



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 & Yvette 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.

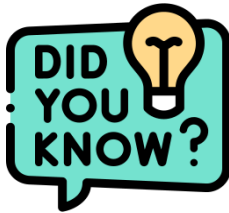
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

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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Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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If the Living Knew

Many years ago, I heard a preacher say something in a sermon that I have never forgotten. He said, "If the living knew what the dead know, they would be in a desperate search for truth."

What a profound statement! Those who have already died and passed into eternity know from experience the things living people wonder about things like:

- Is there really a Heaven?
- Is there really a Hell?
- Was Jesus who he claimed to be?
- Will non-religious but morally good people go to Heaven?

The answers to all of these questions are known by every deceased person that has ever lived. And, if the living knew what the dead know, surely they would be:

- Buying and reading Bibles.
- Filling church buildings (on Sunday night and Wednesday night, too) in a desperate search of learning what they need to do to be saved and grow spiritually.

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- Trembling at the frailty of life and would not delay in their obedience to the gospel.

What a changed world it would be if the living knew what the dead know. Ironically, we can know what the dead already know, and we don’t have to wait for the experience of death. We can open our Bibles and know, just as assuredly as the dead, what awaits us in eternity.

Please don’t delay in your preparation for eternity.

—Steve Higginbotham



A Second Hiroshima

It happened about 80 years ago on August 6, 1945. The United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The devastation was unlike anything the world had ever seen. Three days later, a second bomb annihilated the city of Nagasaki. Soon after World War II came to a close.

These cities in Japan were reduced to ashes in seconds. But eventually they were rebuilt. Today they are as modernized as other cities. The people recovered.

About 20 years after these bombs incinerated their targets, a different kind of bomb leveled the United States. It was like a nuclear weapon in a moral sense, and unlike the cities of Japan, the moral landscape of America has never recovered from the impact of that explosion.

The rebellion of the 1960s devastated our culture. Moral values that held communities together had been weakening, but everything fell apart when the first generation of Baby Boomers reached adulthood and threw a temper tantrum. In 1962 prayer was removed from many public schools. ***Continues on Page 3...***



August Birthday!

25TH COOKIE
SPENCER

Sept. Birthday's!

1ST ALAN BEAVERS
13TH DAVID PALMER
15TH NANCY
BEAVERS
22ND GARY
HOLLANDSWORTH
26TH CAROL PACE
27TH RITA LAWLESS



Sept. Anniversaries!

10TH DONN &
KITTY SHUMATE
14TH JAY &
SHELIA MARTIN



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.



Men's Breakfast!

Our next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat, Sept, 27th! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.

Upcoming Events:



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Peter, James, John; Jesus, Moses, Elijah; beloved, pleased; false; John the Baptist

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Can I Really be Wise?

The book of Proverbs describes wisdom as a hidden treasure, more valuable than gold, silver, or precious rubies. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10). Not only does Solomon’s collection of wisdom teach us about its value, but the letter of James also instructs Christians to seek this valuable virtue. Wisdom, the ability to use the knowledge one has studied and obtained, is available for the asking. “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5). Later in the letter, James explains that there are two types of wisdom, one good and one not-so-good.

Beginning at Chapter 3:13, we are asked, “Who is wise and understanding among you?” Christians demonstrate their wisdom by showing good conduct and the things they do in the course of life are done in the “meekness of wisdom”. However, not all act appropriately, having bitter jealousy and self-centeredness in their hearts. When Christians become preoccupied by pleasure seeking and self-satisfaction, they lose sight of their calling (Rom. 8:28) and their service is replaced by consumerism.

Worldly wisdom is not godly wisdom. In this passage, James condemns those who with pride and arrogance taught their own twisted version of the gospel. From this we can learn that seemingly wise spiritual teaching is not always godly counsel. James described this type of wisdom as earthly, unspiritual, and demonic (James 3:15).

