



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.

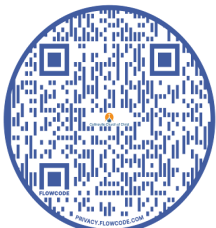
Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Health concerns.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

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Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Leaders & Military



Family of Hope Youngblood, 49. Child of Phyllis & Wayne Youngblood, and grandchild of our late Juanita & James Bowling. Died June 7, 2025 in Los Angeles,, CA in a motor vehicle accident. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



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Sunday:

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



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Independence Day

A couple of days ago, our nation celebrated Independence Day (July the 4th). It is a time when we remember the sacrifices that our nation's fathers made to win the freedoms we enjoy, today.

The United States is an experiment to see if true democracy can prevail and "one nation under God" will survive. You see, this country was founded on the principle that each person is "endowed by his Creator" with certain unalienable rights including "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Men and women sacrificed much. Some sacrificed their lives. All this was done so that our generation, and generations to come, will retain these rights.

Today, some want to leave the "Creator" out of the text. The fact is – there is no true freedom without God! Freedom comes from God, because wherever the Spirit is, there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17), and whoever the Son (Jesus Christ) sets free is free indeed (John 8:36). The freedom that God gives came with a sacrifice – the death of Jesus. He died to set us free (Colossians 1:13).

—Larry Fitzgerald, adapted.



Work Our Wings Off

Beekeepers know that a bee's age is determined by the condition of its wings. Because bees constantly work, their wings get a lot of wear and tear. Young bees have wide, well-formed wings, whereas older bees have narrow, torn, and tattered wings.

The bee does not die of old age. It dies when its wings are completely worn out and it can no longer work or fly. Near the point of death, the bee points itself away from the beehive and begins to fly, never to return again. The bee literally wears itself out working!

There is a spiritual lesson here for us. As Christians, we must be diligent servants, doing the work of the Lord. When Jesus evaluated the spiritual condition of the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2-3), their degree of acceptance was directly proportional to the kind and amount of work they were doing.

The inspired writer James, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:25).

Let us be people who are willing to "work our wings off" in the Lord's service.



Encourage Others

Encourage our elders as they lead us by example. Encourage our deacons to labor as faithful servants. Encourage our preachers to only preach the truth. Encourage our ill members as they fight health issues. Encourage our weak members to hold on to our hope. Encourage our strong members that there is work yet to do. Encourage our fallen members to return to the God of their salvation. Encourage each other to strive for unity, work in harmony, worship whole heartedly, and give God continuous thanks and all the glory!



Church News



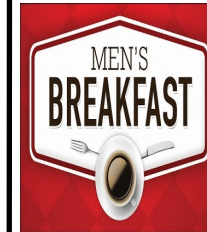
July Birthdays!

