



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 6th.

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.

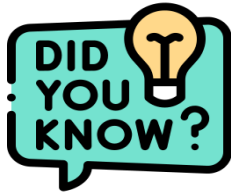
Joe Shulam. Health concerns.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson’s & Dementia.
Caregivers.
Our Country, Military & Leaders

** To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. **



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Times We Meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies Fellowship: 9:30a.m.

Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.



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Spiritual Superpowers

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” Romans 12:21.

My teens have posed the question: if you were a superhero, what superpower would you want to have? Answers range from extreme speed to flight, from x-ray vision to great strength. Everyone wants to be in control and not beaten back by the villains. So, on the surface, everyone agrees wholeheartedly that we shouldn’t be overcome by evil but to overcome evil with good—like ‘good’ is some sort of superpower to wield. But, Jesus tells us that only God is good. And yet, we are to add goodness to our faith in “increasing measure” to “receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom.” This shows this fruit of the Spirit to be rare but certainly grow-able in our lives. The key to having goodness is found in the beginning of the chapter. We are to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, not conforming to the pattern of this world but being transformed by the renewing of our minds. Then, we can be like God, who alone is good, to overcome evil with good. Spiritual superpowers don’t come as gifts to be given but as fruits to be grown. Don’t wait until you’re hungry to plant a garden.

How will you overcome evil? —*Doug Kashorek*



Is the Young Man, Absalom, Safe?

The question above comes from 2 Samuel 18:32. Absalom, David's son, had tried to wrest the kingdom from his father. He had slept with the ten concubines (wives) of his father. David had to flee his home when he heard Absalom was staging a coup and left these women to tend the house/palace. There is no doubt that Absalom was a danger to his father the king or anyone else for that matter.

David finally takes advice from his military commanders to go to war with his son, Absalom and his soldiers. Before his commanders take the field, David makes a request/command: (2 Samuel 18:5) Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." 'And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom.' Joab, his top commander, disobeys the command, along with ten other soldiers, and kills Absalom as he was tangled in a tree.

In chapter 19:1, we see David mourning Absalom. It caused a national panic and grieving. The people didn't understand why David was mourning when the kingdom had restored! Joab goes to David and rebukes him: (2 Samuel 19:5-6) Then Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Today you have disgraced all your servants who today have saved your life, the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives and the lives of your concubines, "in that you love your enemies and hate your friends. For you have declared today that you regard neither princes nor servants; for today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you well." David finally goes out and does a fair job of uniting everyone again.

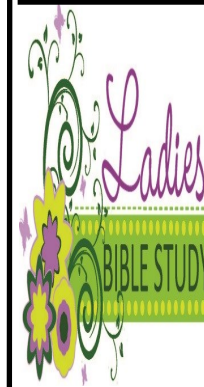
What is the point? We must not put our personal matters before what is right with God, Christ, or the church (God's people). We know that putting God first is priority one. Everything must come after that. David was wrong to put his disobedient and dangerous son ahead of everyone, even himself! Following God isn't always easy, but we have to do what is right first. Always!

—Chris Moore



Upcoming September Birthday's!

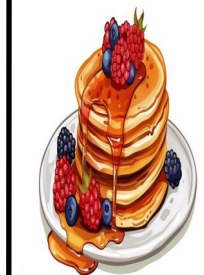
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HOLLANDSWORTH
26TH CAROL PACE
27TH RITA LAWLESS



Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!

The Fall Session of our Thursday Ladies Bible Class is underway.

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.



Congregational Breakfast!

Brother Odell Moran's daughter Karen & son Larry are coming into town this week and would like to meet the church family here for breakfast on Sat. So, this month our Men's Breakfast that is scheduled for Sat, September 27th! will now be a congregational breakfast so we all can see & visit with Karen & Larry. Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast. Please RSVP to Brother Pete Lovell by Tuesday, so we can have a head count for our reservation. All who can please come out for breakfast.



Guest Speaker!

On Sunday, October 5th we are having a guest speaker. Brother Tim Canup who is an Instructor & Recruiter for the North Carolina School of Biblical Studies will be with us.



Fellowship Meal!

On Sunday, October 5th Following our worship gathering we will have a fellowship meal. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



Pizza/Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on October 11th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.