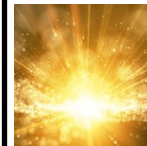
So can I really be wise and pleasing to the Lord? If so, then how? James gives the answer in verse 17, “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy” (James 3:17). If we prayerfully ask God to make us wise, leave our selfishness behind and do our best to develop and practice these qualities, we can truly be wise in the Lord. —Jay Launius

“A Second Hiroshima” Continued from Page 2... In 1963 the Supreme Court declared Bible reading in schools unconstitutional. The cover of TIME magazine read “Is God Dead?” Movies began to have profanity and nudity. Young people rebelled against their parents and against authority in general. Mini-skirts exploded on the scene. Young people turned to sex and drugs. And in the midst of this chaos, streets were filled with riots and protests while our young men were away fighting a war in a strange land called Vietnam.

But while much of America never recovered and in fact grew worse, it is encouraging that some protected themselves in the fallout shelter of faith. It is especially encouraging to see young Christian families today whose values align with pre-1960s standards. Hope is not lost.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34).

—Kerry Duke



Heaven is Real

Heaven is an important topic and, I must confess, I love speaking and writing about the Spiritual House. Because, like you, I’ve lost loved ones ... and I look forward to being with my Christian family members and friends in that glorious home.

I think that it’s sad that many do not have the hope of heaven. And it is very sad that there are many who think that they can go to heaven without committing their lives to Jesus Christ. For God told us: “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12, CSB).

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“Heaven is Real” Continued from Page 3... The 17th century scientist Blaise Pascal had an interesting observation. Besides inventing the Probability Theory and describing air pressure, many credit Pascal with creating the first computer in the 17th century.

Pascal was converted from atheism to Christianity. He is just one of many, many famous and important scientists who have confessed Jesus as Lord.

After he became a believer, he was confronted by one of his atheist friends. The fellow ridiculed Pascal for his belief in heaven. Pascal explained: “If you do not believe in heaven and I do not believe – in the end we both lose whether heaven is real or not.” But if it is real ... And, If you don’t believe in heaven and I do – in the end you lose and I win.” Then, Pascal said, “My fondest desire is for both of us to win.”

I am on Pascal’s side. Jesus told us that he was going to prepare a house for us in Heaven. I believe that Jesus told the truth. I believe that our Lord was NOT a liar. Here is what Jesus Christ said:

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-2, NKJV).

Heaven is real! —Larry Fitzgerald



On the Lighter Side: A Little Long

The sermon seemed to go on forever. Finally the minister paused and asked, “What more, my friends, can I possibly say?” From the rear of the assembly came a reply, “Amen!”





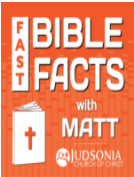


Matthew 17:1-13

1. What three disciples did Jesus take up with Him on the mountain?
2. For what three people did one disciple want to make tabernacles?
3. “This is My __ Son, in whom I am well __. Hear Him!”
4. True or False: Jesus told the disciples to go and tell everyone about what they had seen right away.
5. Who did Jesus say was the “Elijah” who was coming first to restore all things?

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!





Did You Know This About Jonah?

Many people know about the events surrounding the prophet Jonah. He was told by God to prophesy to the people of Nineveh and tell them to repent, but instead he ran away, boarded a ship, and was eventually tossed overboard and swallowed by a great fish. After this, Jonah agreed to prophesy.

But did you know that Jonah was from Gath-hepher, a village in Galilee about three miles north of Nazareth? That’s Jesus’ home town!

So when the Pharisees said in John 7:52, “Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee,” they were wrong!

Jonah’s experience being in the belly of the fish three days and nights was a sign pointing forward to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. In fact, Jonah is the only prophet Jesus likened Himself to (Matthew 12:40). —Matt Clifton



“The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.” — Pierre Corneille

“I would have a man generous to his country, his neighbors, his friends, and most of all his poor friends. Not like some who are most lavish with those who are able to give most to them.” — Pliny the Younger