



**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

**Sibbie Byrd.** Nursing home. Health concerns.

**Drew Clifton.** Need of prayer.

**Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health concerns.

**Axel Keller.** Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

**Rita Lawless.** Health concerns.

**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.

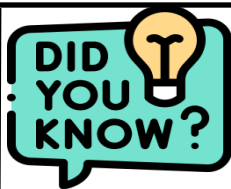
**Charlotte Wyatt.** Recovering from a fall.  
Cracked pelvis and undergoing PT.

**Caregivers.**

**Our Country, Military & Leaders.**



**Family of Ruby Brad.** Lost her battle with cancer. Full update in prayer list in the Lightpost App.



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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.



**“This is My Commandment, that you Love one another”**  
John 15:12



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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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## Is Life Fair?

Is life fair? Do we always have our needs met? It seems like in life we expect to be able to control every thing that happens to us. In a recent Oklahoma high school football game, the referees mistakenly erased a go-ahead touchdown because of an erroneous assessment of a penalty. The coach and the school district have stated, “It’s not fair that these young people should be punished because of a mistake by the adult referees.” They have even filed legal action in district court to try to force the game to be replayed.

Regardless of whether one believes that the football team was shortchanged or whether one believes “that ‘s just the way the cookie crumbles,” one should be able to see that this situation occurred because an adult coach did not have the self-control to stay off the field when the ball was live.

At the judgment scene presented in Matthew 25, there was a group of people who were told that they could not enter into heaven because they had not performed their duties. Their response, “It’s not fair.” (Matt. 25:44-45). ***“Is Life Fair?” Continues on Page 2...***

### *"Is Life Fair?" Continued from Front Page...*

"Then they also will answer Him, saying 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'"

Spiritually, we control our own destiny as we live our lives. What we do with our life matters. Many of life's circumstances I can't control. I can't control the actions of others, environmental factors such as the weather, or even some of the situations I find myself in. I can however control whether I feed and clothe the stranger, or whether I minister to the sick and those in prison. Control what you can and leave the rest to God.

—Ken Hamilton



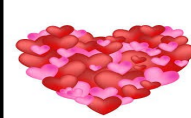
### *Habits Are First Cobwebs, Then Cables*

There is an old saying, "Habits are first cobwebs, then cables." We have all experienced how true this proverb is. Some habits are ridiculously tough to form and others nearly impossible to break. If we continue building our habits, they can turn to addictions. This can either be wonderful or terrible.

In 1 Corinthians 6:12, Paul said, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything." Clearly Paul is talking about being mastered by those habits which bring us away from God. While nothing should master, there is Someone who should be our master.

Have our habits mastered us? Do we have habits that have become addictions? Are we in control or are our desire and habits? Many in this life cannot go a day without smoking cigarettes. Some cannot resist the urge to drink alcohol. Others are being mastered by TV, music, video games. There are so many other items we could add to this list.

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

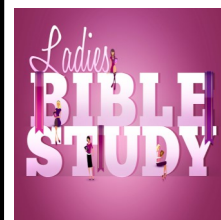


### January Birthday!

31ST MATTHEW  
HOLLANDSWORTH

### February Birthdays!

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10TH JO ANNE  
HAIRFIELD  
10TH BRAD NEWTON  
14TH TERRY MASON



### *Ladies' Bible Class!*

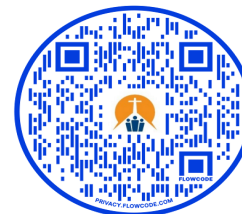
Ladies, join us for our Thursday Ladies Bible Class.  
Coffee & Donuts @ 9:30 a.m.  
Class @ 10:00 a.m.



### *February Men's Breakfast!*

Our next Men's Breakfast will be on February 28th! Join us at 9:00 a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.

Upcoming Events:



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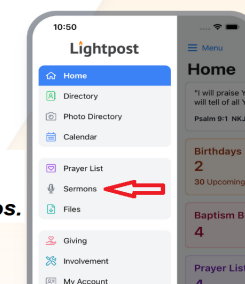
### *Solution*

