



Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Steven Cooley. Recovering from a broken ankle and leg.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recovering from surgery.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Upcoming procedure on his back.

Clayton Hylton. Father to a friend of Matthew. Grade 8 Prostate Cancer.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recovering from surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Elva Mitchell. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Recent surgery, waiting on pathology report.

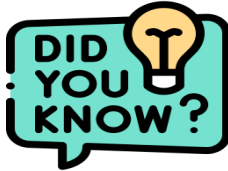
Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Debbie's mother. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

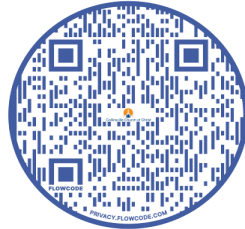


Lightpost

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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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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A 'Squeak' In The Pulpit

Several years ago, I read of an entry found in an old church record of a business meeting. The entry stated the following: "A committee was appointed to investigate the squeak in the pulpit."

While I am sure the business of this church meeting described in this entry was not referring to the content of the preacher's message, I couldn't help my mind from wandering when I read that line. I began to wonder how many churches today have a similar problem, that is, a squeak in the pulpit? Now, maybe more than ever, our society desperately needs more than a "squeak" coming from the pulpit.

It is disturbing to hear how many churches are "selling out to the culture." The distinctive preaching of New Testament Christianity is seldom heard in some pulpits. As in the days of Josiah, the Book of the Law may be lost, in of all places, the house of God. In some quarters, sermons which challenge our morals, expound our doctrine, question our ethics, and rebuke our mediocrity are exchanged for sermons that have an air of religiosity, but which are lacking in substance. We must understand there is a real danger of so "watering down" the gospel of Christ that it is rendered useless, lacking the power to convict and cause people to change.

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There are many challenges which face the church today. If we are to meet these challenges, we must have a strong pulpit. Pulpits that will speak the truth in season and out of season, with all the love it can muster. Pulpits that will not compromise the truth. Pulpits that do more than just “squeak.” —Steve Higginbotham

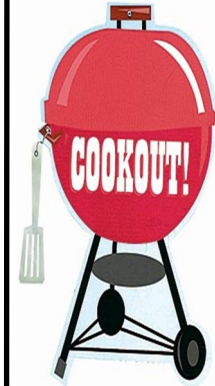
Jesus’ Church, Or Denominationalism

Here is Jesus’ promise: “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus established one church, but in our ever-changing world there are literally thousands of “kinds” of churches. There would not be kinds of churches if we would follow the instructions in 1 Peter 4:11, “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

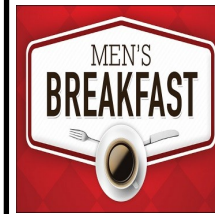
Jesus kept His promise to build His church, and He adds the saved to it. “Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47). If we could see back to the first century, we would see one God, one church, the saved obeying that one God, and all of them being added to that one church.

Oh, we *can* see back to the first century in our Bible. When we look back to the first century, we do not see denominations, only one church! The Church of Christ is not a denomination. We preach the same gospel that was preached on Pentecost, obey the same gospel, and worship the same way that the early church did. Our goal is to be nothing more and nothing less than a Christian, not a member of any denomination, just a Christian! The Church of Christ is not a denomination. —Charles Box



Congregation Devo & Cookout!

Mark your calendar for a Congregation devo, prayers & a cookout! Saturday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m. at Kevin & Velvet’s house! Cookout is provided by the Wyatt’s! For more info or questions please see Kevin or Velvet.



April Men’s Breakfast!

Our April Men’s Breakfast will be on April 25th! Join us at 9:00 a.m. at Clarence’s Steakhouse for food and fellowship.

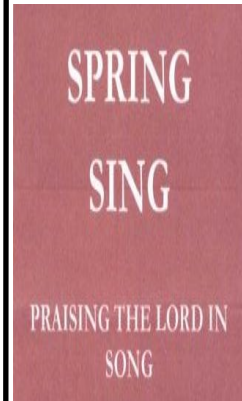


May Movie Night!

Our May Pizza & Movie Night will be on May 2nd!

Pizza Supper @ 5:30 p.m.

Movie @ 6:00 p.m.



Spring Sing @ Dale Ridge

Saturday, May 9th

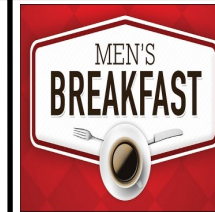
Singing Praise 4pm-5:30pm

Refreshments 5:30pm

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May Men’s Breakfast!

Our May Men’s Breakfast will be on May 23rd! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence’s Steakhouse for food and fellowship



Graduation Celebration!

All are invited to a graduation celebration on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 1:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m. here in our fellowship hall!



5TH Sunday Potluck!

Mark your calendars for our next 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch! May 31st following worship!



Potter Children’s Home!

Mark your calendars for May 31st. The day of prayer & giving for Potter Children’s Home!

It is also Summer Stock The Pantry Time! Please bring in the following by June 7th:

Marshmallows, Sweet Con. Milk, Caramel Syrup, Turkey Gravy Mix & Dish Soap.



Solution

darkened, light, heavens; true; clouds, glory; fig; words

What Would He Say?

