



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Cindy Canup. Lisa's sister. Broken foot.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Gary Hollandsworth. Surgery on October 5th.

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 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



Family of Charlie Kirk. Political activist & author.

Family of Iryna Zarutskia. Ukrainian refugee.

Families of Colorado school shooting.

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Times We Meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.

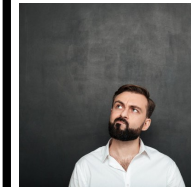
Mid-week Virtual Class:
12:30 p.m.



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When Was It?

- When was the last time you texted or called me and asked how I was doing?
- When was the last time you gave me an encouraging pat on the back?
- When was the last time you saw I was lonely and sat by me in services?
- When was the last time you had me over to your house just to visit?
- When was the last time you offered to do something for me just to help out?
- When was the last time you mentioned Jesus to me?
- When was the last time you spent a little extra time with me just to make me feel special?
- When was the last time you sent an uplifting note in the mail?
- When was the last time you asked to study the Bible with me?

Who am I? I am the person you worship with, I am your neighbor, I am your relative, I am your friend, I am the person you work next to. I am sometimes in need of something, and I may never dream of asking you, but I am always glad when you're there for me.

—Edd Sterchi



Awaiting Justice

Current events cause us to consider the idea of justice, and why some people seem to “get away” with hurting other people. This is not a new question, of course. David wrote about such things many times in the scriptures.

In Psalm 10, David voices the temptation to feel that God is “afar off” and hidden during times of trouble (v.1), while the wicked man persecutes the poor (v.2). The evil person lurks and hides in the villages waiting to catch and even kill the helpless (v.8-11), figuring that God will never catch him.

The Bible’s answer for this is that God does indeed see, both the plight of the innocent and the deeds of the wicked (v. 12-15). God will repay the wicked for their deeds (v.14), and will bring justice to the innocent (v.14-18).

David always came to the conclusion that God is his help, and he would rely on His timing for justice. Just as the scripture affirms in other places, “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He” (Deut. 32:4).

Let us trust in Him, and wait for His justice!

—Matt Clifton



Fighting in Our Streets and God

Nations reap what they sow just as individuals do. “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psa. 9:17). This happens partly because rebellion against God is by nature self-destructive and partly because God providentially intervenes to chastise evil societies. In terms of the latter, one of the most common forms of divine punishment is war. The Lord unleashed the Assyrians on Israel, the Babylonians on Judah, and then the Medes on Babylon. *“Fighting in Our Streets and God” Continues on Page 3...*



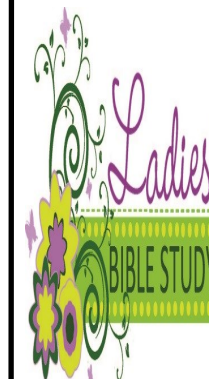
Sept. Birthday's!

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



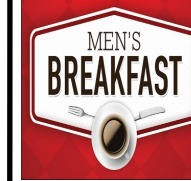
Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!

The Fall Session of our Ladies Bible Class begins this Thursday, Sept. 18th!
The session the ladies are Studying: Women Walking By Faith. Coffee and Donuts at 9:30 a.m. & Class starts at 10:00 a.m.



Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

Thursday's
Around 12:30 p.m.
On All Our Streaming Platforms



Men's Breakfast!

Saturday, Sept, 27th! 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 October 11th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.



Updated Date First Responders Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner!

Join us on Saturday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall for a spaghetti dinner to honor our first responders. 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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Providence Does Not Interfere With Nature

Providence is one of the hardest concepts to understand in the Bible, yet it is taught, without any doubt. When Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery, they did not have anything in mind other than ridding themselves of a “nuisance” and making a little extra money. Though Joseph handled the situation very well, working in Potiphar’s house, rising to importance in prison, and eventually coming to be second in the kingdom, he did not—at the moment his brothers sold him—have a grand plan for saving his brothers from a future famine.

However, after all of these things had passed and Joseph could look back on this cumulation of events, he told his brothers, “Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life” (Genesis 45:5). Joseph did not mean to excuse the wrong that his brothers committed, but he did see the bigger picture: that events had turned out well in the long run, despite what had appeared to be a situation from which nothing good could come.