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



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><p><i>“More Foolish Than I” Continued from Page 5...</i> Once alone with the king, the jester asked, “King, where are you going?” The king responded, “On a far journey.” The jester asked again, “And how do you plan to get there?” Again, the king responded, “I don’t know.” Then the jester pulled the rod from his back pocket and handed it to the king. The king was stunned and asked why he had given him the rod. The jester replied, “King, today I have found a more foolish man than I. For you see, I only trifled with the things of life, but you have trifled with things of eternity!”</p><p>The Bible reminds us that eternal things deserve our total attention. Second Thessalonians 1:7-9 reads, “and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and the glory of his might.” Jesus is coming back! Have you obeyed the gospel? Or are you trifling with your eternity? Think about it!</p><p>—Mark T. Tonkery</p></div>	<div><div></div><div><h3><i>Christ is the Center, Focus, and Key</i></h3><p>Christ is the center, focus, and key to the inspiration and interpretation of the Bible. This is why the books of the Old and New Testaments fit together so well into one cohesive and comprehensive whole. Taken together, they present the progressive unfolding, revelation, and communication of Christ.</p><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Law (Genesis-Deuteronomy) prepares the ground or base on which the moral system of Christ rests. It is the beginning or first principles of the system of truth.2. The History section (Joshua-Esther) shows the preparation for Christ. History, from an inerrant biblical perspective, holds true the necessity of righteousness and faith.3. Poetry (Job-Song of Solomon) expresses an aspiration for Christ the Savior. Seeing that Scripture is nothing less than the words of our very Creator, it is no wonder that throughout the centuries men and women have been astonished by it.4. Prophecy (Isaiah-Malachi) proclaims an expectation of Christ. The Bible is the account of redemption, how God rescues men from sin and from death.5. The Gospel Records (Matthew-John) relate the historical manifestation of Christ. They are true accounts of the work and the acts of Christ the Son of God.6. Acts relates the propagation of the gospel of Christ. It portrays the resurrected Christ in His ascension, by the Spirit, through the disciples, for the producing of the church – the kingdom of God.<p><i>“Christ is the Center, Focus, and Key” Continues on Page 4...</i></p></div></div>
<div><div></div><div><h3><i>“On The Lighter Side”</i></h3></div><div></div><div><p><i>Don’t Press There:</i></p><p>“When I press my forehead with my finger, it really hurts,” a patient complained to his doctor. “And when I do the same to my cheek, it’s also painful. Even if I press on my stomach, it hurts. What can it be?” Stumped, the physician sent him to a specialist. The man returned to his doctor the following week. “What did the specialist say?” the doctor asked. “I have a broken finger.”</p><p><i>Won’t Be Back:</i></p><p>The wife of a visiting preacher sat alone in the audience while her husband occupied the pulpit. At the close of the service an apologetic deacon greeted her and not knowing her identity said, “Do come again, and don’t think we have such poor preaching all the time. That man is only here for one service.”</p></div></div>	

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7. The Epistles (Romans-Jude) give the interpretation of Christ. The epistles answer questions asked by the church or address problems within the church.

8. Revelation describes the consummation of all things in Christ. The second coming of Christ marks the time when the church goes home for eternity.

How is it that every part of the Bible, in spite of its great diversity, can contribute to its overarching theme of redemption and its central figure, the Christ?
How? Because it is from God! —*Mark Posey (condensed)*



More Foolish Than I



There was a king who had all his world could afford. The thing he loved most, however, was laughing.


Once, while being entertained, a jester came along wishing to join the festival of activities and perform for him. His opportunity came, and he put together the best amusing show he had ever done. The king never laughed so hard.

Once the activity was all over, the king wanted to hire this jester to be his jester. Once hired, the king in humor handed him a small rod and said, “You are the most foolish man alive. When you find someone more foolish than you, then you give them this rod.”

After many years had passed, the king lay sick on his deathbed, ready to go at any moment. He called for his jester, for he wanted to laugh one more time before he died. When the jester was through, he asked to speak to the king personally.

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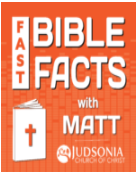




Matthew 15:1-11

1. The scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus of allowing His disciples to “transgress the __ of the elders” by not __ their hands before they eat.
2. “He answered and said to them, ‘Why do you also transgress the __ of God because of your __?’”
3. “But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever __ you might have received from me *is a __ to God*” — then he need not honor his father or mother.’”
4. Jesus called them __ and said they “draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their __ are far from Me.”
5. “Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth __ a man; but what comes out of the __, this defiles a man.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Lamentations?

Jeremiah, the writer of Lamentations, was known as the “Weeping Prophet.” This book expresses deep grief over the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC by the Babylonians.

Lamentations consists of five poems, each one laid out in acrostic fashion. Jeremiah begins each poem with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and works through each of the 22 letters.

Even in the midst of crying over Jerusalem, a key verse in Lamentations exclaims,

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.

They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I hope in Him!” (Lam. 3:22-24).

—*Matt Clifton*