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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies' Class: 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome
to Our Church

Too Much Religion?

"It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem." Those were the words of King Jeroboam to the people of Israel (1 Kings 12:28). He knew God said to come to Jerusalem and worship Him at the temple. That didn't stop him from changing what God commanded. He made it easy for people to "worship." He told them they didn't have to travel all the way to Jerusalem. Just go to Dan and Bethel. They're much closer. But he didn't stop there. He made golden calves and told the people they could worship them. Then he made men who were not of the tribe of Levi priests and ordered a festival of worship at a time the law of Moses didn't authorize.

His main reason for making these changes was political. The motivation of the people was personal. This popular religion was convenient. It was new and different. It was creative. And, it was not "legalistic" and strict like the old way. Moreover, it worked. People flocked to engage in idolatry, and, even sadder, this trendy worship continued for several generations.

The sales pitch of old Jeroboam still works today. The biblical way is "too much" for many today. The masses are looking for a religion that is convenient, entertaining and tolerant. To this generation we ask: Is it too much to require that *men* lead as preachers, elders and deacons (1 Tim. 2:8-3:13)? Is it too much for you to listen to a sermon that re-proves your heart instead of a nice little talk that tickles your ears (2 Tim. 4:2-4)? Many today are oblivious as to what worship is. We are to worship God. Worship is not for our convenience. It is not about pleasing us. But as long as people look for bread and fish instead of the Truth, the way of Jeroboam will live on.

—Kerry Duke

Jealousy and the Christian

Did you know that the United States had two Air Forces in its history? The first was established during the American Civil War. In 1861, Thaddeus Lowe impressed President Lincoln by telegraphing him from a “lighter-than-air” craft – a balloon that hovered over the White House. The President recognized the tactical advantage this could give to Union troops. So, he appointed Lowe to be “Chief Aeronaut” reporting directly to General McClellan.

Lowe gave the Union troops the ability to see enemy locations, strengths, and movements. It was an enormous advantage. However, the officers under General McClellan resented Lowe because he was being paid like a Colonel and reporting directly to top Generals.

When General McClellan was removed as the top commander, Lowe’s salary and authority was stripped. Lowe was so upset by the poor attitude of the Union military leaders that he resigned. And, with that resignation, America abandoned its first attempt at an air force. It was aborted, not because the effort was unsuccessful, but because of jealousy and petty bruised egos.

Jealousy is a destructive, sinful human emotion driven by covetousness. The Bible tells us, “For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice” (James 3:16).

Jealousy has been the root of problems in families, workplaces, neighborhoods and various organizations. It has even been known to cause major problems in churches. Following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should take these steps to overcome envy.

Confess jealousy as sin. Admit your envy to God and repent, rather than hiding it. James 3:14–16 warns that bitter jealousy is devilish.

Practice genuine gratitude. Counter jealousy by thanking God for your own blessings. A peaceful heart comes from appreciating what you already have rather than focusing on what others possess (Colossians 3:15; Psalm 103:2-3).

Celebrate others. True love, as described in 1 Corinthians 13:4, “does not envy.” Instead, we should pray for the people you envy and rejoice in their successes (Philemon 1:4-5).

Find your identity in Christ. Recognize your unique purpose. Galatians 6:4 encourages you to test your own work and focus on your individual calling without comparing yourself to others.

Guard your mind. Replace covetous thoughts with God’s promises, grounding your worth in His love rather than worldly achievements (Hebrews 13:5).

—Larry Fitzgerald

Have You Been To Our Website Lately?





Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:32-36

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. As they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, _____ by name.
2. They compelled him to bear Jesus' _____.
3. The place where Jesus was crucified was called _____.
4. Before the crucifixion, they gave Jesus sour wine mingled with _____ to drink.
5. True or False: The inscription placed over Jesus' head read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Do You Know Where You Placed Your Bible?

Sandra was having a Bible study with the ladies from her congregation in her home. Before the meeting was to start, she couldn't find her Bible, though she searched everywhere. She rushed down to the kitchen, where her new housekeeper was working.

"Have you seen my Bible?" she asked. "Great!" said the new housekeeper. "What do you mean?" asked Sandra. "Well," the new housekeeper said, "the first thing I do when I start with a new employer is hide their Bible. I want to see how long it takes them to miss it. Yours is in the linen closet."

It would be good if everyone studied their Bible as much as they said they did. Hosea 4:6 reminds us that God's people are "destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Will you read your Bible? Try it and see if it changes your life! It did mine! —Mark T. Tonkery

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Back to School Funnies

On the first day back to school, the teacher asked, "Who can tell me what $2 + 2$ equals?"

A boy raised his hand and said, "It depends. During the school year it's 4. During summer vacation it's, 'Ask me again in August!'"

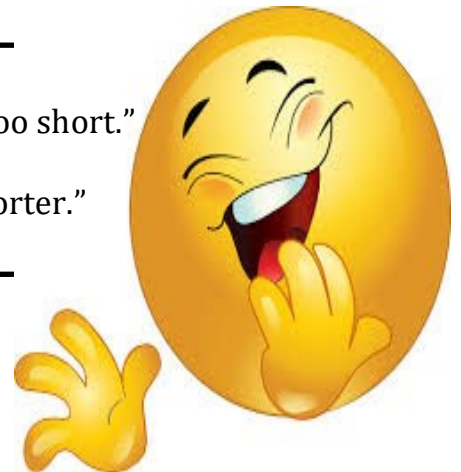
A boy sighed on the first day of school and said, "Summer always feels too short."

His grandfather smiled. "Don't worry. Christmas break will feel even shorter."

Mom noticed her son's backpack seemed lighter than usual.

"Did you clean it out?"

"No," he replied. "I just figured out it weighs less if I leave my homework at school."





Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. In need of kidney transplant.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Greg Clifton. Dixie's son. Health concerns.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery on Oct. 28.

Kaitlyn Donovan. Recovering from a car accident.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Upcoming surgeries on Oct. 19th & 21st.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Stanleytown Health and Rehab.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



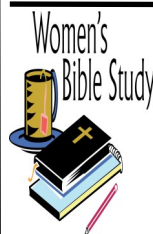
Sept. Birthdays!

1ST	ALAN BEAVERS
3TH	DAVID PALMER
15TH	NANCY BEAVERS
22ND	GARY HOLLANDSWORTH
26TH	CAROL PACE
27TH	RITA LAWLESS



Sept. Anniversaries!

10TH	DONN & KITTY SHUMATE
14TH	JAY & SHELIA MARTIN



Ladies' Class

Our new semester of our Women's Bible Class will begin on Thursday, September 10th!

Coffee & Donuts @ 9:30 a.m.

Class @ 10:00 a.m.



Men's Breakfast!

September 26th!
Join us at 9:00a.m.
at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Potluck Lunch

Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, September 27th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



Game Night!

We will host a Game Night on Saturday, Oct 3rd. Join us in the fellowship hall at 5:00pm for an evening of finger food & games!



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Lightpost Calendar!



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Solution

Simon; cross; Golgotha; gall;
True



To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. 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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