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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.

Cindy Canup. Lisa's sister. Broken foot.

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.

Kenneth Moore. Friend of Carol. Cancer.

Carol Pace. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Health concerns.

Joe Shulam. Health concerns.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

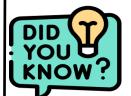
Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders

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?

Our prayer list is now in our Lightpost App? ccocva.org/lightpost

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



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God's Word Waits for No One

"Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.' Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so, Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches" (Acts 15:36-41).

It's bound to happen from time to time. Two brethren, or more, sometimes just can't agree on certain things. In these cases, what has to happen? Does everyone just fold their arms and glare at one another while God's work goes undone? It happens a lot more than you might think. Or, worse, two members bicker so much that not only does the work cease, but so does unity for the congregation.

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"God's Word Waits for No One" Continued from Front Page ... People, invariably, will choose sides based on personalities when doctrine isn't at stake. Sadly, even when doctrine is at stake people choose sides based on feelings. That can't happen.

We can't let Satan enter in our lives when we are at an impasse with others. We must get over ourselves and do the best we can to carry on. It takes swallowing our pride at times. I suppose Paul could have demanded that Barnabas go with him and leave John Mark at home. Instead, two mission trips were gained from a tense situation instead of one. Don't you know the devil hated that? He tried to drive a wedge between them and they used the situation for good. Why can't we do that brethren? We can and must!

The work for helping others find the salvation they need and the sacrifice Jesus provided is too important to be defeated or made vain by continued bickering. There comes a point that the parties involved must see the big picture. God needs us for His work. There are people dying everyday who never knew the Lord. Let that not happen because of pettiness or pride on our part!

The next time we find ourselves in this situation, let's yield to others if we can, without sacrificing doing what is right by the Bible. Let us look to the example of Paul and Barnabas. At some point in their argument, they realized God's work couldn't wait. Remember our mission brethren!

—Chris Moore

Same Fire, Different Result

Take a piece of wax, a piece of meat, some sand, some clay, and some wood shavings, put them on the fire and see how they react.

Each of them is being acted upon by the same agent, yet the wax melts, "Same Fire, Different Result" Continued on Page 3...

Church News



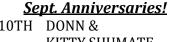
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Sept. Birthday's!

1ST ALAN BEAVERS 13TH DAVID PALMER 15TH NANCY BEAVERS 22ND GARY

HOLLANDSWORTH
26TH CAROL PACE

27TH RITA LAWLESS



KITTY SHUMATE 14TH IAY &

SHELIA MARTIN



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.



First Responders Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner!

Join us on Saturday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall for a spaghetti dinner to honor our first responders.



First Responders Dinner Cont.

Food is being provided, we just need your help to cook and serve the dinner. Final details are being worked out and we should have more information next Sunday. Any questions, please see James or Kevin.



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Check our calendar in the LightPost App!







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betrayed, raised; Capernaum; kings, strangers; offend, fish; money

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"Getting People to Listen" Continued from Page 4... If you think about it, there is good advice in that verse on telling others about the good news of Jesus Christ.

To be honest, very few people we encounter respond positively to lectures in theology or finger-in-the-face attacks on their morality. Now, don't get me wrong, it is crucial that we speak the truth and speak it in love (Eph. 4:15). But maybe there is a better way to get folks interested in the truth of the gospel.

People tend to respond more favorably when we reveal what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. When we make our words personal and positive, people will listen. When we tell of how Jesus Christ has changed our life, people will be interested. It is then we will be given the opportunity to declare gospel truths to them. Give it a try!

—Edd Sterchi

On the Lighter Side

Over the Counter

"I would like vitamins for my son," a mother said. "Vitamin A, B or C?" the pharmacist asked. "It doesn't matter," the mother replied. "He can't read vet."

Not on the Same Page

A little girl had just started kindergarten. After a few days, she came home and said, "Grandpa, I learned the slide rule today." Grandpa was happy to hear that she was learning something new and really pleased it was about math. He asked her to explain it, and she said, "Only one kid on the slide at a time."







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"Same Fire, Different Result" Continued from Page 2... the meat fries, the sand dries up, the clay hardens, the wood shavings blaze.

Just so, under identical influence of circumstances and environment one man is made better, and he becomes stronger, and another becomes weaker, while another withers away.

This explains why one hears the Word of God and is made better. Still another hears the same thing and is made angry. Therefore, we realize that it is the make up of the heart that makes the difference.

—via Graeber Road church of Christ, Rosenberg, TX

How to Bring Greater Joy to Your Life

Everyone wants to enjoy life more. Advertisements bombard us with "just buy this" or "just go there" or "just do that" and you will be happier. But we must realize that God already has a plan in place for greater joy of life.

In Acts chapter 2, we read of people becoming Christians and having lives of great joy. As they went about living their daily lives, we notice that they conducted them, "with gladness and simplicity of heart" (v.46). Now, of course, we understand this was primarily a response to them obeying the gospel and knowing that Jesus Christ had washed away all past sin (v.38-41).

But I also believe that verse 42 reveals four things that they were doing that continued to bring great meaning and joy to their lives. Do you want greater joy in your life? Then concentrate on these and see what happens:

Prayer. One thing the verse reveals is that they continued steadfastly in prayer. Prayer can bring great joy to life, because it helps keep us in connection with the One who saved us.

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"How to Bring Greater Joy to Your Life" Continued from Page 3... We actually get to talk to God! How exciting! When we realize the close relationship we have with God, then nothing of this earth can diminish our joy in Him.

Study. We see from this verse that the first Christians also continued in the apostles' doctrine. This means that they took the words they were taught to heart. They were very serious about understanding God's will and living it. The same should be true of us. The deeper we mine into the great treasures found in the Scriptures, the more joy and peace of life we will discover.

Fellowship. The passage also reveals that fellowship was something they continued steadfastly in. They learned that association with the brethren strengthened them, encouraged them, and brought them great joy (see also v.44-46). We, too, will find great satisfaction and edification in life when we regularly associate with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Service. Finally, this verse mentions that they continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread. While I understand this is primarily with worship in mind, our worship is service and I believe we can include all areas of service under this category. They realized that serving God and serving others in His name brought joy beyond compare. Truly, when we learn to focus on service and serving others, we will find incredible satisfaction and delight in life.

Give these four a try and increase them more and more and see what happens. I think you will find a life that is "with gladness and simplicity of heart."

—Edd Sterchi

Getting People to Listen

"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul" (Psa. 66:16).

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Matthew 17:22-27



- 1. "The Son of Man is about to be _ into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be _ up."
- 2. When they came to the city of __, someone asked Peter if Jesus paid the temple tax.
- 3. "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the __ of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from __?"
- 4. "Nevertheless, lest we _ them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the _ that comes up first."
- 5. Jesus told Peter he would find a piece of _ is the fish's mouth.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

Did You Know This About Nahum?

One hundred years after Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah, the prophet Nahum was sent to deliver a message of coming destruction because the Ninevites had returned to their old ways.

Nineveh boasted a defensive wall that was 100 feet high and wide enough that three chariots could ride side by side. There was a moat around the wall that was 150 feet wide and 60 feet deep. That seems impenetrable! Who could destroy it? The answer, of course, is God!

Nahum prophesied that Nineveh would end "with an overflowing flood" (Nahum 1:8). That happened when the Tigris River overflowed its banks and breached the city's wall. The Babylonians invaded through the opening of the massive wall in 62 BC, plundering the city and setting it on fire.



—Matt Clifton