



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Friend of Matthew. Multiple health concerns.

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.

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.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT. Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

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.



A Christian View of War?

The current conflict in Iran has much of the world’s attention. While wars have raged around the world since the beginning of time, Christians have also been fighting a battle among themselves over how a child of God should view war.

Some have taken a **Total Pacifism** position, claiming that war is always evil, with no exceptions, and Christians should never participate or condone war. This cannot be scripturally correct, because God Himself waged war (Ex. 17:16) and commanded the Israelites to do so as well (Num. 31). God cannot be charged with sin (James 1:13), and all of His ways are righteous (Deut. 32:4), therefore war in itself is not sinful.

Others have taken what is sometimes called the **Non-Resistance** view, in which the use of force is right for government, but wrong for individual Christians. However, God also rewarded the Israelites after the enemy was vanquished (Numbers 31:25-31). Since the New Testament authorizes governments to punish evil (Rom. 13:1-7), how could it be wrong for a Christian to serve under such governments, as long as they are not disobeying scriptural principles (Acts 5:29)?

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Also, John the baptizer had a perfect opportunity to prohibit military service to those who would be followers of God, but he did not do so (Luke 3:14).

Still others have taken the **Just War** view, which states that Christians are morally obligated to assist if a war is deemed as just and righteous and in defense of innocent people. Since there is no direct command by God to serve in the military, the decision to do so would come down to a personal choice. Therefore, saying Christians are morally obligated to serve, even if it violates their conscience (Rom. 14); must also be wrong.

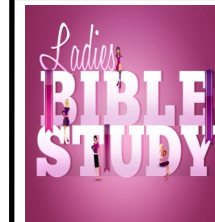
So what is the biblical “bottom line” on war for a Christian? We should never enjoy or take glory in war, because ultimately all war comes about because of the sin of mankind (James 4:1-4). But there is no prohibition against serving in the military, unless one is being commanded to do things God’s word prohibits for Christians (Acts 5:29).

War will always be with us. The only way for war to be abolished is for all men to obey God’s word and live by kingdom principles. Since we know that the majority will not (Matt 7:13-14), we can infer that war will exist as long as this earth does. Until the Lord comes, let us pray continuously (1 Thess. 5:17) for all men, especially those who are in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-2) that their decisions may be closely aligned with God’s principles as possible. —Matt Clifton

Rules Without Relationship Lead to Rebellion

I was listening to a family therapist being interviewed on the radio the other day. In the course of the program, I heard her use a phrase that really made me think. She said, “Rules without relationship lead to rebellion.” The more I thought about that statement, the more I realized how true it was. Think about it – every family has rules. Why is it, then, that some children rebel and some do not?

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Ladies' Bible Class!
4/23 Lesson 13 Questions
Last class for this session.
Lunch at El Ranchito.
Summer Break! Class will resume on Sept. 10th!



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!



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.



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



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

Pizza Supper @ 5:30 p.m.

Movie @ 6:00 p.m.

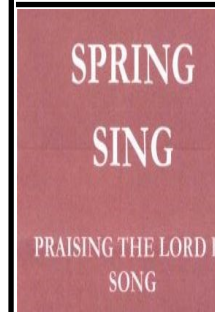


Potter Children's Home!
Mark your calendars for May 31st. The day of prayer & giving for Potter Children's Home!



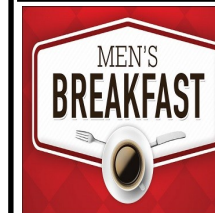
It is also Summer Stock The Pantry Time! Please bring in the following by June 7th:

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



Spring Sing @ Dale Ridge
Saturday, May 9th

Singing Praise 4pm-5:30pm
Refreshments 5:30pm
DaleRidgeChurchOfChrist.net
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Roanoke, VA



May Men's Breakfast!
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Upcoming Events:

