

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Let Go Of The Past

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a department store window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!" The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much. The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

The cabbie allowed his past experiences to cause him to take his eye off of the road and his goal of getting his passenger to his destination.

Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future goals and destinations also. The apostle Paul told the Philippian brethren: "Not that have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

When we find our past affecting our lives in a negative way, we need to learn how to forget those things. We especially need to forget those things which keep us from focusing on our goal of heaven. When we have people in our lives who are causing us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them. When our guilt from former sins, which have been forgiven, causes us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them. When temptations to sin lead us astray from our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

We need not to allow anything in our past to take our focus off of heaven.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

Larry Pasley
Alexandria, LA



Love & Sympathy
to the Family of our dear
Friend and Brother,
GERALD STARNS.

Gerald passed into the arms of his
Savior September 7, 2023.
Services were 9/15/2023
at Grand View.



With Heartfelt Sympathy
To Erin Burke and Family
in the loss of her Mother,
Kathy York

on September 13, 2023.
Service was
Monday, September 18, 2023

PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!



We now have **458**
Inmate Students.
The World Bible
School Bibles with
all the lessons in-
cluded have gone up

from \$5.00 to \$7.95. We have a few
that only speak/read Spanish. There
are specific guidelines we have to utilize
in corresponding with the inmates. Let
David Camp know if you want to help
buy Bibles.

Why Go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

via Grand Blanc church of Christ
Grand Blanc, MI



Please be
Praying for...

PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country & Our National Leaders be guided by God; The Family of Gerald Starns; The Family of Erin Burke; Ella Thomas (Nancy Barton sister-in-law) is in MA Anderson for testing & suffered a stroke & now they found a hole in her heart; Kaylin Schuster (Camp granddaughter) baby was born 4lb 4oz, tiny but okay; Jared Robertson (Scott Burke friend) brain tumor is coming back; Susan Williams is having "bone healing" issues & seeing new doctors; Karl Vinson had nasal & esophageal surgery last week & is doing well; Bruce Bramlett (Jimmy Burke associate) seriously injured away from home; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) is having test. She is home with speech & physical therapy, still seeing doctors; Sherri Moody, PALS Teacher & friend of many is home and encouraging others with her beautiful smile & attitude, "It's not about what you've lost, it's about what you still have and what you can do with it", says Sherri. Sherri lost both hands and both feet this past year; Dennis Gray is dealing with health issues; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); The people of Ukraine; Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **458** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups and ask for our prayers; Be THANKFUL for our **MANY BLESSINGS**; You must hear the word to be saved—DEVOUR THE WORD; Love Our Neighbor; Be rich toward God; Delight yourself in the Lord; Jesus said, "Do you love me?"; Earnestly seek our God!; Come, great is the Lord and most worthy of our praise; Share the Gospel of Jesus; Answer the Lord's Invitation—"Come"; Remember God is in Control; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Building Program; Serve Others; Deny Self and not be Mere Human; Love! Church

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Eileen Adair; Gene Barton; Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Jimmy Burke; David Camp; Patsy Camp; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher, Lisa Fowler (Gerald Starns niece); Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Robert Gordon (Sanoma's cousin); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Leslie Hoffman; Justin Imel; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother); Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Joe Skinner, (Gerald Starns friend); Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's mother & aunt); Stephen & Mary Ann Smith; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Karl Vinson; Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WHO HAVE BEEN
DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:**

Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's great grandfather); Ronnie Hock (Rebeca Holifield brother-in-law); Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Ella Thomas (Nancy Barton sister-in-law); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).

SIGNS OF A STROKE

It only takes 1 minute to read the following. A neurologist said that if he can intervene on a stroke victim within 3 hours, he could reverse the effects. He said the trick would be to recognize a stroke, to diagnose and treat patients within 3 hours, but that's not easy.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE: there are four stages to recognize a stroke.

1. Ask the person to smile (they won't).
2. Ask the person to pronounce a simple sentence (for example: "It's very nice today.").
3. Ask the person to raise both arms (they can't or only partially).
4. Asking the person to stick out their tongue (if the tongue is crooked, twist left and right, is also a sign of a stroke.)

If he or she has problems with one of these steps, call an ambulance immediately and describe the person's symptoms over the phone. A cardiologist said that if as many people as possible become aware of this, we can be certain that any life — maybe even our own — can be saved.

COPY AND PASS IT ON—Please keep this going.

“God is our refuge & strength, a help in distresses, very readily found.” Psalm 46:1

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading
Sept 24—Sept 30

Sun 24	am	Isaiah 1-3
	pm	Galatians 2
Mon 25	am	Isaiah 4-6
	pm	Galatians 3
Tues 26	am	Isaiah 7-9
	pm	Galatians 4
Wed 27	am	Isaiah 10-12
	pm	Galatians 5
Thurs 28	pm	Isaiah 13-15
	pm	Galatians 6
Fri 29	am	Isaiah 16-18
	pm	Ephesians 1
Sat 30	am	Isaiah 19-21
	pm	Ephesians 2



The Bible Is... by House to House Heart to Heart

The greatest text in the Bible, on the Bible, is **2 Timothy 3:15–17**. It shows the characteristics of the Bible.

The Bible is

- Simple—from a child
- Knowable ([John 8:32](#))
- Holy ([1 Peter 1:13–16](#))
- Written form—Scriptures
- Inspired—God-breathed
- Powerful—“able” instruction, correction
- Complete—for every good work
- Soul-saving—for salvation

Have you read the whole Bible?
Why not make that your goal?

The Indestructible Word

by House to House

Many have tried to destroy the Bible. In a.d. 303, the Roman emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy Christians and their Bibles. Over a burned Bible, he built a monument on which he wrote these words, *Extincto momene Christianorum* (the name Christian is extinguished). Twenty years later, Diocletian was dead and the new Emperor Constantine commissioned fifty copies of the Bible to be prepared at government expense.

In 1776 Voltaire, the French philosopher, announced, ‘One hundred years from my day, there will not be a Bible in the earth except one that is looked upon by some antique seeker.’ One hundred years later, Voltaire was dead and his own house and press were being used to print and store Bibles by the Geneva Bible Society. One hundred years from the day of Voltaire’s prediction, the first edition of his works sold for eleven cents in Paris, but the British government paid the Czar of Russia half a million dollars for an ancient Bible manuscript.

God’s Word shall stand forever. “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” Matthew 24:35.



Bradley Burke	7
Jason Cable	7
Otis Riggs	9
Sonoma O'Bannon	12
Rebeca Holifield	15
Gerald Starns	16
Karl Vinson	20
Patsy Camp	27

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word: Matt 7:24-28, Luke 6:47-49, John 6:45, John 14:15, Romans 10:13-17

Believe the Word: Mark 16:16, John 3:16, 20:31, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6, James 2:24

Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5, 15:7, Acts 2:37-38, 17:30, 26:20

Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10, I Timothy 6:12

Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (immersed in water as a believer): Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21

Why do you delay? Acts 22:16

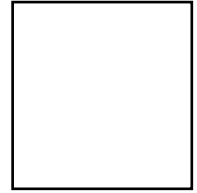
Live Faithfully: Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 10:12, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11, I John 1:7, Revelation 2:10



“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4



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Invites you to join us in Worship!

Service this Week:

September 24, 2023

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Philippians 1:21-30

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "To Live is Christ/To Die is Gain"

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Scott Burke

Greeter Tammy Adair

Communion Prep: Patsy Camp

Livestreaming: R.J. Imel

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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship 9:00am

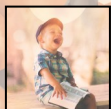
Bible Class 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for
 3yrs to 3rd grade during Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30PM



REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!