



Billy Ashworth. (longtime friend of Pete from Eden, NC.) Rehabilitating at Stanleytown.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Cindy Canup. Lisa's sister. Broken foot.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Gary Hollandsworth. Recovering from surgery.

Hester Hollandsworth. Recovering from a recent hospital stay.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

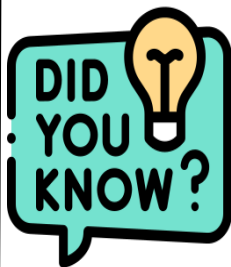
Charlotte Wyatt. Kevin's mom. Recovering from a mild stroke.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Little Miss Cecili. Child at Potter Home.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders



Did You Know?

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

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. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.




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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.

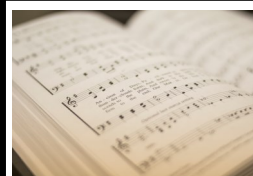
Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.



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Why We Sing In Church

"...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19).

Darryl Tippens has written a booklet called, *That's Why We Sing*. At the beginning of the booklet, he writes: "When I think of my most memorable moments in church, the times I have felt closest to God, almost always they involve hymns." He goes on to say that "all kinds of (spiritual songs) have affected me deeply, and permanently." And he adds: "I have come to see that I am not exceptional in this respect. In fact, the number of people who have been radically changed by sacred song is quite large."

I, personally, was drawn to the Lord's Church because of the singing of that fine congregation of people. Over the years, I have worshiped at churches throughout the U.S., Canada and the UK. And often, what I recall the most about those worship services is the singing. In some, the heartfelt response to God's grace was evident. It permeated every syllable of each word as it was sung to the Lord. So as I reflect on the singing of God's church, I note:

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Continued from Front Page... Singing connects us to God. I believe that there is a deep longing in every soul to be connected to God. Blaise Pascal described it as a "God-shaped vacuum"—A God-shaped hole in every soul that only God can fill. We find this longing throughout the Bible. For instance, David wrote: "My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God" (Psalms 84:2). One of the things Christians have to offer people (as they search for God) is hymn singing. Our hymns inspire devotion, repentance, sorrow, joy, and reverence.

Singing has the power to change us. Augustine is considered by many to be the greatest theologian of the fourth century A.D. In one of his writings, he tells how singing played a major role in his decision to become a Christian. Addressing God in his *Confessions*, the great theologian writes: "How I wept during your hymns and songs! I was deeply moved by the music of the sweet chants of your Church. The sounds flowed into my ears and the truth was distilled into my heart. This caused the feelings of devotion to overflow. Tears ran, and it was good for me to have that experience."

So as you go to worship this Sunday, remember to offer the fruit of your lips as a sweet sacrifice to God (Hebrews 13:15).
—Larry Fitzgerald



What Happened to Christian Colleges?

It is a fact of history that schools, like societies, tend to go from conservative to liberal and not the other way around. They begin with firm beliefs and strict standards. They are passionate about them. They fight to preserve them because they fought and sacrificed to acquire them. But in time, as generations pass, the battles that created the need for these schools are forgotten.

It's the same thing we read in Judges 2. "So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua,
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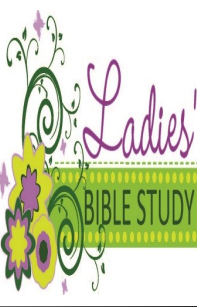




October Birthday's!
10TH HESTER
HOLLANDSWORTH
28TH KEVIN WYATT



October Anniversaries!
5TH BRAD
& JORDYN NEWTON
25TH KEVIN
& VELVET WYATT



Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!
Thursday Ladies Bible Class
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.



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



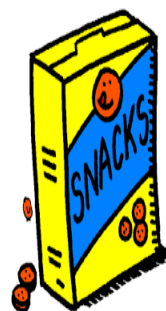
October Men's Breakfast!
Our next Men's Breakfast will be on October 18th! Join us at 9:00 a.m. for food and fellowship.







Fire Pit / Game Night!
Our next Fire Pit & Game Night will be on October 25th! Join us at 4:00 p.m. for food and fellowship & fun around the fire pit. We will have a wiener roast and pizza for supper. S'mores for dessert and then we'll head inside for a good time of playing games.



Snack Bags for School Children!
Filling snack bags for the children in our local schools. Please bring in the following to the lobby by

Sunday, November 2nd:

Ramen Noodles, Chef Boyardee Pasta Meals (canned or microwaveable), Individual bags of chips and Granola bars. Or, if you would like to donate funds to purchase these items, please drop your funds into the offering boxes and mark it as School or donate online (just click on School Snacks from the drop-down box) by Sunday, November 2nd.





Bible Quiz



Solution
Pharisees, lawful; male, female; joined, separate; hardness, beginning; better

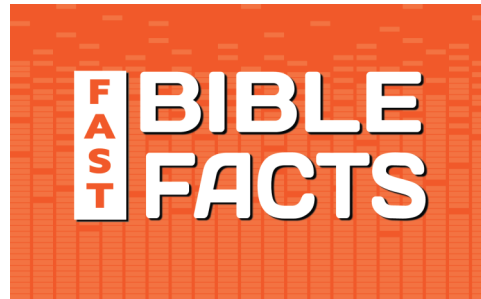
Did You Know This About Matthew?