Providence does not interfere with nature. It is God using natural means to accomplish His will. Though we can never know for sure when something is providential, even in hindsight, we should always look back upon events to see the good that came from them instead of dwelling on the bad. —Kevin Rhodes



On the Lighter Side: Things Are Tough All Over

My wife and I went out for a leisurely drive to see the autumn leaves, when we noticed that one of the tires seemed to be getting low...

She was a bit taken aback when I asked her for some change and asked, “Why in the world did they start charging for AIR?!”

I looked at her and winked, “Inflation.”



“Fighting in Our Streets and God” Continued from Page 2... But the chastening rod in God’s hand is not always a foreign army. Sometimes it is division and fighting within.

We call it “civil war.” For thousands of years nation after nation has experienced it. The book of Isaiah reveals that God has a hand in some of these conflicts. The prophet pictured a complete breakdown of law and order in Judah in chapter three. The result was anarchy. “The people shall be oppressed, every one by another and every one by his neighbor; the child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable” (Isa. 3:5). In this lawless state of chaos every man was a law to himself and respect for others vanished.

The same thing happened in other countries in Isaiah, and the Lord in His justice was involved. Consider Egypt, a nation whose time had come to reap what they had sown. God said, “I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; everyone will fight against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst” (Isa. 19:2-3). This powerful empire fell because they were so busy fighting with each other that they could not protect themselves from their enemies without.

In light of this pattern in history and in the Bible, why should we be surprised at riots and bloodshed in some of our major cities? We are a nation that has slaughtered over sixty million babies. The highest court in the land has made the perversion of same-sex marriage legal and now tyrannical governors and mayors have deemed attending church services a crime. Our land is full of greed, drunkenness, pornography and dishonesty. The infighting we are witnessing may be a just sentence from God.

The Cold War conditioned us to fear external threats to our peace and safety as a people. Perhaps it is time to recall that ancient Rome collapsed because it was rotten on the inside.

—Kerry Duke



Are You a Hero of Patience?

Everyone loves a hero! We marvel at the mighty deeds of brave folks around us, and we wonder what it would take to be just like them.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, “A man is a hero, not because he is braver than anyone else, but because he is brave for ten minutes longer.”

How applicable this quote is to so many situations in life, especially the life of a Christian. James tells us that patience (perseverance) comes from enduring tests of our faith, which in turn leads to a complete faith (James 1:3-4).

From a biblical perspective, being a “hero” is not about being impervious to harm and temptation, but rather enduring those trials with patience.

You can be a hero, dear Christian! Remember that whatever comes your way to-day, you can endure it through Christ’s strength (Phil. 4:13). You will be a hero for it!
—Matt Clifton



Our Spiritual Beauty

A city dweller was being driven by a rancher over a blistering and almost barren stretch of desert when a large brightly-colored bird scurried across the road in front of them. The visitor asked what it was. “That’s a bird of paradise,” said the rancher. “Pretty long way from home, isn’t he!” remarked the visitor.

This story reminds us of what it’s like being a Christian. We are citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20), and when people see us they ought to see a contrast with the world around us. Our character ought to be so different that people see our spiritual beauty and wonder what land we hail from. We are strangers in a strange land, for sure. But let’s be the salt and light the Lord wants us to be, and make the “scenery” here as good as it can be!

—Matt Clifton



Matthew 18:1-9



1. When the disciples asked Jesus who was greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus called a little _ to Him.
2. “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are _ and become as little __, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”
3. “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to __, it would be better for him if a _ were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”
4. True or False: Jesus said if your hand or foot causes you to sin, you can forget about going to heaven.
5. “It is better for you to enter into _ with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into _ _.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Habakkuk?

The prophet Habakkuk presents a question to God: Why is there so much pain and injustice in the world? Why do the wicked seem to always have the upper hand over the righteous?

God’s answer is not that pain and injustice will be taken away in this world, but rather that the wicked will be punished in due time. Meanwhile, “the just shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4).

In response, Habakkuk realizes,

*“Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills”* (Habakkuk 3:17-19). —Matt Clifton