



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,
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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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Hidden Evolution

While growing up in the 1970's, I enjoyed watching the numerous nature programs that were offered on television. Even though we only had access to four channels, there always seemed to be the opportunity to see such programs a few times every week. There were the *National Geographic Specials*, *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*, *Disney's True-Life Adventures*, and of course *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom*. In the following decades, we would be introduced to the Discovery Channel and the David Attenborough programs from the BBC. Each program was filled with wondrous video and entertaining stories from nature and as youngsters, we didn't even realize we were learning something in the process.

These types of programs are still very popular today, and with on-demand and streaming services, we don't have to wait till Tuesday nights to get our fix of nature programming. However, even though these shows provided us with good, wholesome educational entertainment, there was and is a fly in the proverbial ointment.

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In each of the program examples above, Darwinism and the theory of evolution are used to explain the origin and development of the plants and animals featured during the show. Without realizing it, we consume the atheistic view of the universe absent of our God and Creator. It's no wonder that a third of believers in our country adhere to theistic evolution (the belief that God created the universe through the evolutionary process).

Of course, Satan is behind it all. Who else would disguise good education as a way to eliminate God from our consciousness (2 Cor. 11:14)? It is refreshing to know that according to the National Institutes of Health, a significant number of high school biology teachers do incorporate creationism or intelligent design into their lessons, although the number is very small. So, the task is left to Christian parents, Bible class teachers, and the church to assure that our children are taught that our Awesome God and Powerful Creator is responsible for the wondrous universe we live in.

—Jay Launius



Looking Like Someone Else

We are all familiar with the phrase, "We all have a twin in the world somewhere." My friend and brother in Christ, Mason, has the record for "look a likes" I think. He will occasionally post a picture of someone he has met that looks like him. It is amazing to see how many of us have someone we resemble.

While it is fun to think of or meet someone who we may resemble or vice versa in relation to appearance or mannerisms, let us remember when it comes to our spiritual walk, we are to be distinct in our pattern of living and the way we worship and live out our faith.

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July Birthdays!

1ST JAY MARTIN
2ND KITTY SHUMATE
20TH VELVET WYATT
21ST DAVE ROBERTSON
25TH SAMMIE BEAVERS



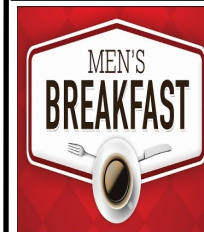
5th Sunday Potluck!

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.

Upcoming Events:

