



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.

Randy Gauldin. Father to Hop Wilkerson. Skin cancer surgery on May 7th.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Procedure on his back rescheduled to May 29th.

Clayton Hylton. Father to a friend of Matthew. Receiving treatment for prostate Cancer.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Receiving treatment for colon cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Debbie's mother. Diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. She will be moving in with Debbie's sister.

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.

Social Media and Loneliness

One of the ironies of our contemporary high-tech world is that the more connected people are by technology, the more lonely we are becoming.

More than six in 10 U.S. adults reported feeling loneliness, while half or more of adults said they felt isolated (54%), left out (50%) or lacking companionship (50%) often or some of the time.

The survey, conducted in November 2025 by The Harris Poll on behalf of the American Psychological Association, found that among more than 3,000 U.S. adults, nearly seven in 10 (69%) said they needed more emotional support in the past year than they received.

Throughout out society, we hear people exclaim, "I feel alone! No one understands me! No one really knows who I am!"

The unfortunate realty of our society is that although social media and instant communications promised to make people more connected, people are actually more isolated than ever before.

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Making technology our god is breaking down our society and fostering loneliness, disconnectedness, and despair.

On the other hand, putting God first in our lives will minimize those feelings and help us be whole. In Luke 12:4-7, Jesus shows that we spend too much time worrying about what people around us can do to us. Instead, we should be concerned about what God thinks of us.

Social media is an expression of what man thinks of us. Many social media interactions are governed by peer pressure, and what folks will think if we say or do a certain thing. We should be worried, instead, about what God thinks of us.

Luke 12:6-7 shows that God *truly* knows us, unlike the world. Look how God knows every detail of His people:

- He names His sheep (John 10:3).
- He numbers our hairs (Luke 12:7).
- He counts our steps (Job. 31:4).
- He bottles our tears (Psa. 56:8).
- He holds our hands (Isa. 41:13).
- He supplies our need (Phil. 4:19).

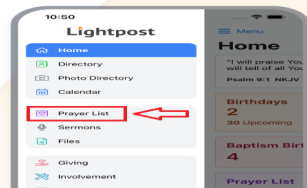
Let’s set a goal to spend more time in the Spirit book (the Bible) and less time on Facebook. Let’s remember who’s opinion really matters. The approval of man will not get us to heaven (Luke 6:26). Instead, work to be approved by God (2 Tim. 2:15).

—Matt Clifton



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Our App has the most up to date prayer list?

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For more information,
Please see Matthew or go to:
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May Birthdays!
6TH LORI PALMER
11TH SIMON BEAVERS
22ND ANNIE BEAVERS
23RD LIZ THOMPSON
23RD JAMES PATRICK



May Anniversary!
1ST JAMES &
DONNA PATRICK



Congregation Devo & Cookout!
Saturday, May 16th 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.



May Men’s Breakfast!
Our May Men’s Breakfast will be on May 23rd! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence’s Steak-house 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!



Upcoming Events:



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.



Change of Address!

To help save money on our budget and because we no longer need a post office box, we have closed our PO Box and will only receive mail at our street address.

Please update the congregation’s address to:

