



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Hester Hollandsworth. Hospital. 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 Shulam. Health concerns..

Marcia Shulam. Rehab center. Resting for heart surgery.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Leaders & Military



Family of Eli Clark. Nine year old special needs child of Scott & Melissa Clark from the Chesterfield congregation passed away this past week. Please keep the Clark family in your prayers.

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Times We Meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

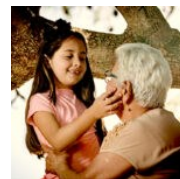


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Beautiful

A grandmother and a little girl whose face was sprinkled with bright red freckles spent the day at the zoo. The children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws. “You’ve got so many freckles, there’s no place to paint,” a boy in line cried.

Embarrassed, the little girl dropped her head. Her grandmother knelt down next to her. “I love your freckles,” she said. “Not me,” the girl replied. “Well, when I was a little girl I always wanted freckles,” she said tracing her finger across the child’s cheek. “Freckles are beautiful!” The little girl looked up, “Really?” “Of course,” said the grandmother. “Why, just name me one thing that’s prettier than freckles.”

The little girl peered into the old woman’s smiling face. “Wrinkles,” she answered softly.

What a beautiful story of love! How wonderful it is when those who are filled with the wisdom that comes with age can still see the beauty in those who are younger and have much to learn. **Con. on Page 2...**

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And how wonderful when those just learning to spread their wings can see the beauty in those who have flown so long they are weary from flying.

“The glory of young men *is* their strength, And the splendor of old men *is* their gray head” (Proverbs 20:29).

With a heart of love, may we see the beauty of God’s children both young and old.



Picking Up Sticks

Surely, picking up some sticks is innocent, right? God would never care if someone took a few minutes to gather a few limbs and branches, right? Not so fast, my friend. Let us examine the matter carefully.

Consider with me what is recorded in Numbers 15:32-36. Here we read about a man who was observed gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. Today, it is very common to see folks doing yard work on Saturday (Sabbath). It is even common to see lawns mowed, trees trimmed, and sticks gathered on Sundays. We don’t think much about it when such activities take place. But, for the man in Numbers 15, he lost his life as a result of gathering sticks on the Sabbath!

How could this be? How could God warrant ending someone’s life just because they gathered sticks? Was picking up sticks really worthy of death? Yes. We answer in the affirmative because the man engaged in what is known as presumptuous sin. He knew God’s command and ignored it. He knew God had forbidden work (they were not even allowed to kindle fires in their homes on the Sabbath!), yet he did it anyway. The 4th of the 10 Commandments was crystal clear – “you shall not do any work” (Ex. 20:8-11). **“Sticks” Continues on Page 3...**



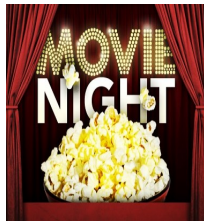
July Birthdays!

20TH VELVET WYATT
21ST DAVE
ROBERTSON
25TH SAMMIE
BEAVERS



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.



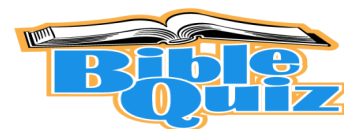
Pizza/Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on August 9th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.

Upcoming Events:



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Solution

Tyre, Sidon; Canaan; David, demon;
dogs; great, desire

The Gift You Give Yourself

I always hating buying gifts for my Mom. If I got her something like a new set of pans, it was like saying “Here’s something you can use to go make me something to eat”. A gift for her was seemingly a gift for me.

There are however gifts you give that benefit you more than the receiver. For example, forgiveness. When you give it, you are giving it to yourself as much as you are giving it to them. Jesus said that when we forgive others it means God is forgiving us our wrongs (Matthew 6:14-15).

I once read: “Heaven is where everyone’s forgiven. Hell is where nobody’s forgiven. So, when we forgive we pull heaven down into our lives When we withhold forgiveness, we pull hell up into our lives”

Give yourself something nice today, Forgive.

—Barry Haynes

“A Divine Name” Continued from Page 5... Is it not significant that in the chapter immediately following, Acts 11:26, that the “NEW NAME”— the name “CHRISTIAN”—was given? No other name, however ancient, honorable or distinguished can meet the demands of the inspired prophet. —*I.D. Byars*



What Are the Worst Six Hours You’ve Ever Spent?

I once heard a preacher ask the question: “What was the toughest six hours you have ever experienced?”