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What We Have in Christ In Christ we have: A love that can never be fathomed; A life that can never die; A righteousness that can never be tarnished; A peace that can never be understood; A rest that can never be disturbed; A joy that can never be diminished; A hope that can never be disappointed; A glory that can never be clouded; A light that can never be darkened; A happiness that can never be interrupted; A strength that can never be enfeebled; A purity that can never be defiled; A beauty that can never be marred; A wisdom that can never be baffled; Resources that can never be exhausted; And heaven that can never be ended.			"Letters" Continued. Dear Preacher, my father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Dear Preacher, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Dear Preacher, I think a lot more people would come to church if you moved it to Disneyland. Dear Preacher, please pray for all the airline pilots. I am flying to California tomorrow. Dear Preacher, please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher.		
 ON THE LIGHTER SIDE Kid Letters to the Preach- Dear Preacher, I know God loves everybody, but do you think He ever met my sister? Dear Preacher, please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. <i>"Letters" Continues in next column.</i>			"Rules" Continued from Page 2... Could it be that no matter how many or few rules there are, if a child's relationship with their parents is bad, then it is very likely they will rebel? I think so. Rules mean little without relationship. Could it also be true that some children remain obedient and respectful to parents, not because of lack of rules, but because their relationship with their parents is so close that they are willing to obey whatever rules that family has? Again, I think so. With true love comes true respect. Now, let's take this one step further. Could it be that some Christians "rebel" against their heavenly Father simply because they never develop a close, loving relationship with Him? Sadly, I think so. These people resent His will, which like earthly parents', is intended for their own good. To them, following God's "rules" are grievous. Could it also be that some children of God remain obedient and reverent to their Father in heaven and, as a result, are willing to obey whatever commands He has for them? I know so. Those who grow and mature in the faith and continually increase their love for God will not see His commands as burdensome (Matt. 11:30), but rather will be happy to do them. Maybe we could extend the saying to this: "Rules without relationship lead to rebellion, but rules with relationship lead to respect." It is very important that we check our relationship with God. What is our attitude toward His will? Please carefully and prayerfully read 1 John 3:1-24. —Edd Sterchi		
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Steer Toward the Light

A father and daughter were out at sea in a storm, and near a dangerous coast. The mother lit a lamp, and started up the worn stairway to the attic window. "It won't do any good, mother" the son called after her. But the mother went up, put the light in the window, knelt beside it, and prayed. Out in the storm the daughter saw a glimmer of gold on the water's edge. "Steer for that," the father said. Slowly but steadily they came toward the light, and at last they were anchored in the little sheltered harbor by the cottage.

Life can be compared to a stormy tempestuous sea with hidden rocks and dangers along the way and without the proper guidance one can be lost. John 3:19 reads, "...light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." The darkness of sin did not stop Jesus from saving the entire world. The very center of God is the fact that light is full of love (John 3:16). Jesus said to a group: "...I am the light of the world: he that followed me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life (John 8:12).

The heavenly light of Jesus offers our only hope for safety from the stormy seas of life. Just like the father and daughter we must be willing to look for the only light. Remember the words of Jesus to Thomas: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). We must look to Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 5:8-9). We must also be like the mother who placed the light for her family to see through the storm. After Jesus talked about blessings He said: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14). The world needs us to be the lamp in the attic window to guide them to true safety in Christ.

—Jonathan Burns

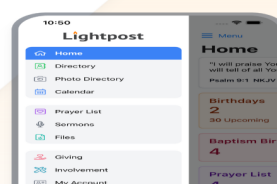
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Bible Quiz: Matthew 24:36-44

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. True or False: The angels in heaven know when the last day will come.
2. Jesus compared the coming of the Son of Man to the days of _.
3. "Then two *men* will be in the _: one will be taken and the other left."
4. "Watch therefore, for you do not know what _ your Lord is coming."
5. True or False: The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

FAST BIBLE FACTS

Did You Know This About ? - Matt Clifton

The amazing book of Revelation is often believed to be about events that have still not taken place. However, the first verse of the book says the revelation was given to show Jesus' servants "things which must shortly take place."

John wrote this book during the reign of the emperor Domitian, the first Roman emperor to demand he receive worship while still alive.

The key to understanding Revelation is to know the Old Testament. Out of about 404 verses in the book, around 278 contain references to the Old Testament.

In this way, the message would be hidden from those who did not intimately know the Old Testament, like the Roman government.



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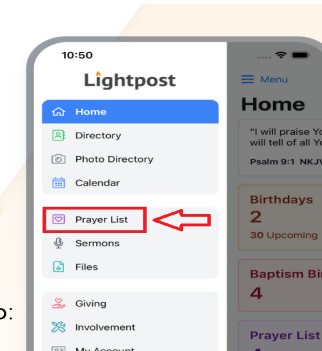
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