



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.

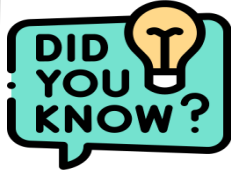
Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

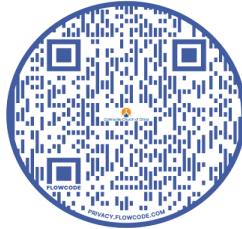


Lightpost

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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How Can a Loving God Send War?

How could God send horrific wars on people in the Bible? This question has troubled Bible readers for thousands of years.

One answer is that God did not send these wars. He only allowed them. But that is not what the Bible says. The Bible says he sent the Assyrians to punish Judah (Isa. 10:5-7). He ordered the Israelites to slay the Canaanites (Deut. 9:1-3).

Another response is that God used a hyperbole when he told the Israelites to kill the men, women and children. This approach says God did not literally mean for the Israelites to do this. But that is not correct. First Samuel 15 shows that God meant it literally when He told Saul to slay the Amalekites.

Another reply is that the Bible is not true. Atheists, skeptics and even some who believe in God say a loving God could not have ordered these calamities. But the Bible proves that it is the inspired Word of God by its prophecies and many other evidences.

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What many overlook is that the people who died in these wars brought the wrath of God on themselves. The land of Canaan was filled with idolatry, human sacrifice, incest, homosexuality, bestiality and other evils (Lev. 18-20). It is true that they did not have the written law of Moses like the Jews. But they had the moral law of God written on their hearts by nature (Rom. 2:14-15). They knew these things were wrong.

The Jews could have avoided the suffering we read about in the Bible. Jeremiah pleaded with the Jews for forty years to repent. They stubbornly refused. That is why God poured out His wrath on them by sending the Babylonians into Judah to destroy it. And, as he assured the prophet Habakkuk, He eventually punished the punishers for their sins (Jer. 50-51).

But what about the innocent babies and children who died in the wars sent by God? We could ask the same thing about babies that died in the flood or in Sodom. It is tragic that the innocent suffer in this life for the sins of others. But God is the giver of life (Acts 17:25). If He has the right to give life, then He has the right to end life. Only He can make that determination, and we must be content to submit to that fact.

—Kerry Duke

Follow the Pattern for Success

One of my favorite books is a relatively unknown volume titled “Kon Tiki” written by Thor Heyerdahl. In 1947, the author and five companions floated a homemade raft some 4,300 nautical miles from Peru to the Polynesian Islands. It was done without any outside help and took them 101 days. The reason they did this was to prove the theory that the Polynesian people could have come from South America. When Heyerdahl first proposed this theory, he was laughed at and scorned by his peers, experts who set forth numerous reasons why this had to be impossible.

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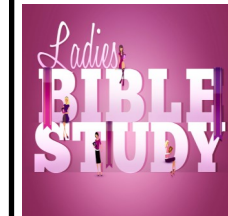
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29TH JAYDAN PATRICK



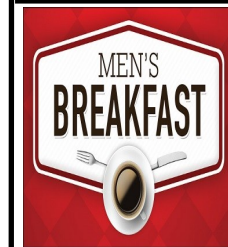
March Anniversary!

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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Graduation Celebration!

Alan Beavers is graduating High School this year! All are invited to a graduation celebration on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 1:00p. – 4:00 p.m. here in our fellowship hall! Cake & light refreshments will be provided. Everyone please come out and celebrate Alan and his graduation!



