side and come to the American side. Drums roll, and he comes across the rope which is suspended over the treacherous part of the falls--blindfolded!! And he makes it across easily. The crowds go wild, and he comes to the promoter and says, "Well, Mr. Promoter, now do you believe I can do it?" "Well of course I do. I mean, I just saw you do it." "No," said Tightrope, "do you really believe I can do it?" "Well of course I do, you just did it." "No, no, no," said Tightrope, "do you believe I can do it?" "Yes," said Mr. Promoter, "I believe you can do it." "Good," said Tightrope, "then you get in the wheel barrow."

The word believe in Greek means "to live by." This is a nice story, makes you ask, how often do we say that we believe Christ can do it, but refuse to get in the wheelbarrow? Faith is an action word. It has been defined as "belief with legs." Faith is an obedient faith, getting in the wheelbarrow and letting God lead you and guide you through life.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

—via Opp church of Christ, Opp, AL



Good Sense vs. Lacking Sense

With a name like “common sense,” one would think that everybody has it. That does not seem to be the case though. Someone with common sense would surely think they need to tie down trash bags in the back of their truck filled with junk if they are going to exceed 50 mile per hour so some do not fly out the back. I would not say this person did not have common sense, but they were certainly lacking in sense by choosing to neglect the necessary and seemingly obvious solution to a sure problem. This also might be the result of laziness, which is another symptom of one lacking in sense. The wise man wrote this, “A man is commended according to his good sense, but one of twisted mind is despised” (Proverbs 12:8).

Someone with good sense also has self-awareness and is humble. It is senseless to act like someone you are not. Texans might describe this kind of person as having a big hat with no cattle. Sure, driving that expensive car, living in that mansion, and eating at luxury restaurants every night might look fun, but if you are just putting on a show to impress people you do not know and trick people you do not even like, then that is lacking in sense. Solomon, who was the wealthiest man known, went on to write, “Better to be lowly and have a servant than to play the great man and lack bread” (12:9). It is sickening the amount of debt people will rack up just to have luxuries in life when they do not have the money to justify such expenses.

In this set of proverbs, Solomon connects good sense with righteousness. He wrote, “Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel” (12:10). It is interesting in a time where animal rights as we know them today were seemingly non-existent, Solomon compares one’s character with how he treats not just humans, but animals. He finalizes this proverb with the adverse of its beginning, “Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense” (12:11). If you have good sense, get out and use it. If you don’t, you will be considered lacking in it.

—Borrowed



Matthew 13:31-35



1. Which kind of seed does Jesus call the “least of all the seeds?”
2. “...but when it is grown it is _ than the herbs and becomes a _, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”
3. “The kingdom of heaven is like _, which a woman took and hid in three measures of _ till it was all leavened.”
4. True or False: Verse 34 says Jesus only spoke to the multitude in parables.
5. “I will open My mouth in _; I will utter things kept _ from the foundation of the world.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Job?

The book of Job gives an account of events that happened to a man named Job, and deals with the questions such as why the righteous suffer, and the sovereignty of God over His creation.

Due to some of the things mentioned in the book, the action likely takes place in the patriarchal age, probably around the time of Abraham! That means Job probably lived around the time of Genesis 11 and 12.

Evidence for this includes the fact that Job was acting as priest for his family, and offered sacrifices on their behalf. Other customs practiced in Job were common to the pre-Law of Moses era.

There is no reference to Israel, the tabernacle, or the Law of Moses, likely making this perhaps the oldest book of the Bible!

—Matt Clifton



On The Lighter Side: It was the day of the big sale. A long line had formed by opening time. A man pushed his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back amid shouts. On the man’s second attempt, he was knocked around and then thrown to the end of the line again. As he got ready for a third try, he said to the person at the end of the line. “That does it! If they hit me one more time, I won’t open the store!”