



Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Wes Johnson. Cancer.

Steven Kelly. Cancer.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Health concerns.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Leaders & Military

*To have someone added to the prayer list
or to have information updated,
please contact Matthew.
Names will be removed after four weeks if
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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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Just a Nickel

Candy manufacturer Clarence Crane wanted a “summer candy” that could withstand heat better than chocolate. So, he came up with what was called the “Life Saver” due to its shape resembling that of a traditional ring-style life preserver.

But he did not have much luck selling it. So he sold the rights to Edward John Noble for \$2,900. Noble tweaked the packaging but what really made the candy take off was his marketing approach. Noble would install Life Savers displays next to the cash registers. He'd encouraged the owners to always give customers a nickel in their change. With the slogan “Still only 5 cents” staring at them there and a nickel in their hand customers couldn't resist.

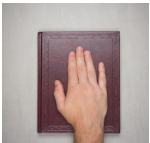
It's hard to resist the easy.

That is what Satan does. He makes sin easy. It's just “fill in the blank”. It is only a little lie. It is just a bit of immorality. It won't be but a second. And many can't resist.

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“Just a Nickel” Continued from Front Page... That is why we need to make it easy to do right. Set ourselves up to do the things we want to do. If I want to read my Bible every day, set it in a place where I’ll be and see it. If I want to not miss church, I need to clear away anything else in my schedule before it can draw me away.

Paul wrote to the Romans in chapter 16:19 “...I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.” Let us remember that with Satan it is never only that and with us, we are being smart in making sure we are doing what is good.
—Barry Haynes



The Beggar’s Plea

In our country, there are varied views when it comes to beggars. Some people are sympathetic, desiring to help the beggar in some way and would like to attempt to alleviate their suffering. Others view the beggar with contempt and cynicism, believing that they are lazy scam artists. It is now commonplace to see beggars and panhandlers at local, busy intersections in town. But beggars on street corners with cardboard signs are not the only kind of beggars.

Another type of beggar is the begging preacher. Instead of begging and taking from others, the begging preacher pleads that others will take and receive the gifts of God. The Apostle Paul, as well as the other writers of the New Testament were begging preachers. Many times, they wrote begging and pleading to the Christians to be obedient to the Lord and live a life worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Phil 1:27) Modern day preachers are begging preachers. Note the following:


- We Beg You to Listen to the Gospel Message (Acts 26:3)
- We Beg You to Repent or Spiritually Perish (Acts 8:22)

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June Birthdays!
20TH KAREN LOVELL
21ST PETE LOVELL



June Anniversary!
21ST PAUL &
SHERRY LIRETTE



5th Sunday Potluck!
Our Next 5th Sunday Potluck will be on Sunday, June 29th following worship!
Please bring your favorite dishes, desserts and soft drinks to share.



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!



Pizza/Movie Night!
****Date Change!****
Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on June 14th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.



Men’s Breakfast!
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.




Upcoming Events:
Ccocva.org/events







New Notification System!
We have updated our calling system to a new company. It will be starting in 2 weeks. If you need to update your telephone number and email address please get it to Matthew by next Sunday, June 8th! Matthew will give us an update just before it goes live.



