



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Ruby Brad. Suffering with aggressive cancer.

Kevin Collins. Recovering from a car wreck.

Renee Collins. Recovering from a car accident.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Linda Hughes & Family. House fire.

Nadia Hurley. Health concerns.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Recent surgery.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Jimmy Ligon. Recovering from neck surgery.

Karen Lovell. Upcoming surgery on March 20th.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Recovering from a recent fall.

Carol Pace. Foot problems and upcoming tests.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

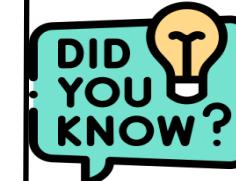
Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Recovering from a mild stroke.

Caregivers.

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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:
Ladies Fellowship:
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Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.



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Path Determines Destination

God created us as free moral agents. We choose the path we take in life, for good or for ill. While most of us relish our freedom, the down side is that we must take responsibility for the choices we make. I like the way Joe Fitch put it: "When you choose the road, you also necessarily include the destination."

Most people give little or no consideration to the destination when selecting their path. Immediate gratification clouds our thinking. How much thought do you suppose the Israelites gave to their destination when they started down the path of idolatry and immorality? Even when the prophets warned them of captivity in Assyria and Babylon, the people scoffed. When it finally happened, God's people found themselves being marched off to foreign lands with nobody to blame but themselves. They had unwittingly chosen their destination when they selected their path.

God had set before His people a clear choice: obey and live, or rebel and die. Through Moses, God pleaded with Israel: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life..." (Deuteronomy 30:19). ***Continues on Page 2...***

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Unfortunately, the people evidently thought they could walk the wrong path, but still arrive at their desired destination. It did not work then, nor will it work today!

Actions have consequences; causes produce effects. Sin results in eternal spiritual death (Romans 6:23). No one in his right mind would choose to go to Hell. Yet multitudes make that very choice by selecting the broad, easy way that leads to destruction.

Question: Do you want to suffer eternally in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone? What sane person would answer, "Oh, yes, definitely!"? Instead, we instinctively want to live forever. However, most people reject the narrow, difficult path that leads to eternal life; and in doing so, we reject the destination we claim to seek.

Just before Jesus was crucified, He told His apostles, "And where I go you know, and the way you know" (John 14:4). When Thomas objected that they knew neither where He was going nor the way, Jesus responded: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (14:6). When we choose to follow Jesus, we choose the destination to which He leads (Heaven). Opting to walk some other path involves rejecting that beautiful home of the soul. Unintentional rejection, perhaps, but rejection nonetheless. What destination do you want? Have you chosen the path that leads to it?

—Joe Slater

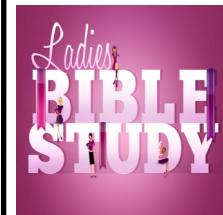
**For we walk by
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not by sight.**
2 Cor. 5:7



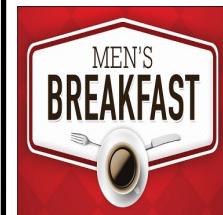
CHURCH NEWS



January Birthday!
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Ladies' Bible Class!
Ladies, join us for our Thursday Ladies Bible Class. Coffee & Donuts @ 9:30 a.m. Class @ 10:00 a.m.



January Men's Breakfast!
Our next Men's Breakfast will be on January 24th! Join us at 9:00 a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.

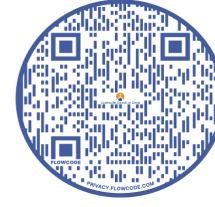
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"Jesus Solves Problems" Continued from Page 4... Bottom line: the best neighbors, citizens, business owners, police officers, and government officials are those whose lives are governed by the authority of Jesus. Our world desperately needs to know Jesus. The best thing we can do in response to the Ferguson decision is to let the world see him living in us (Col. 1:27). —Eddie Parrish



The Seven S's of the Savior

Jesus came to the earth to...

... **Speak** – “I have many things to say... He who sent Me is true ; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him” (John 8:26).

... **Seek** – “for the Son of Man has come to seek... that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

... **Serve** – “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” (Mark 10:45).

... **Suffer** – “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...” (1 Pet. 3:18).