One of the most powerful and memorable moments in the gospel accounts is when Jesus calms the storm in Matthew 8:23-27. The disciples were in a boat with Jesus crossing the Sea of Galilee, and a powerful storm arose. The boat was being covered with waves, but Jesus was asleep. The disciples cried out saying, "Lord save us! We are perishing!" Jesus said, "Why are you fearful, o you of little faith?" He then rebuked the storm, and there was a great calm. The disciples wondered, "Who can this be, that even the winds and sea obey Him?"

The answer of course, was God in the flesh!

Psalm 107:28-30 shows God calming the sea after sailors call out to Him in their distress.

*"Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble,
And He brings them out of their distresses.
He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.
Then they are glad because they are quiet;
So He guides them to their desired haven."*



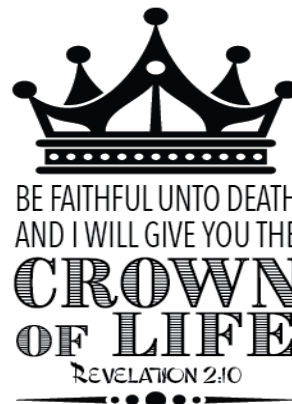
Our desired haven is heaven in the presence of God, and Jesus alone can guide us there (John 14:6).
—Matt Clifton



It Is the Duty and Privilege Of...

...the **Lord's people** (2 Cor. 6:16)
...on the **Lord's day** (Acts 20:7; Rev. 1:10)

...to gather around the **Lord's table** (1 Cor. 10:21)
...to eat the **Lord's Supper** (1 Cor. 11:20)
...in remembrance of the **Lord's death** (1 Cor. 11:26)
...discerning the **Lord's body** (1 Cor. 11:29)
...until the **Lord's coming** (1 Cor. 11:26)
...all linked together in the **Lord's name** (Col. 3:17)



Continued from Page 2... who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel...When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel" (Judges 2:7, 10).

This is what has happened with many schools that were established to teach the Bible. It's the same thing that happens in nations. We are well aware of the fact that this nation is not what it used to be. This country began as a God-fearing, hard-working, moral people. But as we grew more prosperous and became prideful, independent and complacent, we felt like we could get along fine without God. Now look at us. We are still a powerful, wealthy country, but our moral and spiritual foundation is crumbling because we have forgotten God and the Bible. Christian colleges are merely following the same path as the majority of society.

Harvard and other universities were founded to train ministers who in turn would educate communities in the Bible. Here are some of the rules of Harvard College when it was founded in 1636: "...Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is to know God, and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound, knowledge and learning...everyone shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day, that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein..." Students were to shun "all profanation of God's name, attributes, word, ordinance, and times of worship..." Today Harvard promotes homosexuality and blasphemes God, Christ, and the Bible. The same thing happened at Yale, Princeton and other other colleges established on the premise that the Bible should be the foundation of moral education.

Universities established by churches of Christ are not exempt. Abilene Christian University published a commentary called The Transforming Word in 2009 which says that Isaiah didn't write most of Isaiah and prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament are not really clear-cut prophecies. ***Cont. on Page 4...***

Continued from Page 3... David Lipscomb University and others train young women to be preachers in violation of I Corinthians 14:34-35 and I Timothy 2:11-14. Pepperdine University promotes open fellowship with all who just believe in Jesus. These schools did not begin this way. Concerned brethren sounded the warning about a generation ago but those warnings were scorned. Now look at the situation. It is way past time to get back to solid Bible preaching and teaching.

—Kerry Duke



You Can Make It Through!

The trials and difficulties of life often seem overwhelming. They can weigh us down heavily. Sadly, many Christians do not survive them with their faith intact. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul gives us some encouragement that we can make it through with our faith stronger than ever.

First, let’s note that Paul himself was not immune to the burdens of life. In v.8 he admits, “We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.” What is it that caused him to be so optimistic and hopeful even in dark times? He gives a great list in the following verses:

Keep Jesus’ sacrifice in mind (v.9-12). Paul was “always carrying about...the dying of the Lord Jesus.” It was always on his heart and mind. Those thoughts guided the way he lived and spoke.

Keep trusting in the Bible (v.13). Paul had faith in the things “according to what is written.” He believed and relied upon the words and promises of God as recorded in His word.

Keep remembering that better things are coming (v.14). Paul was confident that God would “raise us up with Jesus.”

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Bible Quiz: Matthew 19:1-10

1. “The __ also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, ‘Is it __ for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?’”
2. “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them __ and __...’”
3. Jesus said what God has __ together, let man not __.
4. “Moses, because of the __ of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the __ it was not so.”
5. The disciples said to Jesus, “If such is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is __ not to marry.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

Continued from Page 4... He knew that even if his current problems led to death, that would not be the end. It would be the beginning of a better life.

Keep a right attitude (v.15). Paul kept on keeping on “for your sakes” and “to the glory of God.” He knew that the right mindset would positively influence others and exalt God.

Keep each day as a fresh start (v.16). Paul knew that “the inward man is being renewed day by day.” He was certain that God would give him strength for the day.

What great reminders to us! We can make it through anything! Hang in there and keep the things that Paul kept dear. “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (v.17-18).

—Edd Sterchi