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Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. 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.** His father is hospitalized.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

**Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health concerns.

Patty Isom. Jack's sister. Recent surgery.

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.

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Phone: (276) 647-8454 Fax: (276) 794-4940 Message Alert: Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Mark Rea. Hester's nephew. Blood clots.

**Carolyn Roop.** Health concerns.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Virginia "Cookie" Spencer. Health concerns.

Janice Stockman. Car accident.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

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# Find True Power

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People often look in the wrong place to find real power.

Sometimes, folks look for power in the teachings of human beings. We humans are sometimes amazing. But, when it comes to true power we suddenly find ourselves unable to do very much.

The teachings of Confucius are great, but are not divinely inspired and cannot provide salvation. The writings of John Locke influenced the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the creation of the new government of the United States, but Locke believed we can only know those things we experience through our senses.

Soren Kierkegaard, the great Danish philosopher, was a great writer and thinker, but Kierkegaard believed man must take a leap of faith into the unknown. The Bible teaches faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. There is no "leap."

Politicians like to demonstrate their power in elective "Find True Power" Continues on Page 2...



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# Times We Meet: Sunday:

**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. **Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

### Thursday: Virtual Psalms Class:

12:30 p.m. on Facebook.



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When humans seek true power to change their lives and prepare themselves for heaven, there is only one source. The Bible has the powerful word of God which is able to "which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

When desiring the knowledge of salvation, that power is available only through the word of God (Romans 1:16). Sure, there are people who appear on television and ask us to believe their wondrous "works." It seems these men can do almost anything, but they alone do not have the power to save souls. That power rests supremely with the word of God. James wrote, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls," (James 1:21).

It is the word of God that can save us, and nothing man can offer. Belief and obedience to the word of God has always been necessary for men to be saved.

—John Henson

# Can You Hear Him Calling Your Name?

While I was in school at Harding, I worked on the campus to help pay my expenses. I occasionally worked with a young man from Germany named Edgar Knobel. The name should give a clue to his nationality. Edgar and I had some unique situations in our conversations. He had his German accent and I had my rich southern accent. You can imagine how many times the statements, "I beg your pardon" and "could you repeat that?" occurred in our conversations.

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# **Iune Birthdays!**

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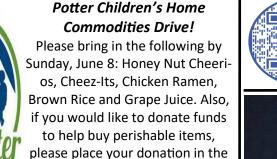
#### <u> June Anniversary!</u>

21ST PAUL & SHERRY LIRETTE



#### Pizza/Movie Nights!

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





## Men's Breakfast!

offering box and mark it for Potter. All items and funds must

be in by June 8th!

Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat, June 27th! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.









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"Involvement" Continues from Page 5... Christians are to be active and involved creatures. As stated above, we have been "created in Christ Jesus for good works." We were not created to be spectators or by-standers in the Lord's vineyard. Our Lord "went about going good" (Acts 10:38), and so should we. Be involved.

As the song goes, "To the work! To the work! We are servants of God, let us follow the path that our Master has trod; with the balm of His counsel our strength to renew, let us do with our might what our hands find to do...To the work! To the work! There is labor for all..."

What can you do? What will you do? What should you be doing for the Lord? Christianity is about serving. Christ was a servant (Mt. 20:28; Phil. 2:7).

So, how can we serve and involve ourselves in the Lord's kingdom? Teach a Bible class; provide food for the monthly youth meal; study with the lost; encourage others through cards, phone calls, or visits; volunteer at the food pantry; prepare communion trays for worship; meet guests in our worship assemblies and make them feel welcome; give generously, purposefully, and cheerfully to the Lord's work.

There is much to do! Use your talents; be an involved servant; make a difference in the kingdom.

