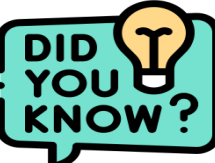




## In Sympathy

**Family of Lee Lockamy.** Lee was the son of Donn & Kitty's neighbors, Ronnie & Sheila Lockamy. Lee passed away following a car wreck on Friday night.



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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## How You Live

I grew up with ESPN's Sportscenter as a part of my morning routine. I always wanted to see what Michael Jordan, Tom Glavine, Cal Ripken, the Tennessee Vol football team, etc. had accomplished the night before. Stuart Scott made ESPN fun for me. At the July 16, 2014 ESPY awards, Scott remarked on his fight against cancer: "When you die, it does not mean that you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and in the manner in which you live."

True! Life is not truly measured in length of years, but in how it is lived. Paul, a first century leader in the new religion of Christianity, taught us best how, why, and in what manner to live our lives. He wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

Paul, according to tradition, was beheaded for his belief in Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God. As far as we know, he never battled cancer, only the severest persecution which cut his life short. But, Paul did not lose to persecution. He beat it by how he lived, why he lived, and the manner in which he lived. Let's follow Paul's example!

—Michael Gilbert



## Resisting the Devil

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world” (1 Peter 5:8-9).

The United States has not won the wars we have fought on sheer military strength alone. The commanders, the president’s advisers, and even the presidents themselves have spent a great deal of time learning about the enemy. No war is won by brute force. Tactical strategy and in-depth knowledge are always necessary.

If we are going to win the war against Satan and his forces, we must know something about him. For one, he is our adversary, a fallen angel, the prince of this age, and the father of lies. But foremost, he is a defeated foe. He deceives the body of Christ by coming as an angel of light. He strategically interjects error into our thinking with the purpose of confusing and derailing us in our spiritual walk. Satan’s chief goal is to cause us to doubt God.

The way to oppose him is with the truth of God’s Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to win spiritually in this life, begin by memorizing scripture. Even a single verse can make a big difference when it comes to spiritual warfare. Ask God to reveal any sin in your life. Confess it, and then pray for His strength to turn from it. Dedicate your life to glorifying God and not the ways of the world.

The enemy will always remind you of times of defeat, but Jesus Christ speaks only of His love and power and victory. You can place your complete hope in Him because He will never fail you. The battle is His to win as you daily trust Him. He will fight for you if you let Him. Besides, He has never lost!

“To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me” (Psalm 25:1).

—via Highland Drive church of Christ, Poplar Bluff, MO

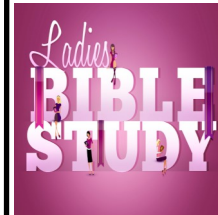


## Announcements and Upcoming Events



### 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.

Upcoming Events:

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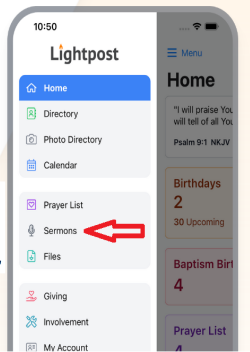
We have been informed that several members are not receiving the calls from our new calling system. Mostly iPhones are the issue. They are automatically sending the calls to spam and not ringing the cell phone. Please add these telephone numbers to your cell phones contact list.



### Check Out the Sermon Section!

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“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it” (Matt. 16:24-25).

Have a great day living for Jesus!

—Neil Richey



***Anything for a Buck***

A bald man told a hair stylist that he had gone for a transplant, but he couldn’t stand the pain. He said, “I’ll give you \$5,000 to make my hair look like yours.” The stylist said, “No problem,” and she quickly shaved her head!

We have to be careful that we don’t have an “anything for a buck” attitude in our spiritual lives. We will end up looking foolish and find ourselves among those who have “pierced themselves though with many sorrows” (1 Tim. 6:10).  
—Matt Clifton

***On the Lighter Side***



Jan’s father was visiting for a week , and since he was a pretty good fix-it man, she left him a note before she went to work. It read: “Dad , mile-age counter on treadmill not working. Any ideas? Love, Jan.” When she returned home, she read his reply: “Jan, walk until you get tired. Love , Dad .”