... **Sacrifice** – “... as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us... a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma” (Eph. 5:2).

... **Sanctify** – “Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate” (Heb. 13:12).

... **Save** – “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...” (1 Tim. 1:15).

—Edd Sterchi



A Judgment Worse Than The Flood Looms!

“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth...” (Gen. 6:5).

Before moving in judgment against the most evil and corrupt society in history, God commanded Noah to build an ark. It soon became a symbol of life and salvation to the few who believed God. Even though they refused to accept it, for those who disbelieved it represented impending death and judgment. Peter described Noah during the time he was building the ark, calling him “a preacher of righteousness” (2 Pet. 2:5). Every board he cut and nail he drove was an illustration of the urgency of his message.

God’s warning was stern, His message horrifying. But His patience and mercy prevailed for 120 years, for Scripture says, “... the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing (being built)” (1 Pet. 3:20). Though mercifully warned, the whole world scoffed and died.

A tragedy as great as the flood judgment is that man’s attitude toward God is still the same as back then. Jesus said, “The coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah... before the flood they were eating and drinking... marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matt. 24:37-39).

Like Noah, you are to preach righteousness to an evil and perverse generation by your works and your life. A judgment worse than the flood looms in the future. Be faithful to do that even if folks don’t want to listen. Sometimes you ‘ll encounter people who scoff at God’s judgment and mock your Christian life. Don’t be discouraged. Pray for them and be available to serve them and teach them whenever possible. Some will listen, even if it’s only eight souls.

—Michael Gilbert



Jesus Solves Problems

As I watched my television recently and saw people making accusations of racism and injustice, setting fire to police cars, breaking windows, and stealing from unprotected stores, one thought kept coming to mind: this country needs Jesus.

If you have followed the Ferguson case at all, you probably have an opinion about it. So do I. But whether you think Michael Brown was murdered in cold blood, or whether you think Officer Darren Wilson used deadly force in defense of his own life, there is one underlying fact that cannot be ignored: The answer to whatever it is that ails this country is Jesus Christ.

If the problem is racism, the answer is Jesus (Galatians 3:28). If the problem is injustice, the answer is Jesus (John 7:24). If the problem is murder, the answer is Jesus (Matt. 5:21-22). If the problem is looting, the answer is Jesus (Eph. 4:28). If the problem is the destruction of property, the answer is Jesus (Matthew 7:12). If the problem is fatherless homes and/or poor parenting, the answer is Jesus (Ephesians 6:4). If the problem is personal vengeance, the answer is Jesus (Romans 12:19). If the problem is enemies, the answer is Jesus (Romans 12:20-21; Matthew 5:44-48).

When Jesus is Lord, you don't judge people based on the color of their skin. When Jesus is Lord, you don't steal from others. When Jesus is Lord, you respect the lives and property of others. When Jesus is Lord, you treat others the way you want to be treated. When Jesus is Lord, judgments are made on the basis of righteous principles. When Jesus is Lord, fathers lead godly homes and train their children in the right ways of the Lord. When Jesus is Lord, personal vengeance gives way to peacefulness because God is just and he will right all wrongs one day.

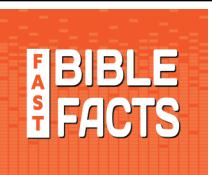
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Bible Quiz: Matthew 22:15-22

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. True or False: The Pharisees were interested in listening patiently to Jesus.
2. "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You about anyone, for You do not regard the person of ."
3. True or False: The Pharisees asked Jesus about paying taxes to Caesar.
4. " therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
5. True or False: After hearing this, the Pharisees went with Jesus.



Did You Know This About 1 Timothy?

Timothy was no stranger to the trials and difficulties of the Christian life. He was a native of the city of Lystra, where Paul was stoned and left for dead during his first missionary journey.

It was during this first missionary journey that Timothy was converted. His father was a Greek, and his mother was a Jewish Christian.

While Paul the apostle spent some time in jail cells, we don't often remember that other preachers of the gospel suffered in a similar way.

According to Hebrews 13:23, Timothy spent some time in prison as well.

—Matt Clifton



"Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit." — Hosea Ballou

"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes." — Hugh Downs

"Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open." — John Barrymore