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<div data-bbox="56 142 206 280"></div> <div data-bbox="459 151 1069 201"><h3>A Test for Spiritual Maturity</h3></div> <div data-bbox="56 253 1319 423"><p>The church of Corinth faced a problem: they were divided around personalities and preferences for different preachers and teachers, aligning themselves with Apollos, Paul, or others. Despite their affinity for spiritual gifts, Paul was deeply concerned with the unity and maturity of the congregation.</p></div> <div data-bbox="56 475 1319 732"><p>In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, “For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?” (1 Cor. 3:3 ESV). So we can test ourselves for spiritual maturity by whether our relationships and interactions at church are characterized by strife and jealousy. If this is the case, perhaps we are not as spiritually mature as we might imagine.</p></div> <div data-bbox="56 784 1319 1084"><p>As Christians, we are called to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” as we live together in the body of Christ (Eph. 4:3). This does not mean compromising on doctrinal matters to get along, but it does mean we may have to sacrifice our wants, desires, and opinions for the sake of the body of Christ. The Scriptures say elsewhere that love “does not insist on its own way” (1 Cor. 13:5). Just as in marriage, constantly seeking our own way can result in conflict, and the same can happen in the body of Christ.</p></div> <div data-bbox="56 1136 1319 1304"><p>The divisions at Corinth were producing strife that did not build up the church. They were still fleshly and not as spiritually mature as Paul would have hoped. They needed milk and not meat, because their lives revealed their spiritual condition.</p></div> <div data-bbox="56 1356 1319 1572"><p>So, are you spiritual or fleshly? Are you finding yourself having strife or jealousy with people in the church? If so, then perhaps, like the Corinthians, you are of the flesh and behaving in a human way and not of the Spirit. A change of heart is overdue, and we need to seek the wisdom from above to transform ourselves into spiritual, not fleshly, people.</p><p>—Spencer Clark</p></div>			<div data-bbox="1368 151 2257 191"><h3>“Looking Like Someone Else” Continued from Page 2...</h3></div> <div data-bbox="1368 241 2631 367"><p>Romans 12:2 says: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.</p></div> <div data-bbox="1368 418 2373 732"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are called to live differently than the world.• We are challenged to behave differently than the world.• We are encouraged to have different priorities than the world.• Conforming to Christ sharpens our view of eternity.</div> <div data-bbox="1368 784 2631 1040"><p>When we live differently, we aren’t living with our head in the sand, but living with our eyes on Heaven! The sacrifice of Christ allows us to be compassionate, not calloused to the cause of Christ. We know the world and those around us who prefer to resemble faithful- ness may look like they are following Christ, but they are difficult to differentiate from the world. Romans 12:2 reminds us to be transformed, not go undercover or seek to blend in.</p></div> <div data-bbox="1368 1092 2631 1218"><p>May we be distinct not out of arrogance, but because of our Sacrificial Savior. Looking like those around us in the world and in religion is tempting, but we know where temptation leads (James 1:14-15).</p></div> <div data-bbox="1368 1269 2631 1440"><p>Imitating Christ means being buried in baptism, Romans 6, and living faithfully, Revelation 2:10. May we appreciate those who may resemble, but we may seek and love the One we should imitate. Looking like Him will not be seen in our appearance, but in our actions!</p></div> <div data-bbox="2403 1492 2610 1528"><p>—Allen Jones</p></div>		



Medicine for the Deadly Disease

In January 1925, a diphtheria epidemic emerged in Nome, Alaska. At that time, Nome was a remote town in the Alaskan interior. It was hard enough to get to Nome in the warmer months but during the dead of winter was considered impossible for many except the hardy men known as dog-mushers.

Often fatal, the disease was spreading rapidly. Dr. Curtis Welch, the town’s only physician, feared a widespread outbreak. There was a cure for this disease but there was not a drop in Nome. Dr Welch sent out telegraphs and some found that there was plenty of the cure in a hospital in Anchorage over 600 miles away. Which seemed like a million miles to the physician but not to the hardy outdoorsmen of Alaska.

Despite a white-out blizzard, the serum was delivered to Nome by a relay of 20 mushers who covered the 674-mile distance in 5 and a half days. The serum reached those afflicted and many lives were saved.

Today, the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Alaska commemorates this event that occurred a century ago.

An epidemic unlike any other has infected the peoples of the earth. The disease is sin. And without the cure made from the blood of Jesus, all will suffer eternal, horrible pain. Jesus “bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Spread the word. A cure has been found.

—Larry Fitzgerald

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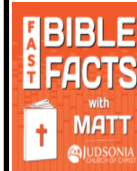


Matthew 14:22-36



1. “And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the __ by Himself to __.”
2. “But the __ was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the __, for the wind was contrary.”
3. When Jesus came to them walking on the water, the disciples thought He was a __.
4. “Lord, if it is You, __ me to come to You on the __.”
5. “O you of __ faith, why did you __?”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Jeremiah?

Jeremiah was a prophet who lived during the time when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC. He was known as the “Weeping Prophet.”

Jeremiah was mistreated by just about everybody, even his own people. The chief governor of the temple had Jeremiah beaten and put in the stocks (Jeremiah 20:1-2). His countrymen tried to have him executed (Jeremiah 26). Jehoiakim burned the scroll that Jeremiah sent him (Jeremiah 36). He was thrown into a cistern and left to die (Jeremiah 38). He was accused of telling lies to those who consulted him (Jeremiah 43:2).

One of the key passages in Jeremiah includes the promise of a new covenant (Jeremiah 33:31-33).

—Matt Clifton



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