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Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

**Debbie Brooks.** Bitten by a tick. Undergoing testing for Lyme disease.

**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 & Yvette Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Health concerns.

Joe Shulam. Health concerns.

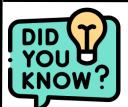
Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

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.



#### Did You Know?

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## The Power and Importance of God's Word

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Do not let the ending of the story in Luke 16:19-31 escape you.

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The rich man is in agony. He has begged for relief (none is forthcoming). Now, he is begging for a miracle for his family that he has left behind. He was certain that if a messenger from the dead showed up at his father's house his family would give up their selfish ways and repent. They would be faithful to the Lord and avoid torment if only Lazarus would shock them with a miraculous message from the other side. If only!

We know of other cases where someone was raised from the dead and it did not lead to a 100 percent conversion rate. In fact, there was a different man named Lazarus who was indeed raised from the dead by Jesus (John 11:43-44). The result? Some believed (John 11:45), but others wanted to kill both him and Jesus (John 11:53; 12:9-11).

Most obvious and significant of all is the resurrection of Jesus. —"The Power and Importance of God's Word" Continues on Page 2...



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> **Times We Meet:** Sunday:

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



"The Power and Importance of God's Word" Continued from Front Page... He conquered the grave and demonstrated His power, majesty, and the perfection of God's plan (Romans 1:4; 1 Peter 1:3; 3:21). And yet, many did not believe even then (cf. Matthew 28:11-15).

The signs and wonders themselves do not save; they point to the One who saves.

Like the rich man's family, you and I are not to wait on a miracle before we repent. We have been given the Word of God! We have been called through the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). The written evidence is presented for us to believe and have life (John 20:31).

How powerful and important is the Word of God?

- The Gospel message is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16).
- It is living, active, and able to reveal the deepest aspects of our hearts (Hebrews 4:12).
- It is that which gives life and saves souls (James 1:18, 21).
- It is indestructible and timeless (1 Peter 1:23-25).

That is powerful!

Now...the question is, how will we respond to it?

—Bart Warren

## It Is Always 'Us'

It is said that the former Queen of Denmark, Margrethe II, used to walk from the palace every morning to the shops to buy flowers and vegetables. A visitor once asked a Danish citizen, "Who guards the Queen when she walks to the shops?" The citizen replied, "We all do."

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#### 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.





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Or

Check our calendar in the LightPost App!







#### Solution

epileptic; disciples; faithless, perverse; unbelief; prayer, fasting



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## Still, Still With Thee

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;

Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,

Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.

Alone with thee, amid the mystic shadows,

The solemn hush of nature newly born; Alone with thee in breathless adoration,

In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,

When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;

O, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,

Shall rise the glorious thought—I am with thee. —Harriet Beecher Stowe





## Your Father Knoweth

Precious thought, my Father knoweth,
In His love I rest;
For whate'er my Father doeth
Must be always best.
Well I know the heart that planneth,
Nought but good for me;
Joy and sorrow interwoven;
Love in all I see.

Precious thought, my Father knoweth,
Careth for His child;
Bids me nestle closer to Him
When the storm beats wild.
Tho' my earthly hopes are shattered,
And the tear drops fall,
Yet He is Himself my solace,
Yea, my Friend, my all.

Oh, to trust Him then more fully,
Just to simply move
In the conscious, calm enjoyment
Of the Father's love;
Knowing that life's chequered pathway
Leadeth to His rest,
Satisfied the way He taketh

Must be always best.

"It Is Always 'Us" Continued from Page 2... The same is true of the church. Who will help the church grow and thrive? God, certainly, but we each help (1 Cor. 3:6-9). Paul states in Rom 12:4, "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function." We each have something to offer the church. There are no talentless people in the church.

It is like the fable of "Who Flew the Kite?" "I did," said the sticks. "I did," said the paper. "I did," said the boy. "No, I did," said the wind. But they all flew the kite together. If the sticks had broken, the tail caught in a tree, the paper torn, or the wind had lulled, the kite would have come down. Each had a part to play. The application is clear.

We each have work to do in the Kingdom of God. If the work of the Lord is to be a success, then every member of the church must participate.

We have the work of visiting, giving of our time and means, teaching, caring for children, widows, and widowers, helping feed those who need food, and countless other jobs to do to make the church and its work successful. We must all work together and each do what we can to help. It is a matter of teamwork. We all have something we can do to help the church of Christ grow and mature. The church in the New Testament is never spoken of as "they," "them," or even "I." It is always "us."

How are you helping the congregation to grow? God does His part; what about us?

—Mark T. Tonkery

## Let It Be Seen

Our world has almost drowned in rhetoric. Many are turned off by it. For too long, politicians have assaulted our good sense with promises no one could keep and no one expects to be carried to completion. *Cont. on Page 4...* 

God. Their talk has a a hollow sound to it.

fits suggested.

"Let It Be Seen" Continued from Page 3... Television commercials build up

At the same time people have grown skeptical about religion, too. A lot of

their products so much that we would be shocked if they delivered all the bene-

words have been generated by folk who never demonstrate the value of serving

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#### Matthew 17:14-21



- 1. A man came to Jesus whose son was an \_\_.
- 2. "So I brought him to Your \_\_, but they could not cure him."
- 3. "O \_ and \_ generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you?"
- 4. Jesus said the disciples could not cast the demon out because of their \_\_.
- 5. "However, this kind does not go out except by \_ and \_."

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 71

# If religion is to be worth anything, it must be expressed in more that words. Actions cannot be absent if religion has touched someone's life.

One of the reasons Christianity had the kind of impact is did in the first century was that it was shown in the lives and deeds of those who embraced it. The examples are plentiful:

**UNITY.** "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul" (Acts 4:32).

**GENEROSITY.** "Neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own..." (Acts 4:32).

**BENEVOLENCE.** "This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did" (Acts 9:36, spoken of Dorcas, a Christian).

**COMPASSION.** "Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea" (Acts 11:29).

Tertullian, an early disciple, wrote in response to Jews, "Nor would you hesitate to believe what we affirm, since you see it taking place" (*An Answer To The Jews*, Chapter 7). Could we say the same thing?

—Allen Hahn

### Did You Know This About Micah?

Micah was a prophet who lived about the same time as Isaiah and Hosea. He prophesied mostly to the southern kingdom of Judah, but also to the northern kingdom of Israel.

One amazing fact about Micah is that he revealed that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old,
From everlasting." (Micah 5:2)

Jesus, of course, was born in Bethlehem, in fulfillment of yet another of the 330 Old Testament prophecies confirming Him as the Messiah. —*Matt Clifton* 