If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair,
In which my Saviour had no share
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find that I had not told
One soul about my heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?

If He should come today,
Would I be glad, quite glad?
Remembering He died for all,
And none thru me had heard His call,
What would He say?

—Unknown

On The Lighter Side

God’s Bible

Unfortunately, many homes—yes even so-called Christian homes—are like the one in which the little girl pointed to the Bible on the mantle that was never opened, and said to her mother, “Whose book is that?”

Her mother quite startled by her daughters question replied, “Why honey, don’t you know? That is God’s book!”

The child demonstrating that she had a very practical turn to her mind said, “Don’t you think that we had better give it back to him? No one around here ever reads it.”

Time to Grow Up!

The Oxford English Dictionary describes the word grow as: “become larger or greater over a period of time.” As Christians, we need to become “larger” and “greater” in maturity, service, and influence as time goes by. Please seriously consider these Scriptures that mention growing, increasing, and even abounding:

- We are to grow in knowledge (Col. 1:10; 2 Pet. 3:18). * We are to grow in faith (2 Thess. 1:3).
- We are to grow in hope (Rom. 15:13).
- We are to grow in love (Phil. 1:9; 1 Thess. 3:12).
- We are to grow in our daily walk with God (1 Thess. 4:1). * We are to grow in giving (2 Cor. 8:7).
- We are to grow in good works (1 Cor. 15:58).
- We are to grow in bearing fruit (John 15:2-8).

Christians, God expects us to go and grow! We all need to grow up (i.e. growing closer and closer to heaven’s ideals).

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble” (2 Pet. 1:5-10)

—Edd Sterchi





April Birthdays!

4TH JORDYN NEWTON
13TH LISA KENDRICK



Ladies’ Devo & Lunch!

Ladies mark your calendar for a Ladies’ devo, prayers & lunch. Tuesday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. A signup sheet is in the lobby. For more info or questions please see Velvet.



Ladies’ Bible Class!

Spring Schedule.
4/16 No Class
4/23 Lesson 13 Questions
Last class for this session.
Lunch at El Ranchito.
Summer Break! Class will resume on Sept. 10th!



A Family With Favor

When we read the early chapters of Acts, one striking aspect is the quality of the early family of God. They not only spent time together but also had “favor with all the people” (Acts 2:47). They were well-respected by the community for their actions and attitudes.

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This raises an important question for us: Are we well-respected by our community? I do not believe the answer lies in trying to please as many people as possible. Peter clearly teaches that “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). If our primary goal becomes pleasing others in hopes of attracting them to our church or faith, we risk compromising the truth and obeying man instead of God. Peter and the Apostles certainly did not compromise their beliefs to meet the expectations or demands of non-believers. However, the example in Acts shows us that there is power in being a people who are well-respected. They worshipped together, fellow-shipped, supported one another, and were overall glad and generous (Acts 2:44–47).

Are we perhaps ashamed to share about our church or faith because of our reputation? Do people see us as honest and kind? Are we known for crude jokes? Do we stand up for what is right or for going along with the majority? Do they see us as hard-working or lazy? Would people look favorably upon the church because of us? This is one reason elders “must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil” (1 Tim 3:7). While not everyone will respect the truth, there is a general expectation that the way we carry ourselves should reflect Christ and his church.

Are we living as a family that is respected by our community? If not, perhaps we have work to do individually and collectively to shine the light of Christ into the dark corners of the world rather than hiding there ourselves. —*Spencer Clark*

What Mothers Do

She carried me under her heart, loved me before I was born.

She took God’s hand and walked through the “valley of the shadow” that I might live.

She bathed me when I was helpless, clothed me when I was naked, fed me when I was hungry, rocked me to sleep when I was weary, and sang to me as an angel.

She held my hand till I learned to walk, suffered with my sorrow, laughed with my joy, glowed with my triumph, and while I knelt at her side, she taught my lips to pray. **Cont.P5**



Bible Quiz: Matthew 24:29-35

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be ___, and the moon will not give its ___; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the ___ will be shaken.”
2. True or False: Jesus said all the tribe of the earth will mourn.
3. “...the Son of Man coming on the ___ of heaven with power and great ___.”
4. Jesus told them a parable of the ___ tree.
5. “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My ___ will by no means pass away.”



Did You Know This About Jude? - Matt Clifton

This letter is a warning against false teachers who would creep into the church and cause division. He said they “crept in unnoticed,” and are sensual people, not having the Spirit.

To drive this point home, Jude, the brother of Jesus, uses three example from the Old Testament:

First, the Israelites who were saved out of Egypt, but we later destroyed because they did not believe.

Second, the angels who rebelled and are now in chains awaiting judgment.

Third, Sodom and Gomorrah, committing sexual immorality in going after strange flesh.

He also uses Satan, Cain, Balaam, and Korah as examples of disobedience.

“Mothers” Continued from Page 4... She was a loyal friend when all others failed.

Through all the days of my youth, she gave me strength for my weaknesses, courage for my despair, and hope for my helpless heart.

She prayed for me whether life was flooded with sunshine or saddened by shadows.

I can never repay the debt I owe to my mother.