



**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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## 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 Your love Light Shine*

One of the most famous light houses in America is Minot's Ledge Light House off shore from Scituate, Massachusetts. It is not known for its age or beauty. Though it has a rich, interesting history, it is perhaps best known for its light flashing, in nautical code, "1-4-3." The flashing lantern was installed in 1894 by the Coast Guard, a simple flashing sequence. But, to so many, it quickly came to mean much more.

The wife of light-keeper Winfield Scott Thompson told her small children that Thompson was telling them how much he loved them every night with this "I love you" flash. Many sailors, long at sea, have taken comfort by Minot's Ledge flashing signal. Several years ago, the Coast Guard decided to replace the old equipment. They informed the residents that the new equipment would not be able to flash "143" and the outcry was such that the Coast Guard eventually gave in to it.

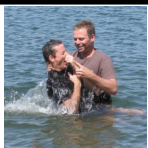
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**“Love Light” Continued from Front Page...** The old equipment remained, flashing its message of love to all who came within its reach and influence (info via Boston.com).

Minot’s Ledge Light House is known as the “lover’s light.” What a wonderful reputation! You and I are flashing signals, too. The signals are perhaps at times neutral, but in the overall they are either loving or unloving. Our actions, our words, and our attitudes convey a message about us. They may repel or attract. It depends on what signals we are sending.

Jesus tells us that His church should be shining a loving light (John 13:34-35). We should be renowned as a loving people. Husbands (Ephesians 5:25) and wives (Titus 2:5) are told to let their love lights shine toward each other. Parents are to love their children in a way that is plainly evident (Titus 2:5; 1 Timothy 2:15).

What signal are you emitting? If you are Christ’s, it will be loving. Let your love light shine and it will bless all who come within your reach and influence.  
—Neal Pollard




### I Should Add

Did you know that William Shakespeare wrote the hymn, “I’ve found a friend in Jesus, He’s everything to me?” I should add that his full name was William Shakespeare Hayes, a journalist and songwriter who was born in 1837 in Louisville, Kentucky. So I told you the truth, but left out an important point.

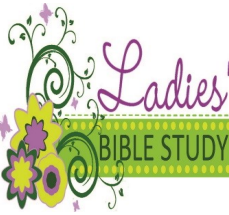
Many religious groups do that as they teach from the Bible. They concentrate mainly on believing in Jesus and confessing His name, but repentance is hardly mentioned and baptism is rejected as being unnecessary.

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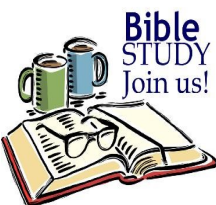




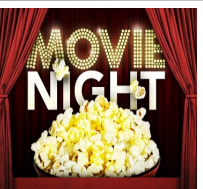
**April Birthdays!**  
4TH JORDYN  
NEWTON  
13TH LISA KENDRICK  
24TH BARBARA  
OLIVER



**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.



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



**Men's Breakfast!**  
Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat May 24th! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.





**Potter Children's Home Commodities Drive!**  
It is once again time to help stock the pantry at Potter Children's Home for the summer. Please bring in the following by Sunday, June 8: Honey Nut Cheerios, Cheez-Its, Chicken Ramen, Brown Rice and Grape Juice. Also, if you would like to donate funds to help buy perishable items, please place your donation in the offering box and mark it for Potter. All items and funds must be in by June 8th as Potter will be picking up that week.

**Upcoming Events:**



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| <div></div> <div><h3>A Think Story</h3><p>A little boy once asked his dad what a “Christian” was. The dad replied that a Christian is a person who loves and obeys God. He loves his friends and neighbors and expresses his appreciation for other Christians. He even loves his enemies and prays for them that they might be blessed. He prays often and blesses God’s holy name in reverent worship. He is kind, considerate, gentle, courteous in his speech and in his selfless attitude. He lives a life that is pure and holy and is a Christian through and through.</p><p>The little boy thought for a moment and then asked another question.</p><p>“Daddy, have I ever seen one?”</p></div>   | <div><h3>“I Should Add” Continued from Page 2...</h3><p>Here’s a few things that need to be included:</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Baptism is mentioned over 90 times in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit does not waste His breath.</li><li>2. Jesus and the apostles commanded it. (Mark 16:15-16).</li><li>3. Peter wrote that it saves us. (1 Pet 3:21)</li><li>4. Baptism is the only part of the salvation process that places you in/into the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12; 13; Gal 3:27; Rom 6:1-6) Show me where confession does that or faith or repentance.</li></ol><p>We are saved by grace through faith, but many teachers belittle, minimize, and neglect the importance of baptism. By the way, that is when you are united with Christ in His death—the only time (Rom 6:5).</p><p>—Rick Laing</p></div> |
| <div></div> <div><h3>Just Right!</h3><p>Some people will attend church if everything is just right. The weather is a controlling factor in church attendance. Many times the temperature is too hot or too cold. Occasionally there will be a Sunday that happens to be just right. Those people will attend, unless something else is wrong. Their physical body’s health also controls them. So if the weather and their health is just right, they will be at church.</p><p>There are also other controlling factors that can mess up “just right.” As an example, if they have company, they may stay home. If their animal is sick, they may stay home. For those who want everything just right, there are many controlling factors. Fortunately, there are some who must not have everything just right. They will attend services when sick, in hot weather or cold, and even when they must leave their company at home.</p><p>Everyone has an influence on other people. Some influence people for God. Some influence people for “just right.” God has given us a choice. He has also given us a command. The command is not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. The choice is to obey God or “just right.”</p><p>—Vernon Curry</p></div> | <div></div> <div><h3>Righteous</h3><p>Are you righteous? The word “righteous” (<i>dikaios</i>) appears 79 times in the New Testament. I offer this composite from a study of the original word: (a) a righteous person is one who fulfills his duty toward God and men, (b) a righteous person is one who observes divine and human laws, (c) a righteous person is one who acts in accordance with right, and (d) a righteous person is one who is such as he or she ought to be in character and behavior.</p><p>This word (<i>dikaios</i>) appears six times in the book of 1 John. A study of these passages is most insightful.</p><p>“Righteous” Continues on Page 4...</p></div>  |