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<i>“Leaving Your Bible” Continued from Page 4...</i> Now, I don’t know if this is the most common reason why many folks leave their Bibles at home, but I expect it may be. If so, it is a terrible reason. Why? It is terrible for several reasons. • Leaving the Bible at home means we will not know if preachers and teachers are telling us the truth. How could we know if we are being told the truth when we don’t have a Bible to see if what they’re saying is the truth ourselves? • How could anyone claim to be a student of the Bible if we leave the most important book ever written at home? • Could it be that many people just don’t care anything about the Bible? There has been a trend over the last few years of people attending worship and skipping Bible study. Those who do so usually don’t carry a Bible to worship. If they don’t care to study the Bible on Sunday and Wednesday night, isn’t that indicative of a person that lacks the proper care to “study to show thyself approved unto God? (1 Timothy 2:15 KJV). • It may be the case that many people have a disjointed idea about the Bible having anything do to with worship or Bible study. If that is true, then how could that be? Who would have told them the Bible should never be read or studied? • Is it just carelessness? Perhaps it is carelessness linked to habitual behavior. We leave the Bible home and go to church and before we know it, we’re constantly, habitually leaving it at home and going to church. What do these possible reasons say about those who leave their Bibles at home when they attend worship and/or Bible study? Well, it doesn’t say anything good, does it? This Sunday, don’t forget to take your Bible to church with you. —<i>John Henson</i>			 <i>The Irony of Sin</i> King Ahab called Elijah the prophet the “troubler of Israel” (1 Kings 18:17). Of course, the prophet wasted no time in pointing out that it was Ahab, not Elijah, who was the real trouble in Israel because he had abandoned the commandments of the LORD (1 Kings 18:18). A few years later, Ahab’s daughter will do virtually the same thing. When the people were in the process of crowning Joash as the new king of Judah, Athaliah tore her clothes and cried out, “Treason! Treason!” (2 Chron. 23:13). The fact of the matter was that she was the one who had committed treason when she murdered her family members in order to secure the throne (2 Chron. 22:10). There is an important lesson in these historical events for us. You and I often do just exactly what we accuse others of doing! We point the finger at others and put the spotlight on them when we are the guilty ones. Let us be ever more concerned with our own sinfulness and standing before Almighty God! <i>“...first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye” (Matt. 7:5).</i> —<i>Bart Warren</i>  <i>Mr. Knew-It-All</i> Experience is a trait that is very valuable for any organization. A person with experience in an area can usually do a job faster, easier and better than those without. <i>“Mr. Knew-It-All” Continues on Page 4...</i>		

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However the Preacher tells us in Ecclesiastes 4:13 of a time when experience is wasted. He says, “A poor yet wise lad is better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows how to receive instruction.”

Experience and position are not assets to those that think they no longer need to listen to anyone else. No matter how long you have been doing something and how good you may be at it, there is always something else you can learn. Those that “check out” and feel they “know it all” are no longer an asset to any organization or to themselves.

—Barry Haynes



Leaving Your Bible?

My father and mother used to carry a Bible to church with them every Sunday. My brothers and sisters and I, when we were old enough to read, were given a Bible so we could do the same. We didn’t leave the house without our Bible because my father would surely tell us to go back and get it.

Many people, however, have stopped carrying their Bibles to worship and Bible study. This is a mistake because it is impossible to study the Bible without one!

While it was a long, long time ago, I remember that in school the best students always took their books home and studied their lessons. The ones that didn’t care never did homework and never took their books home. You could see them throwing their books into the locker at the end of the school day.

As a preacher, I have been curious as to why someone coming to Bible study would enter the building without carrying a Bible. It seemed to me to be a bit strange. When I asked about it, one person said, “I guess I just didn’t think to pick it up.”

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Matthew 18:10-14



1. “Take heed that you do not _ one of these little ones...”
2. Jesus said that in heaven their _ always see the _ of the Father.
3. How many sheep did the man have in this section?
4. How many being lost would it take for the man to go seek what was lost?
5. “Even so it is not the _ of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should _.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Zephaniah?

Zephaniah was a prophet during the time of King Josiah of Judah. He prophesied about the same time as Jeremiah and Habakkuk.

But did you know that Zephaniah was the only prophet of royal descent? He was, in fact, the great-great-grandson of the godly king Hezekiah.

Zephaniah was sent to announce God’s coming judgment upon the nations around Judah: Philistia, Moab, Ammon, Ethiopia, and Assyria.

A key verse is Zephaniah 2:3:

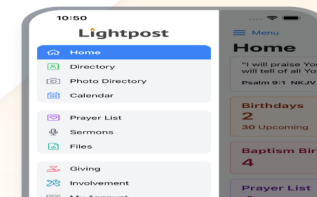
“Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth,
Who have upheld His justice.
Seek righteousness, seek humility.
It may be that you will be hidden
In the day of the Lord’s anger.”

—Matt Clifton

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