



Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Jonathan Beavers. Upcoming surgery.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Brooklyn Carronna. Grand niece to Kitty & Rita. Autoimmune disorder.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Jesse Dalton & Family. Coworker of Kevin Wyatt. His father is hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the head.

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.

Barbara Oliver. Critical condition in Sovah Danville. Heart attack & high blood sugar.

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.

Janice Stockman. Mother of James Patrick's coworker. Hospitalized following car accident. Surgery for broken hip. Also suffered broken ribs & some cuts.

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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When You're Feeling the Pressure

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). The comprehensiveness of this passage is mind-blowing. It's also amazing how the same passage of Scripture can lift us up AND humble us, can strengthen us AND spank us (discipline us) at the same time. Most deal with pressure in our lives; maybe it's even a constant. However, there are times when, like Paul, "We were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself" (2 Corinthians 1:8). For someone with the faith and fortitude of Paul to say such a thing is a reminder that even the strongest of Christians sometimes feel the pressure and strain of living for Jesus and cry out. While bearing the weight and agony of our sin, even the Lord cried "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). Yet He was forsaken for a while so that you and I would never be. We never face the pressure, strain and difficulty of life alone. God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). We should respond to this glorious truth as the writer of Hebrews, "So we can confidently say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6).

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“Pressure” Continued from Front Page... It seems Satan has done his job awfully well. The Devil has made it his priority to hinder Christians through the use of worry, pressure, strain and stress. He seeks to wear out our patience, take away our joy, disturb our peace, mute our praise of God, undermine our walk with the Lord and silence our sharing of the good news. The Devil’s device (2 Cor. 2:11) is to get us to look away from Jesus and to start looking at circumstances. We know we shouldn’t; it doesn’t really help, but too often we still do. As a result, we FEEL the burden and pressure even more.

Over and above the circumstances—difficult and pressure—packed they may be, is 2 Corinthians 9:8. There is the all-important reminder, “God is able.” What a beautiful, wonderful history He has in showing us that He is able! Then the verse intentionally tells us how able He is. “All grace” is able to “abound to you.” There’s incredible grace that’s available to every child of God. “All sufficiency in all things at all times.” God’s sufficiency is ever available; there’s grace for every place, circumstance and time. No exceptions, no exclusions. Note also how the verse says, “You may abound in every, (all) good work” The verse begins by saying, “God is able to make all grace abound to you” and concludes with, “so you may abound in every good work.” It is the rich and abundant grace of God that motivates and strengthens us to abound in the work of our Lord. It keeps us going when the circumstances, pressures and difficulties of life might otherwise overwhelm us. When you feel overwhelmed, focus on God’s grace. When the load seems too heavy, cling to God’s promises. When you’re really feeling the heat and pressure, keep in mind that God controls the thermostat. “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:6-7).


—Mike Vestal




The Power Of Can’t

Words have meanings, and words have power. The Old Testament writer tells us that, “the power of life and death are in the tongue.” Think about the power of that little statement, “I can’t.” **“Can’t” Continues on Page 3...**






May Birthdays!
6TH LORI PALMER
11TH SIMON BEAVERS
22ND ANNIE BEAVERS
23RD LIZ THOMPSON
23RD JAMES PATRICK



May Anniversary!
1ST JAMES &
DONNA PATRICK



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.



Pizza/Movie Nights!
Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on June 7th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.





**Potter Children's Home
Commodities Drive!**
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!

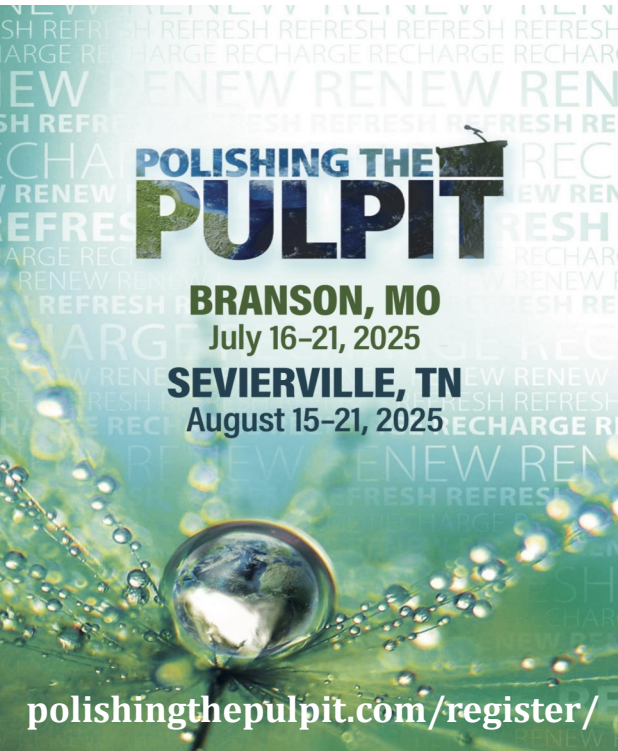
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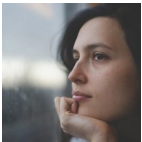
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“The Light” Continued from Page 4... The opportunity is ours and as the verse says, no one who believes in Jesus should stay in darkness. Opportunity and responsibility are closely connected. Belief in Jesus is listening and doing what He expects of us. Wasting the opportunity is tragic.