***‘Ole Rock’ the Mule***

Rock was one mean mule. He would chase the rest of the stock around the barn yard biting them. He especially liked to bite cows on the top of their rumps because it hurt and they would bellow. He had the best pasture in which to graze but chose the road ditch instead. He would jump over the fence and graze on weeds and grass. My Dad decided to put a stop to that, so he put a leather band around his front ankle and tied a length of chain to it to prevent him from jumping the fence. That didn’t stop him, so the chain was lengthened. Still he jumped the fence. So the chain was lengthened even more and tied to his back ankle. Now he couldn’t rare up and jump the fence. “Rock” learned to rear up, draw his front foot underneath his body and leap over the fence, all to eat the weeds from the road ditch. Nothing seemingly would stop him from jumping. My Dad was becoming more and more concerned about his safety outside the fence because of the road traffic so close to the road ditch. Not only was there danger of automotive traffic but there could be poisonous weeds in the area. There was no place of safety outside the fenced pasture. Had he stayed in the pasture he could have gone to the barn where there was proper nutritious food and safety provided from all dangers outside the fence.

Many of God’s children are like “ole Rock.” They will leave the perfectly safe pasture (the Lord’s church) and graze in Satan’s road ditch of sin. The pleasure is not in the value of sin in which they revel but they merely want to leave the perfect place of refuge. Some will see their error and return while others choose to graze in the road ditch of sin for momentary pleasure where no promise is made for their safety in the future.

We need to bring them back into the place prepared for God’s people where pleasures are found until the returning of the Lord. Are you looking for “Rocks” to bring them back to safety in green pastures?

—Charles Pulley



### *My Need, His Supply*

“The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward” (Psalm 19:7-11).

**“The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”** The revelation that makes known the existence of God’s will and our duty is “the testimony of the LORD.” As such, His revelation is “sure” or reliable, bringing wisdom and understanding to “the simple,” to those who are uneducated and ignorant but teachable and open to God’s truth.

Further, **“the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.”** These divine obligations are for us to fulfill; they are not arbitrary burdens placed upon us by a tyrannical God. They were formed because of His love for us, and they speak to the deep aspirations of our hearts. Obedience to them results in a clean conscience, a peaceful inner self, a purpose in living, and a happy, contrite spirit.

**“The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”** Because of its binding nature, His Word has the character of directives. These commandments are “pure,” that is, without any pollution from falsehood or inaccuracy. They bring knowledge and understanding to the one who reads and follows them. The entrance of His Word into the heart dispels impurity from the life and darkness from the mind.

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**“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever.”** His Word implants respect in the minds of those who receive it. Consequently, “the fear of the LORD” is used as a synonym for the “law of the LORD,” for His law creates and engenders this attitude in us. This “fear” is wholesome reverence and moral respect.

**“The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.”** God’s Word contains His decisions, His ordinances, and His decrees; thus they are His “judgments.” Coming from the righteous God who is the Judge of all the earth, His edicts can be trusted to be “true” and thoroughly “righteous.”

**Key Thought:** Who needs wisdom, inner peace, and purity? We all do! These are within our reach in the sacred volume we call The Bible. —*Eddie Cloer*



### *Take a Bullet for Jesus!*

Years ago when Warren Sapp was describing his love and devotion for his coach, Tony Dungy, he said, “I would take a bullet for him—if it wouldn’t kill me.”

The Bible teaches us to be so devoted to Jesus and His cause that we’d be willing to die for Him. Perhaps you’re familiar with Jesus’ words written by John who said, “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

How do you know that you’d be willing to “take a bullet for Jesus?” You first have to be willing to live your life for Him. To be so lost in His cause that living your life as a voluntary self-sacrifice comes, well natural. Here are a couple of passages that we should press upon our hearts:

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