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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



Blessed Are the Merciful

If you were asked to list some of the most important characteristics of a child of God, which characteristics would you list? Many of us would quickly affirm that a child of God is one who attends worship services faithfully, gives to the church generously, and is pure in morals. These are qualities which should not be minimized, because they certainly are vital. However, when Jesus was speaking to the religious leaders of His day about the qualities they needed to demonstrate, He said they had omitted the "the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith" (Matthew 23:23).

Perhaps mercy is one of the most under-rated qualities of God's children, and yet it is one that is so desperately needed. Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). The Lord's statement makes it obvious that those who hope to obtain mercy must show it to others.

A good one-word definition of mercy is "compassion." To demonstrate mercy is "to help one who is afflicted or seeking aid." Mercy is "compassion in action," and the world is full of people who need compassion. Christians need to show mercy to those who are sick. Remember the words of Jesus: "I was sick, and ye visited me" (Matthew 25:36). We hear of so many who are sick with various illnesses and diseases that we may become less compassionate and inattentive to their needs, but if we or a loved one has ever been very sick or in the hospital for a lengthy stay, we will always remember those who showed compassion by phone calls, sending cards, giving money, or simply stopping by for a brief visit.

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Christians should show mercy to the suffering. Suffering may be caused by the death of a loved one, family and marriage problems, financial set-backs, or loneliness. Paul instructs Christians to suffer with other church members who suffer (1 Corinthians 12:26), and to "do good unto all men" (Galatians 6:10). Opportunities abound for

Christians to show compassion for those who are suffering. Christians should also show mercy to those ensnared in sin. Jesus did not condemn a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery; rather, He said, "Go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). He identified the woman's adultery as "sin," but he was willing to extend mercy and forgive. Jesus also taught that if one has been sinned against personally—even seven times in one day—and the sinner repents, then the one sinned against is to forgive (Luke 17:3-4).

On the final Day of Judgment, all who read these words will desire mercy. That sobering thought should inspire us all to show mercy to the sick, suffering, and to those entangled in sin. Only the merciful…will receive mercy. *—Mark Lindley*



Styrofoam Strength

Polystyrene was accidentally discovered by a German apothecary named Eduard Simon in 1839. He had no idea what to do with the polymer and it would not be used in manufacturing for more than a century. In fact, it wasn't until the 1950s that it was used in packaging, insulation, and food containers. Its versatility became somewhat its trademark.

Environmental awareness led to its ban in a growing number of places due to the difficulty of recycling the material. But the plastics industry and entrepreneurs' innovative spirit continue to find applications for it—fill material in civil engineering projects like roads and retaining walls, forms and molds in concrete work, insulation panels, floating docks and other nautical items, sound absorption panels, and more. You'll find it in homes, cars, airplanes, ships, and nearly every public space.

It's flimsy, yet resilient. It's flexible in utility. It is often unseen while serving a vital function. It's found in so many different places doing so many different things.

You and I were no accident. Our Maker knew exactly what He wanted us to be. The mastery of His work is such that we are capable of so many different purposes, all of which are meant to be useful and helpful to those around us. We're pretty unremarkable and fragile in so many ways, yet our service and actions can outlive us for a long, long time. Romans 12:6-8 highlights all the potential ways we can be used by God to accomplish His purpose. None of these is insignificant (Ephesians 4:12-16). What's more enjoyable than looking for new ways to be used for God's glory?

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Bible Quiz: Matthew 28:16-20

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "Then the __ disciples went away into __, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them."
2. "When they saw Him, they __ Him; but some __."
3. "All __ has been given to Me in heaven and on __."
4. "Go therefore and make __ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the __ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
5. "Teaching them to __ all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you __, even to the end of the age. Amen."

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Paul uses a different substance to describe us, but the idea is quite similar. He says, "For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves" (2 Corinthians 4:5-7). We are earthen vessels, unspectacular of ourselves. But God utilizes us to share the most important message of history. Because of Him, we have value. Despite our weaknesses (2 Corinthians 4:16-18), He displays His strength through us to His glory! May we never forget that we were made for His purpose and never discount our value in His hand!

—Neal Pollard

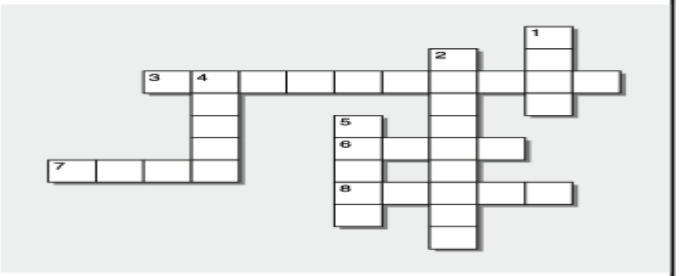
BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Hezekiah's Relief (2 Kings 20:19)

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H	E	Z	E	K	I	A	H
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E	P	Y	S	A	I	D	A
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DAYS
ISAIAH
PEACE
THERE
GOOD
LEAST
SAID
TRUTH
HEZEKIAH
LORD
SPOKEN
WORD

CrossWORD



"Adam's Family"

Genesis 5

Across

3) Lived 969 years.
6) First man.
7) Adam's son that replaced Abel.
8) Methuselah's father.

Down

1) Son of Lamech who would built a ship.
2) A book that lists family members.
4) Son of Seth
5) Enoch's father.

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Prayer Request

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. Health concerns.

Greg Clifton. Dixie's son. Health concerns.

Tony Cockram. Recovering from surgery.

Harriet Copeland. Friend of Matthew. Stanleytown Health and Rehab.

Kaitlyn Donovant. Recovering from a car accident.

Trinity Harvey. Debbie's granddaughter. Testing for issues with her back.

Family of David Hollandsworth. Gary's brother. Passed away 10/31 after suffering a cardiac arrest on 10/30. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Tammy Ingram. Health concerns.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recovering from back surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Recovering at home.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Tommy Stanley. Recovering from a car accident.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Kyle & Madison Willis. Friends of Brad. Madison has a mass that is near her aorta.

Caregivers, Our Country, Military & Leaders.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Nov. Birthday!

2ND	PAUL LIRETTE
19TH	SHERRY LIRETTE
29TH	RUBY MASON

Nov. Anniversaries

4TH	JACK & NANCY BEAVERS
25TH	KEVIN & VEL VET WYATT

Pizza-Movie Night

Our November Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, November 7th! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.

Potter Children's Home Christmas Gifts!

Wish lists are available next to our left side offering box. If you would like to provide funds to purchase gifts for the children, please mark Potter in the memo line of your check or mark Potter for cash donations. Online donations, click potter in the drop-down box. All gifts & donations are due by Nov. 29th.

Ladies' Holiday Breakfast & Ornament Exchange.

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. More information and a flyer will be in the lobby.

Holiday Dinner!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Dinner! Sunday, December 13th following worship.

Upcoming Events:

Solution

eleven, Galilee; worshiped, doubted; authority, earth; disciples, Father; observe, always

BIBLE WORD SEARCH! Solution

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H	S	T	H	O	O	I	W
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H	E	Z	E	K	I	A	H
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