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| <p><b>“Righteous” Continued from Page 3... The first passage acknowledges that the Lord is righteous.</b> John wrote, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1:9). Here the word translated “just” is the Greek word for “righteous” (<i>dikaiois</i>). Here we learn how we are forgiven and cleansed of our unrighteousness so that we can be righteous.</p> <p><b>The second passage again acknowledges that the Lord is righteous.</b> John wrote, “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (2:1). Jesus Christ is referred to as “the righteous.” His people do not want to sin. When righteous people do sin, they seek forgiveness. How wonderful that Jesus Christ the righteous is our Advocate! It is through Him and only through Him that we are righteous.</p> <p><b>The third passage combines the ideas of Jesus’ righteousness and our righteousness.</b> John wrote. “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him” (3:1). Powerful points! We know that He is righteous, and we know that a righteous person, one born of Him, “practices righteousness.”</p> <p><b>The fourth passage is the most succinct of all:</b> “Little children. Let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous” (3:7). One is not righteous unless he or she “practices,” “practices,” “practices” righteousness. Don’t be deceived!</p> <p><b>The final passage in 1 John where the word “righteous” is found in 3:12.</b> Here John contrasts the wickedness of Cain with the righteousness of Abel. Cain was wicked because “his works were evil.” In contrast “his brother’s (works were) righteous.” Put these thoughts together! A righteous person is one who is “born of Him” (2:29), who has Jesus as his or her Advocate (2:1), who is forgiven and cleansed (1:9), who practices righteousness (3:7) and whose works are righteous (3:12). John would later write, “he who is righteous, let him be righteous still (Revelation 22:11).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—Dwight Fuqua</p> |                         |          | <div>  <h3>Walking with God</h3> <p>Very few people would be able to recall who Enoch was and what he did. This seventh generation descendant of Adam was one of only two whom God “took.” He did not feel death as humans usually do. Genesis 5:25, “Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.” He was the father of Methuselah and great-grandfather of Noah. Enoch’s favor with God was not an exceptionally long life. His father lived 962 years and his son, Methuselah, lived 969 years. Enoch only lived 365 years before God took him. So what did this walk with God include? In Jude 1:14-15, it is revealed that he was a prophet. He told of the time Christ would return. In Hebrews 11:5-6, we find that “he pleased God” and “by faith he was taken up so he would not see death.”</p> <p>Other men are noted for being close to God. Genesis 17:1, “Abraham walked before God.” Deuteronomy 13:4, Israel walked <i>after</i> God. Colossians 2:6, Paul walked <i>in</i> God. Enoch walked <i>with</i> God. God loved His creation. Adam and Eve actually heard God walking in the garden in the cool of the evening.</p> <p>What does Enoch’s life mean to the Christian? He was a baby and a child who grew up and lived through his teen years. He loved, married, and became a father. He overcame the bumps and pains of life and pleased God. Christians must imitate these actions. We cannot actually walk with God, but we can pray to Him often and meditate on the word that tells us about God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—Carrol Duncan</p> </div> <div>  <h3>On The Lighter Side:</h3> <p>Vengeance is mine,” thus sayeth the Little Guy. Three burly fellows on huge motorcycles pulled up to a highway cafe where a truck driver, just a little guy, was perched on a stool quietly eating his lunch. As the three fellows came in, they spotted him, grabbed his food away from him and laughed in his face. The truck driver said nothing. He got up, paid for his food and walked out. One of the three cyclists, unhappy that they hadn’t succeeded in provoking the little guy into a fight, commented to the waitress, “Boy, he sure wasn’t much of a man, was he?” The waitress replied, “Well, I guess not.” Then, looking out the window, she added, “I guess he’s not much of a truck driver, either. He just ran over three motorcycles.”</p>  </div> |                         |          |