2115 Daniels Creek Rd, Collinsville, VA 24078.



BIBLE Quiz

Solution

five; oil; bridegroom; shut; day, hour

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"Pure" Continued from Page 5... The Apostle Paul, after observing that the people of Athens were very religious concerning their many gods, he preached, "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands." and "In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:24, 28). When considering what makes a person religious, we may hold different definitions relative to our own opinions. We may label a person as very religious who never misses a church service, who reads the Scriptures daily, or who prays often. We consider preachers to be religious due to the amount of time they spend preaching about God and doing religious things. But how does God define the religious person and the religion they practice? God gave us a plain and simple definition found in James 1:27, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Two simple conditions which define pure religion, care for the less fortunate and stay away from the sin of the world. First, the care and compassion shown for the needy led to the Great Judge saying to the people on the right side of judgment, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34). Second, Christians must separate themselves from the sin of the world, not being "conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). And that, my friends, is pure religion, plain and simple. —Jay Launius	What Being a Christian Means Being a Christian means that at the point of my conversion, I was forgiven of all past sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Being a Christian also means that if I continue to walk in the light and live faithful to God's will, I will be saved in heaven forevermore (1 John 1:7; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 2:10)! But let's look at this another way: Being A Christian Means I Am Not What I Used To Be Prior to becoming a Christian, I was living in sin (Eph. 2:1). Living in sin, I had no inheritance in the kingdom of God (Eph. 2:11-12). I used to be self serving, directionless, without Christ, and without hope. It was a pitiful existence. But now, I am not what I used to be. I have hope, I have a purpose to my life, I have Christ! Because He died for me, I'll live for Him (2 Cor. 5:15-17; 1 Pet. 4:1-2)! Being a Christian Means I Am Not What I Am Going To Be Even though a Christian, I still dwell in a world of temptation and in a weak physical frame. I have limitations. Even though striving toward perfection, I am not there yet. Even though maturing, I still have a long way to go. But I am trying harder every day. And there is coming a day when I will have a body like Christ's (Phil. 3:21). There is coming a day when I will be immortal and incorrupt (1 Cor. 15:51-57). I look forward to this day, because that is the day I will be in heaven forevermore (2 Pet. 3:11-12; 1 Thess. 4:17)! Because Jesus bore the guilt of my sins and shortcomings, I can continue to strive for perfection (2 Cor. 5:21; Matt. 5:48). As a Christian, I have a lot to do. I need to continue to learn, laud, love, live, and let others know the will of God. And I know that I can do even better in regard to these if I can remember that I am a Christian - I am not what I used to be, and I am not what I am going to be! —Edd Sterchi  www.wvbs.org

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How God Speaks Have you heard this type of language from disciples you know? • “I took it as a sign that God wanted us to be here.” • “I think that God was trying to tell me something by allowing this to happen.” • “I felt a providential nudge to do it.” Our evangelical friends have used this type of language for decades, and now it is exploding in popularity, not just among them but also among brethren we know! After all, we read their material and listen to their media. Postmodern thought with its emphasis on trusting feelings with a corresponding distrust of language and the written word has overwhelmed the religious world. The concept that God speaks directly to us through our feelings, hunches and events in our lives is “in,” but it is dangerous for several reasons: 1. Even during those rare intervals in history of direct revelation, God didn’t speak to millions of followers through their premonitions, leadings, and inner illumination, but rather precisely to a few prophets through words (Acts 11:14). On rare occasions he confirmed those words with signs (Gideon, Hezekiah, Zechariah), but the original message always involved language, words. 2. With our prejudices and inner biases, we have enough trouble being honest with God’s objective written word. Throw our “gut feelings” and other subjective impressions into the mix of what we feel to be God’s revelation and the waters become hopelessly muddled. 3. The lack of trust in the sufficiency of the written words of God’s inspired apostles and prophets has always been a prime mover behind apostasy. “God Speaks” Continues on Page 5...	 BIBLE Quiz Bible Quiz: Matthew 25:1-13 CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7 ! 1. How many wise virgins were there in this parable? 2. The foolish ones took their lamps, but no _ with them. 3. “And at midnight a cry was <i>heard</i>: ‘Behold, the _ is coming; go out to meet him!’” 4. When the foolish virgins went out to buy oil, they returned to find the door _. 5. “Watch therefore, for you know neither the _ nor the _ in which the Son of Man is coming.” “God Speaks” Continued from Page 4... When some say longingly, “But don’t we need more than what we have in the scriptures?” they are frankly showing a lack of faith and a great disrespect for God’s chosen method of communicating with us. Be careful with “the language of Ashdod,” the jargon of those who look for God’s leading apart from inspired scripture! Scriptural principles are sufficient to reveal God’s will to us and to confirm our path before him (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). In inspired scripture we have the faith that was once for all time delivered to the saints (Jude 3). We don’t need more! —Gardner Hall Pure Religion Plain and Simple What defines a religious person? The dictionary defines a religious person as “an individual who demonstrates devotion to a deity, adheres to specific religious doctrines, and often participates in communal worship or rituals” (Dictionary.com). With this definition in mind, there are religious people the world over who worship and serve a variety of gods. As Christians, we worship and serve the true and living God (Yahweh, Jehovah, I AM). “Pure” Continues on Page 6...