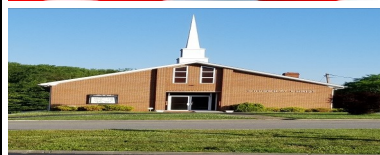




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Welcome
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Let God Send You

When we think of the great apostle Paul, we think of a rugged warrior for Christ – a courageous, daring, fearless man who laughed in the face of danger. After all, he was the man who got up and walked back into the town that belonged to folks who had stoned him, drug him out of the city, and left him for dead (Acts 14:19-20). Paul was the guy who was whipped, beaten, shipwrecked, mugged, thrown in prison, and endured many great perils with his faith intact (2 Cor. 6:4-10; 11:24-28).

In 2 Cor. 7, we see Paul continuing this life theme of being bold in speech and joyful in tribulation (v.4). But even Paul had times that were hard to handle. For in the very next verse, we see a side of Paul we are not used to seeing in the pages of the New Testament: “For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears.” (2 Cor. 7:5) So Paul was human after all. And even he had to grapple with trouble, conflict, and fear in his life. Can you relate to that? I certainly can.

The first word of the next verse “nevertheless” introduces the thought that a solution was provided – and it was: “Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus” (2 Cor. 7:6). Titus was one who was able to comfort (2 Cor. 7:6), console (2 Cor. 7:7), and render proper affections (2 Cor. 7:15). It was just what Paul needed. Titus was one who brought the light of a new day after a dark and stormy night.

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“Let God Send You” Continued from Front Page... The Century English Version of the Bible renders 2 Cor. 7:6 this way: “But God cheers up people in need, and that is what he did when he sent Titus to us.” God uses various means to comfort His children. In this case, it was sending Titus to Paul. God knew that Titus could properly lift Paul up and providentially led Titus to him.

There are many in the world (and this church) who are suffering, in pain, dealing with turmoil and fear in their lives. So many times just being there for them makes such a big difference. Why not let God send you to someone to help bring them a little comfort? All you have to do is go, comfort, console, and render proper affection. It could make a huge difference in someone’s life.

—Edd Sterchi



Better Than the Alternative

Once in a Bible class, I asked the question: “Why do you want to go to heaven?” One man answered, “It’s better than the alternative.” That is true, but wanting to go to heaven is much more than just keeping commands or choosing between two alternatives. Heaven is a heart choice. Just keeping commands doesn’t always involve the heart. Just keeping commands is a choice between alternatives. Our heart should be seeking heaven. Yes, commands are involved. But that is not all. Here are some heart choices I need to make that involve commands and alternatives, but the heart is what makes the decision.

First, I should love God. When Jesus was asked what the great commandment in the law was, He gave an answer that may have been unexpected. His response was, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (Mt. 22:37 NKJV). Then He stated “This is the first and great commandment.” (Mt. 22:38) So, commandment keeping must be preceded by the proper love for God or commandment keeping is no good by itself. He clarifies it further by adding, “And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Mt. 22:39). Then Jesus says all the commands relied on this love. He said, “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Mt. 22:40). John helps our understanding by adding later, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” (1 Jn. 5:3) We can keep God’s commandments without loving Him, but we can’t love Him without keeping His commandments. And that comes from the heart, not from the best of two alternatives.

Next, we should love Jesus. Again, Jesus ties commandments to our love for Him. Jesus said, “If you love Me keep My commandments.” (Jn. 14:15) So loving Jesus involves something special on my part. I must do what He says, I do so not just because it’s commanded, but because He loves me and I love Him.

Finally, but combined with the other two, I must love His commandments. Again, notice what John stated, “His commands are not burdensome” (1 Jn. 5:3).

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Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:38-44

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. Two _____ were crucified with Jesus, one on the right and another on the left.
2. Those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their _____.
3. The people mocked Jesus, saying, "If You are the Son of God, come down from the _____."
4. **True or False:** The chief priests, scribes, and elders said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save."
5. Even the robbers who were crucified with Him _____ Him with the same thing.

"Better Than" Continued from Page 2... If all I am doing is keeping commandments, it may become a burden to me, or too much to handle, but not if I love them. God and Jesus give us commands because they love us, not because they want a bigger burden placed on us. The 119th Psalm is an amazing chapter and in all 175 verses there are statements about how I should love God's commandments. Such statements include Ps. 119:97: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." Also, in the chapter we read, "I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law." (Psa. 119:113) Finally, notice Ps. 119: 163: "I hate and abhor lying, But I love your law."

So, why do I want to go to heaven? Because of God's love for me and my love for Him, His Son, and His commandments. May we be more than commandment keepers and alternative choosers. Let's be God lovers. Let's love and obey Christ. Let's show our love by keeping His commandments.

—Bill Brandstatter



Infallibility, By: Darwin Hunter

The word "infallibility" means "the quality of being infallible; the inability to be wrong." From that definition, and the teaching of the Bible, several things should be concluded.

First, no man is infallible. The Bible teaches that all human beings sin, and therefore commit wrongs. "All have sinned," the Bible declares (Rom. 3:23). God's Word is clear on man's fallibility—he thinks and does wrong things. The book of Ecclesiastes declares, "There is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin" (Eccl. 7:20). This applies to ALL MEN, even the Roman Catholic pope, whom the Catholic church teaches is infallible (incapable of error) in his teaching. To claim such is human arrogance, and patently false.

Second, God is infallible, or incapable of doing wrong. "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). The Bible teaches that "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should repent" (Num. 23:19). His words and His actions are never wrong, and, therefore, He does not have to repent from committing evil like humans do.

Third, everything God has written in Scripture is true, and cannot be wrong. Jesus said in prayer, "Your Word is truth" (Jn. 17:17). When men reject Scripture or oppose Bible teaching, they are in effect calling God a liar! May we remember Paul's words: "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3:4).



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.

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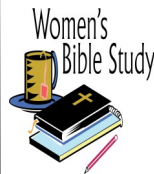
Sept. Birthdays!

15TH NANCY BEAVERS
22ND GARY HOLLANDSWORTH
26TH CAROL PACE
27TH RITA LAWLESS



Sept. Anniversary!

14TH JAY & SHELIA MARTIN



Ladies' Class

Our new semester of our Ladies' Bible Class is underway.



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.



Family Game Night

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

Upcoming Ladies' Day's



Westside CoC in Salem on October 17, 2026!



Waynesboro CoC in Waynesboro on November 7, 2026!

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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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