



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Steven Cooley. Receiving home therapy after surgery for broken ankle and leg.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Clayton Hylton. Father to a friend of Matthew. Health concerns. Waiting for diagnosis.

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. Health concerns. Currently in Stanleytown Health & Rehab.

Carol Pace. Foot problems and upcoming tests.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Debbie's mother. Tonsillitis.

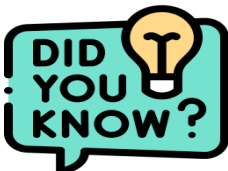
Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

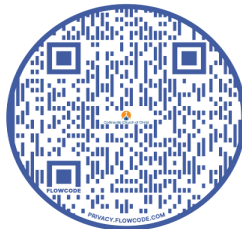


Lightpost

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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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 handi-work"* (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

The Three Most Important Bones

In 1908, a medical doctor, Dr. Kavanagh, stated that the three most important bones one needs to succeed in life are the backbone, wishbone, and funny bone. This sentiment has been made popular by singers, coaches, and even preachers.

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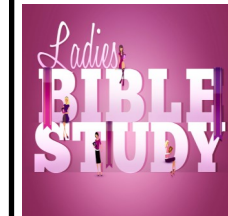
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29TH JAYDAN PATRICK



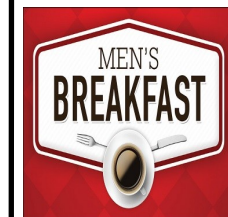
March Anniversary!

24TH TERRY &
RUBY MASON



Ladies’ Bible Class!

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



March Men’s Breakfast!

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



5TH Sunday Potluck!

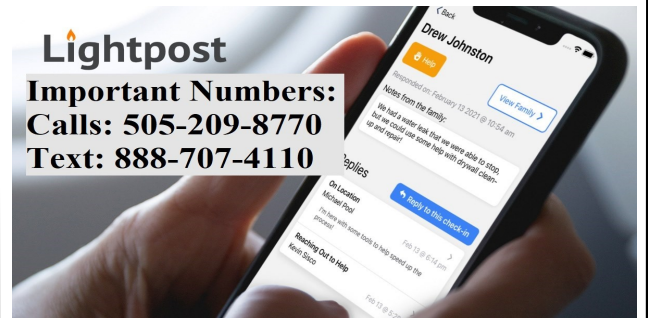
Mark your calendars for our next 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch! March 29th following worship! Please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



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Lightpost Calling System!

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.



Solution

shut, men; devour; land, sea, hell; blind; temple, dwells



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The purpose of our words is to share our pain with others and to petition them to pray for us (5:14-15).

The purpose of our words is to use them to confess our sins to one another (5:16).

The purpose of our words is to use them to bring our wayward brother and sisters in Christ back into the fold (5:19-20). We have an obligation to the lost. We have an obligation to those who have drifted away. —Bart Warren



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Pre-Flight Instruction



A woman called the airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board.

“Sure,” I said, “as long as you provide your own kennel.” I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over.

The customer was flummoxed: “I’ll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow!”

Perks of Dog Ownership

We’ve begun to long for the pitter-patter of little feet, so we bought a dog. It’s cheaper, and you get more feet.

Good Question

Before meeting with a new client, a dog trainer had her fill out a questionnaire. One question asked, “Why did you choose this breed?” The client wrote, “I often ask myself this very same question.”

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We each need a backbone. Yes, physically to give us stability and movement, but spiritually we need spiritual strength, godly character, and the willingness to stand firm on the truths of God’s Word. Peter instructs Christians with these words in 1 Peter 3:15, “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” and Paul asks for prayers in Ephesians 6:19-20 so he might speak the gospel boldly. So, yes, Christians need to have a spiritual backbone, hold firmly to the word of God, and make it known. As it has been said, “One must stand for something, or they will fall for anything.”

Second, we need a wishbone. The Christian faith is more than a wish; it is a reality, and it is going somewhere, Heaven. But we need a wishbone, figuratively speaking, because we need to have desire, hope, and confidence. Paul stated in Philippians 1:6, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Each Christians need to have a clear vision, hope, and confidence that our work and labor in Christ is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58) and moving in the direction of Heaven. Faith looks beyond our circumstances and trials of this world and looks toward Heaven.

Third, we need a funny bone, a sense of humor. Proverbs 17:22 teaches, “A cheerful heart is good medicine.” Then Ecclesiastes 3:4 states there is a time to laugh. We all need to laugh from time to time and have a sense of humor. Life is much better when we can laugh and have a sense of humor, plus it is good for our health.

May we strive to develop all three “bones” in our lives as we look forward to the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Mark T. Tonkery

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The Purpose of Our Words “Let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no” (James 5:12). The book of James has a great deal to say about the way we use our words. • We are to be slow to speak. (1:19) • We must control our tongues to keep our religion from being worthless. (1:26) • We must speak as though we understand judgment is coming and that we need mercy. (2:12) • We must speak meaningfully. (2:16-17) • We must acknowledge that our words can destroy. (3:6, 9) • We are not to say evil things about each other. (4:11) James then closes this great book by reminding his readers about the purpose of our words. If we are going to be speaking, we need to know why we are speaking. The purpose of our words is to tell the truth and so be trusted (5:12). If we speak, we are to be telling the truth. If we speak, it is known as accepted that we can be trusted. The purpose of our words is to seek the Lord’s blessings and mercy when we are suffering (5:13). When we are wounded and confused, we use our words to call out to the Lord. When we are injured in body, we pray. Whatever the ailment might be, our first and most effective recourse is to turn to God. He longs to hear from us when we are in need. Our words are to be used to call out to Him. The purpose of our words is to praise the Lord in times of blessing (5:13). Singing can have a powerful effect on us no matter what our previous mood might have been. Thus, the Lord tells us that our words are to be used to sing songs of praise when we are happy. <i>“The Purpose of Our Words” Continues on Page 6...</i>			 BIBLE Quiz  Bible Quiz: Matthew 23:13-22 CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7! 1. “For you _ up the kingdom of heaven against _; for you neither go in <i>yourselves</i>, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.” 2. Jesus said the scribes and the Pharisees _ widows’ houses. 3. The scribes and the Pharisees would traveled _ and _ to make a convert, and then make them a son of _. 4. Jesus also called them _ guides. 5. “He who swears by the _, swears by it and by Him who _ in it.”		
			FAST BIBLE FACTS Did You Know This About Hebrews? — Matt Clifton There are nearly 100 Old Testament references in the book of Hebrews, all of which are from the Greek translation known as the Septuagint. All of these references are used to point to the main theme: the New Covenant is better than the Old! Better revelation (1:1-2) Better expectation (6:9) Better priesthood (7:7-11, 20-28) Better hope (7:19) Better testament, covenant (7:22, 8:6) Better promises (8:6) Better sacrifices (8:6) Better possessions (10:34) Better country (11:16) Better resurrection (11:35) Better things (11:40; 12:24) Christ, of course, is the better sacrifice and the creator of the New Covenant.		