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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.

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To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.





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> **Times We Meet:** Sunday:

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

Thursday: **Virtual Psalms Class:**

12:30 p.m. on Facebook.



Life is in the Blood

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If you have ever went to the doctor for a checkup and had a blood test done, likely you received a report that showed many results. Now, I remember from science class many moons ago that the blood delivers nutrients and oxygen to the body's cells. But our blood carries so much more than that. It's amazing what all our blood can reveal. For example, if you look at your blood test results, you may see such familiar categories as glucose, sodium, potassium, calcium, and protein. You may even see categories that you have no idea what they are but your doctor knows that are important to check, like creatinine, albumin, globulin, bilirubin, and alanine transaminase. Truly the importance of blood cannot be underestimated. It carries many life-sustaining substances.

Humans have not always known the importance of blood. Many people died in the olden days due to barbaric bloodletting processes that were designed to get the "bad blood" out of a person's system. In fact, this is how George Washington died. No, people have not always known of the importance of blood, but they should have. All they had to do was read their Bibles.

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Message Alert:

"Life is in the Blood" Continued from Front Page... In Genesis 9, God gave Noah and family some important instructions concerning matters in the new world after the flood. One of these instructions was, "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood" (Gen. 9:3-4). And the Lord spoke to Moses to deliver to the people the reason that blood sacrifices were required, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul...for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life..." (Lev. 17:11, 14).

Yes, through modern medical research, we now know more than ever that blood is very important. God, of course, knew this all along, since He created us and knows how our bodies function. Without a doubt, blood equals life. Also, this is a great reminder of how Christ's blood equals eternal life (Matt. 26:28; John 6:53-56; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5). Knowing how important it truly is, are you sure that you have properly contacted Christ's life-giving blood (Rom. 6:3-5)? —Edd Sterchi

Why Do We Doubt?

Doubt is common. We all experience it to one degree or another at one time or another.

Nothing is accomplished by pretending we don't have questions. We must be honest with ourselves...each other... with God. We must trust God to see us through the difficult moments.

Like a loving father, God patiently listens and gives us space to question and grow (cf. Psalm 6:2-3; 13:1-2). God loves us, so He listens to us and offers us a safe place to which we can return (cf. Luke 15:20).

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20TH KAREN LOVELL 21ST PETE LOVELL



<u> June Anniversary!</u>

21ST PAUL & SHERRY LIRETTE









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.



New Notification System!

We have updated our calling system to a new company. It will be starting in about a week. If you need to update your telephone number and email address please get it to Matthew by this Friday, June 13th! Our new system will include a mobile app for our cell phones as well as a calling system. Matthew will give us an update just before it goes live.



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.











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"Mistakes" Continued from Page 5... Plutarch once said: "To make no mistakes is not in the power of man; but from their errors and mistakes the wise and good learn wisdom for the future."

The worst mistakes are those which are sinful. Of course, not all mistakes are sins. You hit your thumb with a hammer while doing some carpentry. That's a mistake. It is painful but it is not a sin. But if you utter some cuss words after you hit yourself with that hammer, then that's a sin (Ephesians 5:4, Colossians 3:8, and Proverbs 4:24).

The question is: what can we do when we make mistakes.

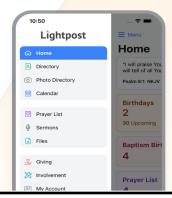
- 1. If we have sinned against God or a someone else, we should ask for forgiveness (1 John 1:9; Matthew 5:23-24).
- 2. Accept and admit your mistakes. "A person who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if that person confesses and forsakes those mistakes, another chance is given" (Proverbs 28:13, TLB).
- 3. Remember that you're still worthy of good things despite your blunder (Acts 3:19).
- 4. Learn from your mistake (Proverbs 21:11).
- 5. Let it go and forgive yourself (Philippians 3:13-14). If God has forgiven you, you should forgive yourself and move on with your life.

