



**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

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

**Drew Clifton.** Need of prayer.

**Steven Cooley.** Matthew's neighbor. Recovering from surgery after being struck by a vehicle at work.

**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.

**Elva Mitchell.** Member at Oak Level congregation in Bassett. Recovering from surgery for a bowel blockage. Possibly may have to have additional surgery.

**Carol Pace.** Foot problems and upcoming tests.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.

**Kitty Shumate.** Health concerns..

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Nursing home. Dementia.

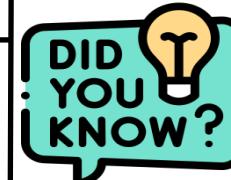
**Thomas Turner.** Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

**Charlotte Wyatt.** Recovering from a fall.

Cracked pelvis and undergoing PT.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



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

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



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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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## **Lessons from a Snowflake**

During the huge winter storm that swept across the nation, one weatherman showed a up-close pictures of snowflakes sent in by a viewer, and that reminded me of the amazing beauty of God's creative power. There are many lessons we can learn from the humble snowflake.

**Snowflakes show God's amazing design.** If you look at a snowflake under magnification, you will see they all have six points or sides, but take on an endless variety of shapes, styles, and sizes. What seems simple to the casual observer is actually an individual work of art by the hand of God. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork"* (Psalm 19:1).

**Each snowflake is unique.** Millions of snowflakes fall on this earth, and each one is different! Many may look similar, but they each have unique qualities that make them special. People are like that too. *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well"* (Psalm 139:14). The unique qualities you have can all be used for God's glory.

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**The closer you get, the more beautiful they become.** Looking at a snowflake from far away, you may not see any design, beauty, or strength to it. But when you get closer, you can see that is not the case! This is how it is with people, as well. The church needs to recognize we are all important and beautiful because we are God's handiwork (1 Cor. 12:12-20)! Draw closer to your brothers and sisters, and you will recognize the value of each.

**Snowflakes have greater strength together.** One snowflake by itself is not very strong. But put a whole bunch of snowflakes together, and you can make a snowball, a fort, or a snowman. A lot of snow together can stop traffic, shut down electrical grids, and bring daily routines to a grinding halt. This quality of snowflakes reminds us that as Christians, we are stronger together. When the church sets its efforts on a common goal, and works together, we can accomplish great things for the kingdom of God (Acts 9:26-31).

**Snowflakes are short lived.** From the time it is formed to the time it falls to the ground, then melts and evaporates, is a very short time. Our lives are fleeting as well (James 4:14). That's why we should make the most of the time we are allowed.

So let the humble snowflake point you to God and His amazing creation!

—Matt Clifton



## Do These Verses Apply?

People find ways to get around verses that condemn them. Two groups with different agendas use the same maneuvers to reject passages that are against them. One is the homosexual movement and the other is the feminist movement. Here are some of their arguments .

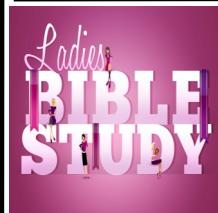
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## Announcements and Upcoming Events



### February Birthdays!

8TH SIBBIE BYRD  
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.

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Such is a good reminder that today is the day to do something noble. Today is the day to do something that will have an impact on eternity. Today is the day to do something for God.

Today may be the day that you finally put your fears aside and put your faith and trust in Jesus as you submit to Him in humble obedience.

"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16).

"When I think on my ways, I tum my feet to your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments" (Ps. 119:59-60).

Today may be the day that we need to reach out to our friend or neighbor-some need for us to share the Gospel with them. Others need to be encouraged to return to the Lord. Still others simply need some encouragement. ..they need an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, or a friend to simply sit with them as they grieve.

"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

There comes a time when we have to stop talking about what we are going to do, and just do it. Make today great, either for yourself or someone else. Today is an opportunity. Make it a grand sweet song.

