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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.

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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 no updates are received.





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

Thursday:

Virtual Psalms Class:

12:30 p.m. on Facebook.



Words of Comfort

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We recently studied Isaiah 40. It starts: "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem..." (v.1-2a)

Among the many other thoughts that these verses stimulate, I began to consider the words I would want to hear at the end of life. What words would bring me comfort?

The news? Would I want to hear about what is happening in Washington D.C., Wall Street, Hollywood, Moscow, or any other such place? No way! Such events would be far from my mind.

Science facts? Would I want to hear about the latest invention, discovery, or breakthrough? No way! Barring a significant life- extending innovation, why would I want to hear about the newest smartphone or self-driving automobile? On and on we could go.

There are so many things that compete for our attention and occupy our time...and we assign to them so much value and importance...but they are really so hollow in the ultimate sense. *Continues on Page 2...*

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"Words of Comfort" Continued from Front Page... For most of us, at the end of our lives, we would rather hear something of substance and significance. We would be more com- forted by Scripture.

I know that I would find comfort in words such as these:

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isa. 41:10).

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4).

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation" (Rom. 5:6-11).

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Of course, the comforting promises of Scripture could be multiplied, and the list could go on and on. These are just some of the lines I would like to hear. These bring me comfort. What would be on your list?

—Bart Warren

Iulv Birthdays!



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21ST DAVE

ROBERTSON 25TH SAMMIE

BEAVERS

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.

Pizza/Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on July 12th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.



Men's Breakfast!

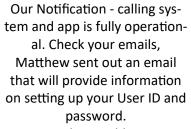
Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat, July 26th! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.



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James warns, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (Jas. 1:22). Jesus, after teaching His disciples, gave this advice, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (John 13:17). Also, note these words from the Savior, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

God has given us some great advice in His Word on how to keep from damaging our lives. How ironic it would be for the devil to destroy our souls when we have the solution at our fingertips. -Edd Sterchi

Five Reasons to Attend Bible Class

ONE: Because we love the Lord and His Word. We want to study the Bible and learn all we can about the One we love and serve. It is a great place to learn about God (1 John 2:3-6). The more we know the more we love Him (John 17:3).

TWO: Because we are interested in improving the spiritual quality of our lives. Bible classes open the door to a richer spiritual life. This is where we improve (2 Peter 3:18).

THREE: Because we are interested in the interaction and fellowship we gain from each other. This helps us to get to know each other. This helps us to learn (Proverbs 27:17).

FOUR: Because we are interested in the example we set. Do we want to be destroyed by a lack of knowledge like those in Hosea 4:6? The elders know that we are willing to cooperate with them and do what is best for our souls.

FIVE: Because we believe that attending Bible Class is what God wants us to do. Bible class is a good work and it helps us to be prepared (Titus 3:1). Bible Class will bring us closer to God.

—Jonathan Burns

The Second Mile Club

Jesus said, "Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two" (Matt. 5:41). If Roman soldiers and messengers needed help to carry out a commission, they had the authority to enlist the aid of regular citizens. That is what happened when soldiers made Simon the Cyrenian help Je-

zens. That is what happened when soldiers made Simon the Cyrenian help Jesus bear his cross. Jesus used this practice which Jews resented to teach a lesson about making extra effort and being patient.

The Israelites had this spirit when they first built the tabernacle. Moses told them to bring their free will offerings and use their abilities to do this job. They did. In fact, they gave over and above what Moses asked. He even had to tell them that they had done enough and that no more was needed. "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. And the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done – indeed too much" (Exod. 36:6-7). What a great and unusual problem!

The good Samaritan did what a priest and Levi wouldn't do. He stopped and helped a man who had been beaten half to death, bandaging his wounds and taking him to an inn to take care of him. That was more than those Jewish leaders were willing to do, but he did more. When he left, he gave money to the innkeeper to pay for the care of this wounded stranger and said, "Whatever you spend, when I come again, I will repay you" (Luke 10:30-35). That is going above and beyond the call of duty!

The church of Macedonia was poor—very poor. Paul says they were in "deep poverty" (II Cor. 8:2). Yet when they heard that the brethren in Judea needed food because of a terrible drought, they gave very liberally and were happy to do it. Paul said that "according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing" (II Cor. 8:3). They were the least able and yet the most willing to help!

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Onesimus was a bondservant Paul converted. He was separated from his master Philemon. Paul sent him back to Philemon and wrote a letter requesting that he receive his servant. In that letter the aged apostle wrote these impressive words: "Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say" (Philemon 21). No wonder Paul used an imploring tone rather than an authoritative posture in this short epistle. He knew that Philemon was not the kind of Christian who would do just enough to get by.

There is a second mile club in just about any congregation. If they are asked to clean the kitchen, they will clean the hall as well. If they are asked to give 50 percent extra for a special contribution, they will give 100 or 200. If they are asked to visit a homebound widow, they will pay her a visit and do chores for her and even stop at another widow's house. They are glad to give extra money, effort and time. This is an elite club. Are you in it?

—Kerry Duke

Knowing Is Not Doing

I once read an article about how termites had eaten through a large stack of pamphlets entitled "Control of Termites" in the mailing room of the University of California at Berkeley. One would naturally expect that university buildings would be free of termites, because at such a center of higher education so much is known of termites and the destruction they cause. But it is one thing to have the information concerning the control of termites in a pamphlet, and quite another thing to make a practical application of that information!

How fortunate we are to have the Bible in its entirety! But many people's Bibles just lay in their homes unread, and disaster will eventually ensue. Other folks read their Bibles – they know the information in them, but they do not apply it to their lives. Again, spiritual disaster will be the result. *Continues on Page 6...*

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Matthew 14:13-21



- 1. After hearing of John the baptizer's death, Jesus departed by boat and went to a _ place by _.
- 2. Jesus felt _ for the multitude that had followed Him on foot from the cities.
- 3. The disciples said they only had five _ and two _.
- 4. "...and looking up to __, He blessed and __ and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes."
- 5. "Now those who had eaten were about five __ men, besides women and children."



Did You Know This About the Book of Isaiah?

We are all familiar with the fact that the Bible contains 66 individual books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New.

But did you know that the book of Isaiah is structured like a miniature Bible?

The first 39 chapters of Isaiah are filled with condemnation and judgment upon immoral and idolatrous people, similar to the Old Testament books. The last 27 chapters declare a message of hope for God's people, much like the New Testament.

One of the most-loved chapters of Isaiah comes at chapter 53. Isaiah describes the "suffering servant" who, "Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5).

—Matt Clifton