—Charles Willis



A Proverb to Ponder

Now, not all our attenders are members, and not all our members are attenders, but if all our attenders were members, and all our members were attenders...

THEN...we’d have more trouble menders, more gospel defenders and more true soul winners!

BUT...we’d have fewer people offenders, fewer spiritual hinderers and fewer religious pretenders!

SO...let us all render a more tender surrender to the Commander of a love full of splendor! As we meander on this earth full of sinners, let us engender a life with the Lord at the center.

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us. and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1).

—Neal Pollard



“Can’t” Continued from Page 2... It cripples and destroys opportunities. It robs us of growth and kills initiative. Once we convince ourselves that we cannot do something, then be assured we will not be able to do it. That little statement keeps us from knowing what we truly can and cannot do. What might be done is killed before it is even attempted.

I cannot teach a Bible Class, I cannot lead a prayer, cannot teach others what they must do to be saved, and the list goes on and on of the things that cannot be done. It would be wonderful to hear, “I will try.” Then after the effort has been extended I could better determine what I can or cannot do.

Some people have more faith in their doubts than they have in their Lord. Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ.” When I was young I didn’t believe I could deliver a lesson in front of a class. I had a teacher that convinced me that I could, and now I cannot hardly shut-up. Until you try, you just don’t know if you can.

—Floyd C. Johnson








History Channel’s ‘What’s the Earth Worth?’

The History Channel aired a special episode about the value of our planet. They examined aspects such as diamonds, gold, lumber, water, and nearly everything on earth and came up with a price tag. From their calculation, our earth is worth \$6,873,951,620,979,800, or to put it in words, nearly seven quadrillion dollars.

It is very hard to comprehend just how much money this is. Millionaires and billionaires are incredibly wealthy, but their wealth is pocket change compared to the value of the earth. When we think about what the earth is worth, it really makes the words of Matthew 16:26 come to life, “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

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<div><div><div>“Earth’s Worth” Continued from Page 3... In other words, it would be futile for a person to give up his soul, even if he gained all seven quadrillion dollars of the earth’s value.</div><div>This should serve as a reminder to examine where our focus is in this life. There is little value in gaining wealth and prominence. The most worthwhile way to use our time and effort is on the spiritual and eternal. Let’s close with the familiar words of Jesus in Matthew 6:19-21, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”<div>—Brett Petrillo</div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div><div>Matthew 13:44-52</div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>1. The kingdom of heaven is like __ hidden in a field.</div><div>2. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful __, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and __ all that he had and bought it.”</div><div>3. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a __ that was cast into the sea and __ some of every kind...”</div><div>4. True or False: At the end of the age, the angels will come forth and the wicked will get a second chance.</div><div>5. “Therefore every __ instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a __ who brings out of his treasure <i>things</i> new and old.”</div></div><div><div>CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!</div></div></div></div></div></div>
<div><div><div></div><div><div>The Light</div><div><div>“Then Jesus cried out, when a man believes in Me, he does not believe in Me only, but in the one who sent Me. When he looks at Me, he sees the one who sent Me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness” (John 12:44-46).</div><div><div>Most of the world believes in a superior being, a God. This desire to worship and proclaim their belief in deity manifests itself in many different ways and creeds. Man, more often than not has made the rules as how to serve their God. Jesus spoke on behalf of the one true God. His coming was promised for many centuries before He appeared on earth. He set aside men as apostles to proclaim and record His teachings for all generations that have followed.</div><div><div>Providence has given us the means and methods to share that light with the whole world. We need to ask ourselves if we have taken advantage of the light and have acquainted ourselves with the full scope of knowledge that has been made so accessible to us. We have no excuse for not knowing the nature of God and what He expects of us today.</div><div><div>“The Light” Continues on Page 6...</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div>FAST</div><div>BIBLE</div><div>FACTS</div></div><div><div>with</div><div>MATT</div><div>HUDSON</div></div></div><div><div>Did You Know This About Proverbs?</div><div><div>The book of Proverbs contains instructions for how to relate to God, neighbors, parents, children, and even the government. The principle author is Solomon, although Agur and Lemuel both wrote a chapter.</div><div><div>First Kings 4:32 says that Solomon wrote 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. But only 800 of the proverbs are recorded in the book of Proverbs.</div><div><div>The key subject of Proverbs is “wisdom,” which can be defined as “sound actions and decision-making with regard to the application of experience, knowledge, and good judgment.”</div><div><div>In other words, Solomon’s 800 proverbs will help us live skillfully before God and man.</div><div><div>—Matt Clifton</div></div></div></div></div><div><div><div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>