



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.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recovering from surgery.

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. Surgery this past Friday, March 20th.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Elva Mitchell. Health concerns. Discharged to go home yesterday.

Carol Pace. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Debbie's mother. Recent surgery.

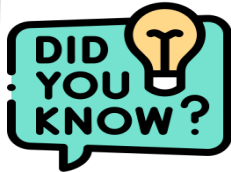
Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

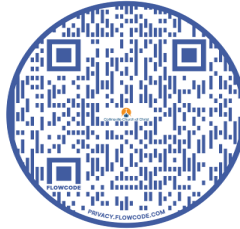


Lightpost

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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Putting Life into Focus

Life is a Temporary Assignment. The Bible often describes life as fleeting and temporary, using metaphors like a mist, a fast runner, a breath, and a wisp of smoke. Job 8:9 reminds us of the brevity of life, and King David prayed for God to help him see life from a divine perspective (Psalm 39:4). We are described as aliens, pilgrims, foreigners, strangers, and visitors in this world (Psalm 119:19; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 Peter 2:11). This perspective helps us remember that our time on earth is short and that we are just passing through. The Devil, however, wants us to believe that this world is our permanent home.

Your Identity is in Eternity, and Your Homeland is Heaven. God calls His children to think differently about life compared to unbelievers (Philippians 3:18-20). He warns against living for the here and now and adopting worldly values, priorities, and lifestyles (James 4:4). Instead, we are to be role models and ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), focusing on the eternal rather than the temporary (2 Corinthians 4:18). As C.S. Lewis aptly put it, "All that is not eternal is eternally useless."

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We Were Created for Something Much Better. The fact that earth is not our ultimate home explains why followers of Christ often experience difficulty, sorrow, and rejection. We are not completely happy here because we were made for more (John 16:33; John 16:20; John 15:18-19). The Bible’s “hall of fame” of faith, including Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and Moses, shows that it takes faith to live as a foreigner in this world, not extreme riches and power (Hebrews 11:13, 16). We need to desire something better, something eternal.

An often-repeated story illustrates this point well. A retiring missionary or preacher returns to America on the same boat as the president of the United States. While the president is welcomed with cheering crowds, a military band, a red carpet, banners, and media coverage, the preacher slips off the ship unnoticed. Feeling self-pity and resentment, he complains to God, who gently reminds him, “But my child, you’re not home yet.” Keeping this thought in our hearts and minds can help us see life as less trivial and overwhelming.

If you are not a Christian, remember that this life is almost over; it is a vapor. God has a home prepared for you if you simply obey His commands. We are not promised tomorrow, and our eternal home is prepared. Let’s get ready to go home.
—Jared Boser

Planning for the Future

For whatever reason, our family has had numerous conversations about the merits, or lack thereof, of “pulling through” parking spaces in a parking lot. We have also noted the phenomenon of “backing in” to desired spots. Thus, I was immediately intrigued when a friend sent me an article from the New York Times centered around the “backing in” craze.

According to the article, twenty years ago, everyone parked the same way. Most everyone just pulled in like normal people. *“Future” Continues on Page 3...*



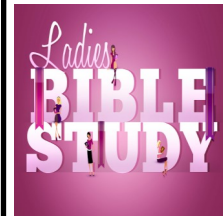
March Birthdays!

9TH DEBBIE BROOKS
29TH JAYDAN PATRICK



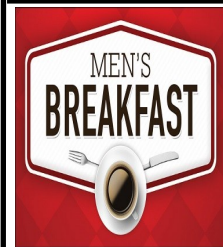
March Anniversary!

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.



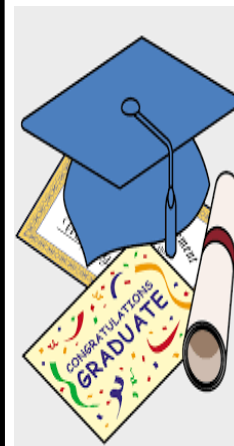
5TH Sunday Potluck!

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



Solution

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true; endures



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!





ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

9 Things A Mother Would Never Say

1. “How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?”
2. “Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too.”
3. “Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery.”
4. “Let me smell that shirt — Yeah, it’s good for another week.”
5. “Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I’ll be glad to feed and walk him every day.”
6. “Well, if Johnny’s mamma says it’s OK, that’s good enough for me.”
7. “The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It’s not like I’m running a pris-on around here.”
8. “I don’t have a tissue with me... just use your sleeve.”
9. “Don’t bother wearing a jacket – the wind-chill is bound to improve.”

Bugs

“Mom, are bugs good to eat?” asked the boy.

“Let’s not talk about such things at the dinner table, son,” his mother replied.

After dinner the mother inquired, “Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?”

“Oh, nothing,” the boy said. “There was a bug in your soup, but now it’s gone.”

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If memory serves, I guess I agree with this assessment. However, today, should you go to most any parking lot, a large percentage of the vehicles will be facing out because the driver backed into the spot upon arrival.

The Times writer wanted to know the reason for the change. Why do so many back in now rather than just drive in forward? It seems there is a pretty simple, yet significant, answer. You are going to have to back up at some point, either coming or going. The question is, when do you want to do the more time- consuming maneuver? Now or later? They wrote, “The backer-inners are thinking about their future selves, performing the fussier parking job now so that future them can reap the benefits of getting on the road faster.” They do the harder thing now so that they’ll have an easier time later. We also do this when we save money for retirement or go to the gym to workout.

The article ended with this question: “What other, more consequential ways might there be to take care of our future selves without too much discomfort in the present?”

We can think of a few. We must be doing the serious, and sometimes difficult, work of caring for our souls!

Think about your future self:

Do you want to feel secure about your salvation and eternity when you are drawing closer to the end of this life? Obey the Gospel and have your sins washed away now (Acts 22:16).

Do you want to be well-versed in Scripture? Spend time reading the Word now (2 Tim. 2:15).

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Do you want to feel close to God? Feel seen and heard by Him? Spend time in prayer now (1 Thess 5:17).

Do you want to feel like you have a strong, supportive family when tragedy strikes? Spend time developing relationships with God’s people now (Acts 2:44-47).
—Bart Warren

Are There Women Deacons in the Bible?

One of the most compelling questions facing the church today is the role of women in the body of Christ. It is reported that in some denominations, more than 40 percent of their “pastors” are women. Besides women preachers, there is also the question concerning women serving as deacons. First, let’s look at the definition of a deacon and how it is applied in the New Testament.

The word “deacon” comes from the Greek word “*diakonos*” (dee-ak’-on-os) meaning “an attendant, a servant, a waiter, or specifically a male Christian serving in a specific function and post.” (Strong’s Greek Lexicon) Within the context of different translations, the word is used interchangeably with “servant.” Case in point, “I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant (*diakonos*) of the church in Cenchrea...” (Romans 16:1). Those who are supportive of women serving in the official capacity as a deacon go to this verse as scriptural authority. However, there are at least three scriptural objections to this line of thinking.

In the qualifications of the official office, the bible says, “Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well” (1 Tim. 3:12). A woman can’t be married to a woman and be pleasing to God (Rom. 1:26-27), therefore she cannot qualify to serve in an official capacity. A woman cannot serve having authority over men. “Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.
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Bible Quiz: Matthew 24:9-14

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. Jesus told the disciples that “they will deliver you up to _ and _ you...”
2. True or False: The disciples would be loved by the nations for His name’s sake.
3. “And then many will be __, will __ one another, and will hate one another.”
4. True or False: Many false prophets will rise up.
5. “But he who _ to the end shall be saved.”



Did You Know This About 1st John? — Matt Clifton

This letter was written by the apostle John. He gives four clear reasons for writing to Christians.

First, to add to their joy (1:4).

Second, to help them guard against sin (2:1).

Third, to confirm the truth that the faithful have overcome the evil one (2:12-14).

Fourth, to strengthen their faith in Christ and assure them of eternal life (5:13).

John’s focus is on love, fellowship, forgiveness, confession, the blood of Christ, and sin.

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And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence” (1 Tim. 2:11–12). Also, 1 Corinthians 14:34 says, “Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.”

The Apostle Paul was not short in mentioning many of the women who worked and served in the ministry of the Gospel. The vital and necessary role of women in the church cannot be understated as they serve and minister to the Lord.
—Jay Launius