



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. Grade 8 Prostate Cancer. PET scan on 4-2-26.

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 room 201.

Carol Pace. Foot problems and upcoming tests.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Debbie's mother. Tonsillitis.

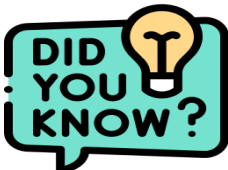
Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



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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.

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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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Long, Hard Lessons of Life

There are few three-hour courses in the university of hard knocks. Many of them last for years. That's not because we are slow learners—just stubborn.

The man God named Israel went through two classes in this school. The first was a twenty-year course taught by his father-in-law Laban. His teacher was a hard schoolmaster. That had to be humbling experience for Jacob. After all, he was the one who caught his brother by the heel the moment he was born. His Hebrew name was *ya-akobh* which means one who takes by the heel or one who supplants or outwits others. No wonder his brother Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing" (Gen. 27:36). But when Jacob met Laban, he met his match. Laban took advantage of Jacob every time he could. This caused a lot of grief for Jacob's family. But God was with Jacob. The course ended when the Lord pulled him out of this bad situation twenty years later (Gen. 31:41-42). He passed the course and came out wiser, more patient and more dependent on God.

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The other course lasted over twenty years. It was more painful than the first. It began after he had lost his wife Rachel. Jacob had twelve sons, and he had a special love for his son Joseph. The older sons resented Joseph so much that they sold him to slave traders and led Jacob to believe he was dead. His first assignment in this class was to learn how to live with grief. It didn’t matter that the situation he had been led to believe was not real. His pain was just as real as if Joseph had been dead. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to his father, Joseph was enrolled in the same course through distance learning in Egypt. The haunting thought of the close bond between them being shattered must have seemed unbearable. But eventually Jacob as an old man experienced a sharp learning curve. When his sons told him Joseph was alive, he couldn’t believe it at first. The Bible says when he heard the news his “heart stood still” (Gen. 45:26). It’s hard to break old habits of thinking and feeling when you’re older, but Jacob did. He passed the final exam. He got ready and made the trip to Egypt. When Joseph saw him, he “fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while” (Gen. 46:29). Finally, his rigorous training in the school of life was finished. While he was in school, he didn’t enjoy these classes. Looking back, he told Pharaoh. “Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life” (Gen. 47:9). But now those tough school days were over. He had enjoyed the first seventeen years of Joseph’s life, and God gave him the last seventeen years of his life to live with the beloved son he thought he would never see again in this lifetime.

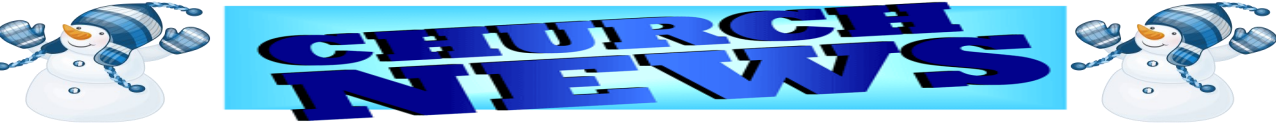
What a life. What an education!

—Kerry Duke

Joy

“A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones” (Proverbs 17:22).

When you consider that happiness seems to be the main goal of most people, it seems surprising that the Bible doesn’t talk much about happiness. **Cont. Page 3**





March Birthdays!
9TH DEBBIE BROOKS
29TH JAYDAN PATRICK



March Anniversary!
24TH TERRY &
 RUBY MASON



Ladies’ Bible Class!

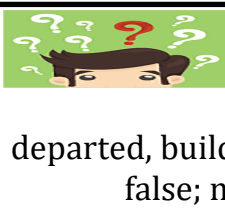
Ladies, join us for our Thurs-
day Ladies Bible Class.
Coffee & Donuts @ 9:30 a.m.
Class @ 10:00 a.m.



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 fel-
lowship.



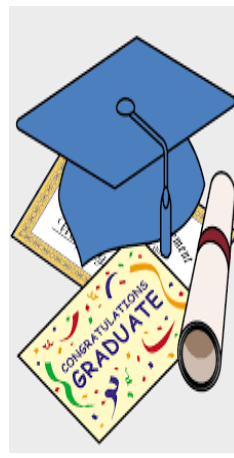
5TH Sunday Potluck!
Mark your calendars for our
next 5th Sunday Potluck
Lunch! March 29th following
worship! Please bring your
favorite dishes and desserts to
share.



**BIBLE
Quiz**

Solution

departed, buildings; true; things, coming;
false; nation, earthquakes



Graduation Celebration!
Alan Beavers is graduating
High School this year! All are
invited to a graduation cele-
bration 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!