—Larry Fitzgerald

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Yet, we cannot remain in doubt and let it develop to the point that we walk away from the Lord (James 1:5-8). Doubt is powerful and if left unchecked can lead us to places we do not want to go.

We need to answer the question that Jesus asked Peter in Matthew 14:31: "Why did you doubt?"

One cause of doubt is guilt. A major roadblock to thriving, powerful faith is the inability to see past our sin. We struggle to believe we could be forgiven for the times that we strayed from the Lord. We compare God's power and beauty with our own weakness and ugliness and we doubt we could be loved in such a way as described in Scripture. We carry guilt that threatens to crush us.

However, if we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, our sins have been removed! If God says our sins have been forgiven, then our sins have been forgiven! We must trust Him. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

Another cause of doubt is suffering. Few things cause us to question God's love and God's plan for us like suffering does. We should be familiar with the story of the father and his sick son from Mark 9. This father had suffered for years as he watched his son be tormented by an evil spirit. Evidently (and understandably), he had reached a breaking point of sorts. He was desperate. He is the one who cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24)

Additionally, there are times when we have questions. Our intellectual and emotional questions can lead to doubts thus requiring well-reasoned responses and credible evidence.

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"Doubt" Continued from Page 3.. Often, we just don't have the proper expectations of God...we doubt because we have the wrong idea about who He is and what His plan really is.

We must keep seeking (Matt. 7:7-8; Heb. 11:6). Don't give up! He is there! Hold on and press on.

We must trust the evidence (Matt. 11:4-6). The proof is clear. There is no excuse for denying God's existence (Rom.

1:20). The Bible is the Word of God. Whatever the Bible teaches, we know it is true!

Finally, we must always look for the good. Something righteous, helpful, positive, restorative, informative, strengthening, or revitalizing is there to be experienced. Our struggle may well lead to strength.

—Bart Warren

Too Tired?

John Mulkey was a restoration preacher who lived from 1806-1882. He did a lot of preaching in mid-southern Kentucky and northern Tennessee. Here is what it was like to go to worship in those days:

"Reader, allow me to offer you a picture, after my own fashion. It is not in the least overdrawn: a week of hard labor in the field has passed away, as many have. He is weary and wayworn, as well as his horse, Dave, for he has only one now. Like his master, he is tired from overmuch work. Breakfast is over, Dave is fed, and bridled and saddled. Bright and early brother Mulkey mounts his faithful horse (for he can now do no better), rides 18 or 20 miles, and reaches the place of preaching.

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"Too Tired?" Continued from Page 4... He walks upon the platform, and looks over a large congregation, seated on logs, slabs and chairs, assembled to hear him preach the Word. He takes from his pocket a hymn book, and, announcing the song, sings without lining. The singing is good—and very good. It has thrilled the entire audience. The young, the aged, the middle aged, have been as still as death. Here and there may be seen a father, or mother, it may be, sobbing, as familiar words have fallen upon their ear — words once sung by 'loved ones,' whose voices are now hushed forever in the dark valley, where they sleep in peace beneath the shadows of death. The prayer is offered—a prayer full of tenderness and love. How near the petitioner has approached the presence chamber of the Lord of hosts! The text is read, and the sermon has been delivered. It has been a very long one— two hours, or two and a half. You imagine the people are weary. Well, as often as the time comes for meeting in that same neighborhood, the same immense assembly may be seen on the same ground ready to hear the same preacher. Some have come 10 or 15 miles, and having made the good confession must be baptized without delay. This being attended to, the meeting for the day is closed. By this time, the preacher is greatly exhausted; still, he must make haste and start for home; for on the following day, he must follow the plow in the field, to feed those whom God had given him." (W. C. Rogers, Recollections of Men of Faith).

"Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them, and continued his message until midnight" (Acts 20:7).

—Kerry Duke

How to Overcome Our Mistakes

Men and women have long striven to be free from making mistakes. But the truth is, no one is exempt from slip-ups, errors and blunders. Not only are mistakes a fact of life, they are also good teachers.

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