—Bart Warren

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**"I'll Take Jesus Over Paul."** President Barack Obama was asked about same-sex unions in 2008. He gave his support for homosexuality, saying, "If people find that controversial, then I would just refer them to the Sermon on the Mount, which I think is, in my mind, for my faith, more central than an obscure passage in Romans." The "obscure" passage he referenced is Romans 1:26-27. These verses say that women with women and men with men is "against nature." There is nothing unclear about that. Romans is just as inspired as Matthew (John 16:12-13; 1 Cor. 14:37). The word "fornication" which Jesus used in Matthew 5:32 is from "porneia" which includes homosexuality.

The Fourth Avenue church of Christ in Franklin Tennessee recently hired a young lady as an intern preacher. Her name is Lauren King. The preacher there is Patrick Mead. He defended her preaching by arguing, "I don't read Jesus through Paul. I read Paul through Jesus...We come to Jesus...now everything Paul said, he was a fellow-student with us." Has he never read 1 Corinthians 14:37? Paul said "the things that I write unto you are commandments of the Lord"!

**"That Was Then."** Advocates of same-sex marriage say that passages on homosexuality like Leviticus 20:13 and 1 Corinthians 6:9 only condemn homosexual prostitution or promiscuity, not same-sex committed relationships or marriages. They insist that these and other verses on the topic refer to a temporary cultural problem. However, there is nothing in the words used or the context to indicate this. Besides, Paul said this sin is against nature. He was talking about sodomy period, not the abuse of it.

The preacher at the congregation in Franklin made the same argument about Paul's prohibition against women in leadership roles in the church in 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:11-12.

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He said, "I think he was addressing a temporary issue in Corinth and Ephesus... He was not trying to make rules for everybody in every time..." This preacher is not listening to Paul. First Corinthians 14:34 is not based on a temporary issue at Corinth; he says the principle of male leadership was in force in "the law" and applies today as well. First Timothy 2:11-12 is not based on culture. Paul said it is rooted in the creation (1 Tim. 2:13-14).

**"The Lord Told Me."** If all else fails, homosexuals say God made them as they are and wants them to be happy regardless of what the Scriptures say. Nothing the Bible teaches matters because this feeling they say is from God overrides the written Word. The young lady in Franklin brushes aside what the Bible says in 1Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:11-12 because she says God told her to preach. "The Lord also made it clear...that I was supposed to pick up a preaching emphasis...and the people of Lipscomb have been so supportive of that." She said, "If a girl has a calling and a passion and she knows that the Lord is telling her something, do it!" With this kind of thinking, anything goes as long as you feel it in your heart!

Times are changing. May God help us to know and defend the truth!

—Kerry Duke

***Make Today Great!***

The second stanza of Charles Kingsley's poem, "The Noble Life," goes like this:

*"Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever;  
Do noble things, not dream them all day long;  
As so make life, and death, and that For Ever  
One grand sweet song."*

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**BIBLE Quiz*****Bible Quiz: Matthew 22:34-40***

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!**

1. What two groups challenged Jesus?
2. Which group did Jesus silence?
3. "Teacher, which *is* the great \_\_\_ in the law?"
4. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_, with all your \_\_\_, and with all your \_\_\_."
5. "You shall love your neighbor as \_\_\_."

***Clock Watchers***

Shortly after he opened his first plant, Thomas Edison noticed that his employees had gotten into the bad habit of watching the factory clock, which was the only clock in the plant. To the indefatigable inventor who never thought about the time a task took, this was incomprehensible. He did not express his disapproval verbally. Instead he had dozens of clocks installed all around the plant. His goal was not to make it easier for his workers to see a clock. He made sure that no two clocks had the same time. Soon clock watching led to so much confusion that nobody cared what time it was.

I have a suspicion that one reason that God does not tell us when the second coming will be is that He knows we are clock-watchers. Just as people were busy thinking about how much time they had left at work until lunch break, so we might be tempted to focus only on getting ready when the time was near. Instead we are called to be the people of God every minute of every day—not to get ready, but to be ready.

—Michael Moss

