



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Hester Hollandsworth. Home, recovering from congestive heart failure.

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..

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

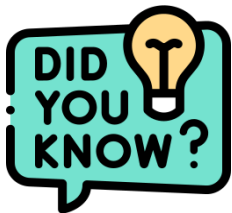
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

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



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What Does Real Faith Involve?

In that great chapter on faith, Hebrews 11, we can gain a clear picture what real faith involves. From the examples given in verses 4-10 we can see that real faith is much more than belief alone.

Real faith involves the word of God. Abel “obtained witness” from God (v.4). Enoch had “testimony” from God. Noah was “divinely warned” (v.7). Abraham “was called” (v.8) by God. They all looked to God’s revelation as the basis of their faith – so should we.

Real faith involves trusting God. Noah’s trust in God caused him to be “moved with godly fear” (v.7). Abraham “went out, not knowing where he was going” (v.8) in full reliance upon God. He also “waited for the city which has foundations” (v.10). They all fully trusted in God – so should we.

Real faith involves obedience and action. Abel “offered to God” (v.4) exactly what God wanted. Noah “prepared an ark” (v.7) when asked to do so. Abraham “obeyed when he was called to go out” (v.8). They all got busy with their faith doing what God desired of them – so should we.

—Edd Sterchi



The Thing About Judas

There is an interesting text in the book of Matthew that reveals a subtle insight into the mindset of Judas Iscariot, which may also be found in many professing disciples of Jesus today. Let's take a closer look at a familiar passage.

In Matthew 26:17-25, Jesus was celebrating the Passover with his disciples for the last time. It was during the Passover meal that Jesus dampened the mood by saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me" (Matthew 16:21).

This pronouncement made the disciples exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say, "Lord, is it I?" But note the subtle difference in what the disciples asked and what Judas asked. Judas asked Jesus, "Rabbi, is it I" (Matthew 16:25)?

Did you catch the difference? The "eleven" apostles asked, "Lord, is it I?" while Judas asked, "Rabbi, is it I?"

This subtle difference, which can be easily overlooked, speaks volumes! While the term "Lord" could be used in a respectful way similar to how we might teach our children to say, "Sir." But, by this point, the disciples had been with Jesus long enough to recognize him as their "Lord" in the sense of "master." Jesus was their "Lord" in a way that had deeper meaning than just a common means of addressing him.

On the other hand, the term, "Rabbi" was a term that acknowledged Jesus was a teacher, and that, he was. But, he was more than a teacher; he was the "Lord," but not to Judas. Of course, Judas proved that by having already begun the process of his betrayal when he asked the question (Matthew 16:25).

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Church News



August Birthdays!

18TH NORMAN W. HILL
20TH JONATHAN BEAVERS
23RD DONN SHUMATE
25TH COOKIE SPENCER



August Anniversaries!

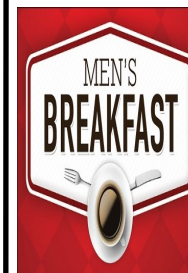
20TH GARY & JAN HOLLANDS-WORTH
20TH DAVID & LORI PALMER



Back to School!

This year we have been asked to supply snacks for going BTS. Please bring in the following by Aug 24th:

Individual pack chips, Packaged Fruit snacks, Juice boxes & Individual packaged cookies.



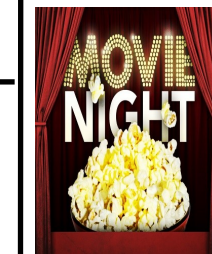
Men's Breakfast!

Our next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat, August 23rd! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.



5th Sunday Potluck!

Join us for our next 5th Sunday Potluck following worship on, August 31st! Please bring your favorite dishes, desserts and drinks.



Pizza/Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on September 13th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

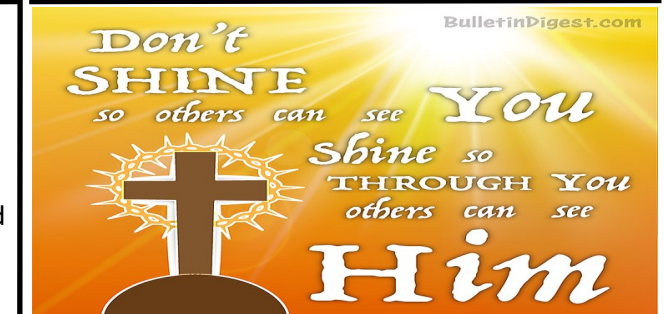
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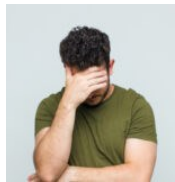
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Ashamed?