false; Moses, offspring; resurrection, wife; Scriptures, power; dead, living

### *Check Out the Sermon Section!*

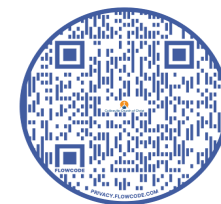
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| <p><b><i>“Hating is Serious Business” Continued from Page 5...</i></b></p> <p>Of course, such labeling comes about from a culture that uses extreme language for frivolous activities:e.g., “I love apple pie!” or “I hate that music!” God, Himself, has things he hates (Proverbs 6:16-19). He opposes actions that harm people, and the attitudes behind the actions. However, God has “so loved the world” (John 3:16). This in its basic message, means that He hates the sin, but loves the sinner. May we, by our words and actions prove that we love people, but are opposed to the degrading, disgusting and divisive attitudes that are running amok among people today.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—Lance Cordle</p>   |                         |          | <p><b><i>“Habits Are First Cobwebs, Then Cables” Continued from Page 2...</i></b></p> <p>What is mastering you? Is it chaining you to the Master, or chaining you to the world? Too many have cobwebs between them and God, and steel cables between them and the world. Let’s take a good look at ourselves and see what destructive habits we may have in our lives. It’s time to tear through those destructive cables. Instead, let’s form good, godly habits. Let’s build unbreakable cables that connect us to God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—Brett Petrillo</p>   |                         |          |
| <div></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>God’s Eternal Plan</i></b></p> <p>The purpose of our observing the Lord ‘s supper each week is to bring to remembrance the eternal plan of God to offer His Son as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. In the ages before Christ’s time, God ‘s people had offered animal sacrifices to have their sins rolled forward, but the blood of animals could not take away their sins. This is where God’s plan came into effect. He would offer His Son as a sacrifice and His blood would be the agent to wash away all sins.</p> <p>While our hearts are filled with sorrow for the cruel method of death, for the pain and anguish which He suffered willingly on our behalf, we are grateful for the love He had for all mankind and that He willingly gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins.</p> <p>The scripture tells us that we have to be worthy participants. We must prepare our mind for proper observance of this supper. We can’t enter into it lightheartedly. First Corinthians 11:28-29 states. “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—William C. Pulley, Adapted.</p> |                         |          | <div></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Does The Bible Really Mean This?</i></b></p> <p><i>“Do all things without complaining and disputing”</i> (Phil. 2:14).</p> <p>When the children of Israel left the bondage of Egypt one of the first things they started to do was complain. If you recall God did not deal kindly with such actions, He put them to death! Do we think that the judgment of God will be any less severe on Judgment Day?</p> <p>Some must truly believe that anything and everything must come under their scrutiny. That they must be pleased regardless. Such people will not accept the notion that they are not going to be placated and pampered. If such is not forthcoming they will find a congregation where they can rule the roost.</p> <p>Most often those people cannot be corrected. They start with the notion they are right and you are wrong. Such an attitude fosters division in the Church. What is sad, other then their eternal fate, is that their complaining is often over matters of no real consequence.</p> <p>All too often children raised in that kind of atmosphere leave the Church. How can anything be good if mother and daddy find fault with all the things that the church does? If the Elders are not right, and the song leader isn’t right, and the preacher isn’t right, then how can the Church be right? The old motto is still true, “If you cannot say something good, then don ‘t say anything at all.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—Floyd C. Johnson</p> |                         |          |



## Hating is Serious Business

Some of those reading this can recall a television show called “Our Gang.” It flourished in the 1920’s, ’30s and ’40s, but enjoyed a comeback in the ’70s. It featured a lovable group of kids who occasionally got into mischief. Viewers identified with “Spanky,” “Alfalfa,” “Buckwheat” and others of the regular cast.

One of the funnier aspects of the show was to watch the little boys establish and join the “He-man Women Haters Club.” Everyone watching knew the little boys really did not mean to hate women, but they were expressing the normal feelings of little boys before they become adolescents, then men. Viewers knew it was a juvenile action and understood they really did not mean to hate women, and would “grow out of” that attitude.

Websters New Collegiate Dictionary defined hate as an “intense hostility and aversion usually deriving from fear, anger or sense of injury.” In his book, *Flesh and Spirit*, William Barclay described the Greek word translated “hate” as, “the attitude of mind and heart which puts up the barriers and draws the sword” (p.42).

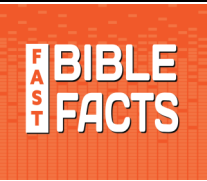
Hatred is no mere immature feeling, caught up in a moment of excitement. It is an attitude that has been built and harbored, usually with inaccurate information. The intensity of such an action implies a lingering of the feelings associated with the hostility toward the object. Contrast these definitions with the current labeling of opposition as “hate.” If someone within our culture disagrees with or opposes the ideas of another, it is very likely that they will be described as a “hater.” Even though the opposition may not be personal, the one who reacts by labeling can gain an upper hand in public opinion by describing their opponents in such a manner. Free thought and free speech are thus cast aside, and meaningful discussion, which might be conducive to a solution of the problem, is made impossible. ***“Hating is Serious Business” Continues on P. 6***



## Bible Quiz: Matthew 22:22-33

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. True or False: The Sadducees say there will be a resurrection.
2. “Teacher, \_\_ said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up \_\_ for his brother.”
3. “Therefore, in the \_\_, whose \_\_ of the seven will she be? For they all had her.”
4. “You are mistaken, not knowing the \_\_ nor the \_\_ of God.”
5. “God is not the God of the \_\_, but of the \_\_.”



## Did You Know This About 2 Timothy?

This letter is Paul’s final, and it was written from a jail cell in Rome. He called upon Timothy to be a “good soldier of Jesus Christ.”

Timothy certainly was! In fact, Timothy’s name pops up in the salutations of Paul’s letters more times than any other person. Check out 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Philemon.

Paul encouraged Timothy not to be ashamed of the Lord nor of Paul’s chains, to share with Paul in the sufferings, and to endure hardship, among so many other things.  
—Matt Clifton

## “Hating is Serious Business” Continued from Page 4...

Labeling people as “haters” by those whose actions are called into question actually brings about what some of the labelers oppose, namely, prejudice. If certain actions bring severe consequences for the person committing those actions, are we hating a person for pointing out those consequences? If we oppose a course of action by a person or group on the basis of the merit of the ideas behind those actions, are we haters?  
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