He then proceeded to give examples of some tough times he suffered. He recalled how he went into the hospital for a short, routine procedure and ended up enduring a six-hours-long major heart surgery. Then he mentioned once having a six-hour audit by the IRS. Then he shared several other examples of such tough day-long events.

What is the toughest six hours that you have ever experienced? No matter how tough it was, nothing you will ever endure will come close to the six hours Jesus spent on the cross. Jesus suffered for six hours on the cross! He was scourged, mocked, spit upon, stripped, crowned, beaten repeatedly and struggled to breathe while on the cross of execution. It was a horrible nightmare of 6 hours. But three days later, joy dawned. Christ came back to life. He defeated death so that we might have the assured hope of life beyond the grave.

“Look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). —*Larry Fitzgerald*



“Sticks” Continued from Page 2... Additionally, the whole community was called together and instructed – and it was reemphasized how there was to be NO WORK done on this day (Ex. 35:1-3)! So, there were no excuses to be made. It wasn’t the magnitude of the sin per se – gathering sticks seems so innocent. The problem was willingly ignoring God’s command (Num. 15:30-31).

For New Testament Christians no longer living under the Law of Moses, we do not have to be concerned with Sabbath laws and customs (Gal. 3:23-25; Eph. 2:14-16; Col. 2:14). However, we do need to be very concerned about knowing, loving, and living the Word of God! “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin” (James 4:17). “For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries” (Heb. 10:26-27). The smallest of actions or attitudes can have the biggest of consequences and repercussions.

If we know what God has called to be and to do, let us do it with all of our hearts! The stakes are too high not to!
—*Bart Warren*



Actions Without Authorization

All through the Bible, we see an important principle revealed: we are not to change what God has authorized.

In Leviticus 10, Nadab and Abihu, priests of God, offered a kind of fire for the burning of incense that God had not authorized (v.1). As a result, God struck them dead (v.2-3).

In 2 Chronicles 26, King Uzziah, who was doing his best to follow God’s ways (v.1-15), decided one day to do something God had not authorized. He entered the temple to burn incense before the Lord even though only priests were authorized to do so (v.16-18). ***“Actions w/o Authorization” Cont. on Page 4...***

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Consequently, God punished him with leprosy which remained with him the rest of his life (v.19-21).

In Matthew 15, the Pharisees insisted on a certain hand washing procedure as a part of worship which God had not authorized (v.1-6). Because of this, Jesus informed them, through a prophecy of Isaiah, that their worship was not accepted by God (v.8-9).

In 2 Timothy 4, Paul reminds Timothy that he needed to keep teaching the truth because there would be those who would not follow God’s authorized ways and fall prey to false doctrine (v.1-4; see also 1 Timothy 4:1-3). The context of the passages are that they are endangering their souls by disobeying God.

On and on we could go, but I think you get the idea. God desires us to follow His authorized pattern—for salvation, for life, for worship, for everything we do. It’s serious business with Him, and it needs to be just as serious with us. For us today, He has given us the New Testament Scriptures for all instructions in life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

So here’s the principle to remember: Actions without authorization are dangerous. We jeopardize our lives, souls, and our relationship with God when we stray away from His authorized instructions. Many people conduct their lives (physical and spiritual) based upon what they feel or what is popular in society. In using these as barometers for approval of God, they place themselves on very thin ice. Why not just look to the Word of God for approved actions and stick with them, knowing that we will please our Father in heaven in by so doing?

—Edd Sterchi



Matthew 15:21-28



1. Jesus went to the region of what two cities?
2. A woman from __ came and cried out to Him.
3. “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of __! My daughter is severely __-possessed.”
4. Jesus told her it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little __.
5. “O woman, __ is your faith! Let it be to you as you __.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Daniel?

Daniel is one of the only major figures in the Bible that left behind a completely positive record. Nothing negative is said about him.

This could be because Daniel’s life was characterized by great faith, prayer, courage, and a refusal to compromise with a culture that was against God’s people.

Carried way in the exile when he was 16, Daniel lived amongst an idolatrous people and still maintained his faith. When some jealous government officials hatched a plan to throw anyone into the lion’s den who prayed to someone other than the king, Daniel continued praying to God just like he always had, and ultimately God saved him from the mouths of the lions. —Matt Clifton



A Divine Name

Isaiah the prophet wrote that a “new name” would be given to the Lord’s people. It was to be given only after the Gentiles were invited to become partakers of salvation through Christ (Isa. 62:2; 65:15). It could not have appeared before Acts 10 when the Gentiles were recognized as being heirs of salvation.

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