**Alan is graduating
2026**

May 30 2026 1-4pm
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Cake & light refreshments

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<i>How Much Coke Is in a Can? Continued from Page 5...</i> The principal continued to hold the microphone and do the announcements all the while moving towards the boy who was close to his office door. The principal reached for the boy’s arm and was attempting to pull him away from the traffic of the office and planned to talk with the student once announcements were complete. As the story goes, the disruptive young man was drinking a soft drink and felt compelled to pour the remainder of the content of the can on the principal’s head. As the principal ended the story, he looked at all of us and said, “I never knew a can had that much Coke in it!” The punchline is simply this, it was obvious nothing was left in the can as evidenced by the principal’s hair, face, and sport coat. All had been dispensed, nothing was left! We see the spiritual application. Paul makes this plain in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 when he says, “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” How can we be “poured out” each day? Live as an offering. Paul describes his life as being “poured out as a drink offering.” One of my favorite quotes from sports is, “Give all you have today for what you have left is lost forever!” Nothing is wasted in our service to the Lord. Stay faithful and endure. Paul states he has “finished the race.” Life is not a sprint; it is a marathon. As we journey each day, may we focus on eternity with anticipation. Remember expectations from the Lord will help us expect more from ourselves. Our service to Him is not in vain, it is not empty. Our service reflects our remembrance of our Jesus’ sacrifice. I hope you have never “worn” any food or drink as the result of someone being mean, malicious, or immature. It has been a long, long time since I heard the principal say that little story, but the image has stuck with me! While it is funny to think about (if you aren’t the principal), it also serves as a reminder how light the can was when it was emptied. For our purpose, we are not seeking to be light but filled with the opportunities to be a servant and to share the Good News with others to the point we have used our talents, resources, and abilities to the point nothing is left! May we seek to give all we have for the Lord and not save it up! I want to be counted with Paul and be poured out for the Lord. —Allen Jones			<i>“Joy” Continued from Page 2...</i> But the Bible does say a lot about something that is often confused with happiness. The Bible has a lot to say about <i>joy</i>. You see, the kind of joy the Bible talks about goes much deeper than mere happiness. Happiness deals with what is happening. Happiness depends on circumstance. In fact, for most people happiness is nothing more than a temporary interruption to boredom. We’ve all heard kids complain, “I’m bored.” That means, “I want some happiness, and I’m <i>not</i> finding it!” Genuine joy, on the other hand does not depend on what’s happening. Joy is an inner sense of well-being that has nothing to do with circumstance. The kind of <i>joy</i> the Bible describes can’t be found in possessions or entertainments or even in looking deeply into your inner self. The first line of the song, “Joy to the World,” sums it up. There is one reason—and only one—that we can find <i>joy</i> in this world. As the song says, we can have joy because The Lord has come! (Compare with Psalm 98.) Jesus said, “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad” (Matthew 5:12). So if you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, then let Jesus be your king. If you let Christ be King of your life, He will provide joy. In the same way that your body craves food, exercise and rest, so your Spirit craves a relationship with God. Without that relationship, your soul will become famished and restless. I believe that there is indeed a God-shaped hole in every life (see Ecclesiastes 3:11). If we look deeply within ourselves, we will not find happiness, but we will find that space that only God can fill. And, you will find lasting joy. If we try to fill it with anything besides God, we will be forever unsatisfied. —Larry Fitzgerald		

Heaven: A Reward Motivation

If a person was to pinpoint the single most important reason for all that God does for us both physically and spiritually, my conclusion is that He wants us *all* to go to Heaven. In the words of the apostle Peter in 2 Peter 3:9, "He does not want any to perish but everyone to come to repentance." Now, to qualify for that trip to the celestial city, first we must be redeemed (bought back) from the bondage of sin. God has provided a way of us to be redeemed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and so He adds incentives in the Bible to motivate us in that direction. If all men and women thought alike, then God would only have to use one incentive to try and spark our spiritual interest. However, we are all different, and because of our differing personalities, God uses various motives to help us see reality.

Some people can only be encouraged from the negative stand point, therefore our Lord warns us of Hell and its impending doom for the disobedient. Others can be reached by compassion, so God tells us of His great demonstration of love in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." Because of this, He urges us to serve Him faithfully until death.

Still others are stimulated by reward motivation. The incentive to live righteously is living eternally with the Lord. The proper incentive should cause one to take stock of himself and look introspectively into his own life.

God wants us all to go to Heaven, thus through His word He tries to stimulate that desire through different avenues. My hope and desire is that He reaches all that would be receptive to His word.

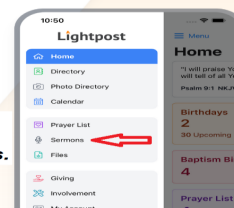
—Edward W. Loyd

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Bible Quiz: Matthew 24:1-8

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. "Then Jesus went out and _ from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the _ of the temple."
2. True or False: Jesus asked the apostles if they see all the temple buildings.
3. "Tell us, when will these _ be? And what *will be* the sign of Your __, and of the end of the age?"
4. True or False: Jesus told the disciples that no one would come in His name.
5. "For nation will rise against __, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and __ in various places."

**BIBLE
FAST
FACTS**

Did You Know This About 2nd Peter? — Matt Clifton

Jesus had revealed to Peter some details about his future death. In John 21:18-19, Jesus told him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." The Bible went on to say that this was signifying by what type of death he would glorify God.

This is why Peter was able to write in 2 Peter 1:14, "...knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me."

Peter knew his death was imminent, and how he would die.

Non-inspired tradition says that Peter was crucified upside down not long after this letter was written.

How Much Coke Is in a Can?

Many years ago, I heard an "old school" high school principal tell that during morning announcements, a young man had been sent to the office for discipline issues. While the principal was in the middle of announcements, he observed the young lad was being disruptive.

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