—James Cudd



"Can You Hear" Continued from Page 2... When Edgar was very young, he and his family were captured by the Nazis and put in concentration camps. The living conditions must have been atrocious, to say the least. The barracks were old and over-crowded, cold in the winter and filthy in general. With new prisoners being brought in regularly, they had to eliminate some of the people in the barracks. Edgar said they would come to the barracks and call out names to be taken out and shot. They were lined up against a building and shot to death in plain view of the prisoners. In fact, they were STRONGLY encouraged to watch.

There was an old man in the barracks with Edgar and he told him one day that if they came in and called Edgar's name before they called his name he was going to take Edgar's place. His reasoning was that he was old and didn't have many years to live even if they were fortunate enough to get out and Edgar was young and had his whole life to live. At first, he thought how fortunate he would be, but then with some serious thinking, he told the old gentleman that he couldn't let him do it. Sure enough, they came to the barracks and called Edgar's name for the firing squad. The old man said, "Here," and passed by Edgar with a smile on his face. Edgar was speechless over the ordeal. He was fortunate enough to still be living when the allies came and delivered them from encampment.

Edgar told me this story following our conversation about Jesus taking our place to save us from the wrath of God because of our sin. He said that each Lord's Day when he took the emblems to remember that Jesus had in essence called out his name and suffered death in his place, he recalled the old man who died for him in the prison camp. If only we could be so touched each Lord's Day by vividly recalling Jesus' death for us, calling out our name to the Father and taking all our sins to the cross, how much more sincere our participation would be.

Can you hear Him calling your name?

—William C. Pulley

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William Holman Hunt was an English painter from the late 19th century. He was a very religious man and spent much of his talent for painting directed toward religious subjects. In 1854, he completed another religious work. The painting was titled "Light of the World." The title for the painting comes from the statement Jesus made in John 8:14. However, it is the scene of Revelation 3:20 that inspired the painting. It was a painting of Jesus knocking at a door and waiting to go inside.

As the story goes, he completed this particular painting and then invited a close friend to be the first to view the work. The friend, a fellow artist, looked closely at the painting for several minutes. After Hunt couldn't stand it any longer, he asked, "Well, what do you think?" The friend responded, "It's certainly beautiful, but I think you've forgotten something." "Forgotten something?" Hunt responded, "Forgotten what?" "Well," his friend continued, "I see the man at the door who is obviously calling on this particular person, however, there is no latch or knob on the door. He couldn't open the door even if he wanted to."

Hunt told his friend that he had missed the whole point of the painting. He went on to explain that the man was Jesus and that the door was the door to each individual's heart. He explained that the latch was on the inside, and that unless the one on the inside opens the door then Jesus could never come in.

Jesus knocks on the door and invites us to allow Him into our lives in an intimate sense. He wants to be part of every aspect of our lives. He wants fellowship and communion with us. He doesn't want to stop by for a short visit for a couple of hours a week, but He wants to come in and constantly reside with us (Rom. 8:10; 2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:27).

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I remember when I was a kid, there was a particular boy in my neighborhood that nobody really wanted to play with. He would come and knock on my door from time to time, and I'd just open it a little, just enough to poke my head out, really. The boy, who was short of friends because of his awkwardness, would always ask, "Can I come in?" I had two choices; I could either make up some sort of excuse, or I could let him in. I'm embarrassed to tell you what I did most often. I'm more embarrassed to tell you that sometimes I treat Jesus' call at my door like that nerdy kid who wanted to come in and play. I make some sort of excuse to neglect time with the Lord in Bible study, prayer, or service. I essentially poke my head out from behind the door and say, "No, you can't come in right now, Jesus, but I'll see you Sunday."

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:20).

—Joe Williams

# Involvement

The Lord's church consists of saved sinners who have entered into Christ through gospel obedience (Eph. 5:23; 2 Tim. 2:10; Mk. 16:15-16; 2 Thess. 1:8).

Anyone who has entered into Christ is a "new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). Christians are God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

One of the benefits of coming together on the first day of the week to worship God is that we "stir one another to love and good works" (Heb. 10:24).

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