There is a growing sense of embarrassment in our fellowship over what we believe and teach. Some folks, wanting to be accepted by the denominational world, cringe when preachers teach the truth on subjects like the role of women, the use of the instrument, and baptism. They no longer want their preachers to show the difference between what the Bible teaches and what the denominations advocate. In other words, some folks have become ashamed of the truth and ashamed of those who actually take a stand for truth. They want to be “politically correct” and “doctrinally neutral” in order to mingle among the modem religions without repercussions.

It’s interesting to me that Timothy may have entertained some of the “don’t make waves” kind of thinking when he preached in Ephesus. Paul was aware of his tendencies, so he wrote a rather strong encouragement for the young preacher to teach the truth. Here’s what he said: “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God” (2 Tim. 1:7,8).

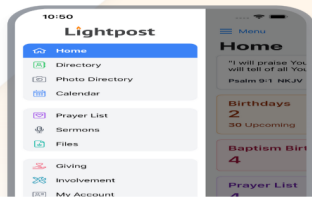
Not only is “acceptance” a motivation for the present shame we are witnessing, but there is also a desire to avoid any kind of suffering that lies behind the willingness to compromise truth for error. People will leave us alone if we don’t take a firm stand against the sin and error in which they have become enslaved. Timothy seems to have been tempted to exhibit this kind of shame. What about us? Are we ashamed of the gospel and those who preach it plainly?

—Guy Orbison, Jr.

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That brings me to the application. Is it possible for one to respect Jesus as a great “teacher” and yet refuse to make Jesus “Lord” of his life? Is it possible for one to recognize Jesus as a teacher, but refuse to allow his teachings to impact the way he lives?

Friends, when we resist the lordship of Jesus in our lives, when we refuse to surrender our wills to his will, we align ourselves with Judas Iscariot. Give that some thought the next time you consider resisting the lordship of Jesus in your life.

—Steve Higginbotham



The Old Way to Get Saved Didn’t Work

It was getting late one night in a revival at Millersburg, Kentucky in 1821. Several people responded to the preaching and came down front to the mourner’s bench. But after the preachers talked with them and prayed with them, they still didn’t feel saved. The popular belief at the time was that the Holy Spirit would convict a person of sin and give assurance of salvation.

A preacher rose up and said, “Brethren, something must be wrong; we have been laboring with these mourners earnestly, and they are deeply penitent; why have they not found relief? We all know that God is willing to pardon them, and certainly they are anxious to receive it. The cause must be that we do not preach as the apostles did. On the day of Pentecost those who were ‘pierced to the heart,’ were promptly told what to do for the remission of sins. And ‘they gladly received the word and were baptized; and the same day about three thousand were added unto them.’”

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That preacher’s name was Barton W. Stone. Samuel Rogers, another preacher who was there, said at the time he thought Stone was beside himself (Earl West, *Search for the Ancient Order*, vol. I, pp. 30- 31). That’s how deeply ingrained the idea of salvation by faith alone was.

The passage he was referring to was Acts 2:37-38. “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Many preachers and church-going people in that age from different denominations changed their belief when they understood this plain teaching of the Bible. They were honest with the Scriptures and admitted they were wrong.

The same change happens today when someone hears what the Bible actually says, not what others say about the Bible.

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

—Kerry Duke



Am I OK?

In the 1970’s Denver running back Floyd Little was facing off against the big bad linebacker Dick Butkus. When describing a collision he said, “Dick Butkus hit me so hard my body almost liquified.” Not wanting to look weak, Little pulled himself up quickly as if nothing had happened. Butkus then said to him, “You okay?” Floyd Little said, “Yeah of course.” *Continues on Page 5...*

“Am I OK?” Continued from Page 4... Then Butkus replied, “Well if you’re okay, why are you in our huddle?” He’d been hit so hard that he had followed him into the Bears’ huddle.

A lot of time we pretend we are okay when it is obvious we are not. Maybe we want to look tough. Maybe we are just shell-shocked. Maybe our pride can’t admit we are broken.

But we don’t have to do that with God.

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18).

God isn’t fooled when we try to play like we are fine. And we don’t have to play. He supports us in our weakness. As Isaiah 57:15 says, “For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, ‘I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.’”

Even when we have been knocked down and out by the “big bads” of the world, He is there to lift us up and turn us in the right direction. We always have a place with him even when we have been knocked low. —Barry Haynes



Did You Know This About Obadiah?

The book of Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament, and the only one-chapter book in Old Testament. Obadiah’s message was was one of the coming judgment upon the Edomites, who were the descendants of Esau.

The Edomites had opposed the Jews for a long time. In the 5th century BC they were forced from their native land by the Nabateans, and moved to the southern part of Palestine. They became known as the Idumeans. Herod the Great, who was king during the birth of Jesus Christ, was an Idumean. —Matt Clifton