Electronic Giving





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<p><i>“Successful Church?” Continued from Page 5...</i> Apparently, God doesn’t see as we see (<u>Isaiah 55:8-9</u>), and he doesn’t measure success in the same way that we measure success. While there is nothing wrong with numbers, programs, big budgets, and large facilities, a church can be successful in the eyes of God without possessing a single one of these qualities.</p> <p>What, then, is the measure of a successful church?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christians who humbly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives daily.• Christians who love the truth supremely, who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God’s revelation.• Christians who are committed to moral living and are more concerned with godliness than fitting in with society.• Christians who love peace more than they do a fight and who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss.• Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and reaffirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled. <p>Now, these characteristics would make a successful church! And note: It’s not about size, big budgets, programs, or facilities. Rather, it’s about inward transformation and spirituality. And here’s the best news of all: we don’t have to have large numbers, multimillion-dollar budgets, or state-of-the-art facilities. The qualities that bring success and constitute greatness in God’s eyes are qualities that are within our reach.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>—Steve Higginbotham</i></p>			<p><i>“The Beggar’s Plea” Continued from Page 2...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We Beg You to be Baptized, Washing Away Your Sins (Acts 22:16)• We Beg You to Study the Scriptures Daily (Acts 17:11)• We Beg You to Abstain from Fleshly Desires (1 Peter 2:11)• We Beg You to Attend Every Meeting of the Church (Heb. 10:25)• We Beg You to Have a Benevolent and Giving Heart (Luke 3:11)• We Beg You to Love One Another (2 John 5)• We Beg You Not to Be Divided (1 Cor. 1:10)• We Beg You Not to Receive God’s Grace in Vain (2 Cor. 6:1)• We Beg You to be Reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20)• We Beg You to Respond to the Lord’s Invitation (Matt 11:28-30) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>—Jay Launius</i></p>		
<div><p><i>On the Lighter Side:</i> A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones’ hearts, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got the response equal to four-year-old David’s comment. She gently tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart.</p><p>“Listen,” she said, “What do you suppose that is?”</p><p>David drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, “Is that Jesus knocking?”</p></div>			<div><div></div><p style="text-align: center;"><i>Learners or Disciples</i></p><p>Those that become disciples of Jesus must learn His doctrine and followed Him as teacher. Jesus Christ must be viewed as the only begotten Son of God and Master Teacher. His followers must be learners or disciples. The disciples of Jesus come to Him for forgiveness of sins. Forgiveness is in Jesus and only on His terms.</p><p style="text-align: right;"><i>“Learners or Disciples” Continues on Page 4...</i></p></div>		

“Learners or Disciples” Continued from Page 3... The message of salvation is the message of the death, burial and resurrection of the Son of God. The desire of Jesus is to make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20) Here is how we obey the gospel. “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4). The baptism taught by Jesus is for remission of sins. Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15-16) God’s desire is that everyone conform to the image of His Son.
—Charles Box



When the Bill Collector Calls

We live in a society of indebtedness. In 2024, the average household debt was well over \$100k. Our nation’s debt has climbed into the trillions of dollars. Being in debt seems to be an inescapable part of life for most of us. If not for getting a loan, most of us would have never been able to purchase a vehicle or a house. When it comes to our spiritual lives and service to God, how does the Lord feel about our indebtedness?

First, the Lord expects His people to pay their debts. “Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” (Rom. 13:7) The thought is continued in the following verse, “Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

If we are to control our debt, we must first control our personal desires. Learning to be content with what we have will prevent us from accumulating more debt. (Phil. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5)

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“Bill Collector” Continued from Page 4... We must remember the wise man’s words concerning debt, “The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.” (Proverbs 22:7) If we are enslaved to debt, then we are not able to serve the Lord with generous giving. Christians should strive to have as little debt as possible, which may mean doing without some of the luxuries of life.

Jesus told a story of an indebted servant who owed his master an astronomical amount of money. There was no possible way he could pay it back. However, the master showed mercy and forgave the servant his debt. (Matt. 18:22-35) How would we feel if someone came and paid in-full the loan balance on our house or car? You and I have been shown mercy and love by God in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8) thus our debt for sin has been paid by the sacrifice of Jesus. He paid a debt that wasn’t His and it was a debt we could never pay. Because of this great gift, we are now God’s children and heirs. (Rom. 8:16-17; 1 John 3:1) And as God’s children, we have an obligation to keep ourselves free from the enslavement of indebtedness.

—Jay Launius



What Makes a Successful Church?

The answer to that question depends on whom you ask. Most people think a successful church is measured in large numbers, big budgets, programs that meet their needs, and state-of-the-art facilities.

However, none of those “standards” are proof of success. In fact, each one of those standards could just as well be present in a dead church. Do you remember the church at Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)? This was a church that had a good reputation and was alive and well in the eyes of the community, but in the eyes of God, they were dead (Revelation 3:1).

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