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<i>Worrying and Precious Time</i> Time is a precious blessing not to be wasted. With each tick of the clock, the brief span of time we have in this world is passing. This is why Paul exhorts us to use our time wisely: “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). We should “number our days,” making the most of each moment, living life to the fullest (Psalm 90:12). Perhaps nothing hinders a proper use of time more than the futile exercise of worry. To worry is to “to afflict with mental distress or agitation: make anxious” (Webster’s). Worry goes far beyond reasonable concern. To worry is to be anxious and fretful. Everyone, at some point, will have to deal with the temptation to worry. Many cares and concerns burden our minds. We may worry about our children, finances, health, marriage, and a thousand other things. But worrying wastes time and accomplishes nothing! In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave some powerful principles regarding worry. He asked, “Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?” (Matthew 6:27). The “cubit” of Scripture was roughly 22 inches, from the elbow to the end of the middle finger. It is apparent that one cannot increase his or her height by worrying about it. God, by the process of biology, determines the “cubits” each person’s height. This is out of our control. In this same way, the vast majority of our worries are beyond our control. Worrying will never improve one’s finances, health, or marriage. Worry will never help your children or grand-children make wise choices. In fact, worry will never do one thing positive for you. But it will waste your time! Jesus teaches us to “take no thought” for our lives or for tomorrow (Matthew 6:25, 34). Since God knows our needs, He will provide. He takes care of the birds and the lilies, surely, He can and will take care of all who seek Him (Matthew 6:26, 28, 30). Rather than spending our time worrying, we should spend our time seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). If worry has become a problem in your life, break the cycle today. Realize that time is quickly passing. Begin looking to God. Seek Him through a study of His Word, the Bible. Put Him first in your life. Trust His promises, obey His will, and He will take care of you! He promised: “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5). —<i>Mark Lindley</i>			<i>“Follow the Pattern for Success” Continued from Page 2...</i> A quote from the book at this point is significant (note: I have added the emphasis): “These were difficult arguments to stifle. If only one of them proved to be right, we had not a chance. I’m afraid I asked myself many times if we knew what we were doing. I could not counter the warnings one by one myself because I was not a seaman. But I had in reserve one single trump in my hand, on which the whole voyage was founded. I knew all the time in my heart that a prehistoric civilization had been spread from Peru and across the islands at a time when rafts like ours were the only vessels on the coast. And I drew a general conclusion that, if balsa wood had floated and lashings held for Kon-Tiki in 500 A.D., they would do the same for us now if we made our raft an exact copy of his.” There is an extremely important principle at work there. If you have a pattern that has proved successful in the past, and you follow that pattern, you too will be successful. This concept extends to the church, as well. Just as Moses was to build the tabernacle according to the pattern that God showed him (Heb. 8:5), so today must the church (the spiritual tabernacle) adhere to the pattern that Christ established. Jesus built the church (Matt. 16:18), He is the head of the church which is His body (Col. 1:18), He purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28), thus He has the right to set the pattern for conduct. Jesus instructed the apostles what to teach concerning the church (Matt. 28:20), and the apostles taught just that (Acts 2:42). In fact, Paul affirms that he taught the same things to all the churches (1 Cor. 4:17). The apostles taught the pattern, and the respective congregations were to follow it. When they did, they were successful. When they strayed from the pattern, they drifted from God’s design and problems ensued. <i>“Follow the Pattern for Success” Continues on Page 4...</i>		

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Follow the Pattern for Success” Continued from Page 3... Like Mr. Heyerdahl, we may be laughed at and scorned for being so concerned about following only the New Testament pattern. But let me tell you the “rest of the story.” He was successful in his journey, thus proving the “experts” wrong. Likewise, if we just follow the pattern for the church that God has produced, we too will complete our heavenly journey in a successful manner. Paul would remind us today like he did Timothy in the first century: “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:13).
—Edd Sterchi

Sincerely Lost

In 2015, near San Diego’s Brown Airfield, two airplanes crashed in mid-air. A Cessna 172M, piloted by Michael Copeland, crashed head-long into a Sabreliner, piloted by Jeffrey Percy. The pilots and the others on the planes were all killed. Five people lost their lives that day.

What caused the crash? The air traffic controller was the cause! Over the course of two minutes, the controller mistook the two planes and gave them wrong instructions. The controller was not sick or distracted. It was an honest mistake by a person who sincerely believed the information he gave to the 2 pilots.

Sincere or not, what he told the pilots was not the truth.

That sincere statement caused the deaths of 5 people.

Today, there are many sincere people who sincerely say things about our faith. But if it goes against the Bible, then it is wrong. It is Jesus who declares that God’s word is the truth (John 17:17). Man can get things wrong, but God is always right.

—Larry Fitzgerald

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BIBLE Quiz

Bible Quiz: Matthew 23:23-30

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. “For you pay tithe of mint and anise and __, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and __ and faith.”
2. What animal did Jesus say the Pharisees and scribes swallowed?
3. What part of the dish did the Pharisees and scribes metaphorically wash?
4. Jesus compared the scribes and Pharisees to whitewashed __.
5. Jesus repeatedly calls them __ throughout this section.



Did You Know This About James? — Matt Clifton

James was the Lord’s brother, and one of the pillars of the church in Jerusalem. This letter has often been called the “proverbs of the New Testament.” But there are also at least 18 indirect references to Jesus’ sermon on the mount in this book.

For instance:

Rejoicing in trials.	Being perfect and complete.
Asking the Father who gives good gifts.	Avoiding the anger of man.
Being doers of the word, not just hearers.	Emphasis on the poor.
Necessity of righteousness.	Mercy to the merciful.
Identification by fruits.	Blessedness of peacemakers.
Ask and receive.	
Friends of the world are enemies with God.	
Blessed are those who mourn.	Be careful of casting judgment.
God’s provision for tomorrow.	Vulnerability of earthly treasures.
Follow examples of prophets.	Do not swear.



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