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Some Practical Benefits of Suffering

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Quite obviously, nobody wants to suffer. Nobody prays for hardship and ruin. However, such is certainly a part of our lives on this side of eternity (John 16:33). The positive news is that this world with its difficulties is not all that there is to existence (Rom. 8:18, 28). In fact, we are told that our suffering can help us to grow stronger (1 Peter 1:6-7). So, practically speaking, how can the bad things that happen to us be used to build our faith?

Suffering should drive the child of God to pray. In 2 Kings 20:1, Hezekiah was told, “[You shall die; you shall not recover.” What was his reaction? “Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord” (2 Kings 20:2). What did God do? He said to the king, “I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you” (2 Kings 20:5). Remember: God loves, listens, and understands! Cast your burdens on Him (1 Peter 5:7)!

Suffering should drive the child of God to study. The Psalmist said, “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes” (Psalm 119:71). And again, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word” (Psalm 119:67). The answers to many of our questions are found in the revealed will of God, the Holy Bible (John 6:68).

Suffering should open the eyes of the child of God to his own weaknesses. It was the “thorn in the flesh” that helped Paul to realize his dependence upon the power of God and that “when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Suffering should lead the child of God to a more confident hope. “More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Romans 5:3-5). “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (James 1:2-4).

Our hope is in the God that rules...the God that wins. D.A. Carson wrote: “Christians will take refuge from their questions about suffering not in bitterness, self-pity, resentment against God, or trite clichés and religious cant, but in endurance, perseverance, and faith in the God who has suffered, who has fought with evil and triumphed, and whose power and goodness ensure that faith resting in him is never finally disappointed” (How Long, O Lord? 246).

—Bart Warren

Dates to Remember:

June 26—Caring Cooks
June 26—Blood Drive @ AB
June 29—5th Sunday, A.M.—Daniel McNatt
P.M.—Austin Johnson
July 1—SYS @ Benton
July 5—NO MEN'S BREAKFAST
July 8—SYS @ 9th Street
July 13—Youth Devo

A Pause . . . And Reflection

This week concludes the first half of 2014! We have been very active this year and anticipate more activity in the months to come. This Sunday is the fifth Sunday in June and Daniel McNatt, our summer intern will be preaching Sunday morning. Austin will be preaching that night.

Our 100 year anniversary celebration will be coming up on September 7 and we want you to make plans to be here for that event. Go ahead and mark your calendar for it, please.

Our gospel meeting has been moved from late September to mid October. Please take note of that and set aside the dates of October 12-15 for that.

For those of you who give blood on a regular basis, this is one last reminder of our drive set for Thursday, June 26. Even if you have not signed up for a time, please walk-in and give. The Red Cross representative for us advised that there is a shortage of blood during this time because of decreased giving. So, please help if you can.

Because of July 4 being on the weekend, will NOT have a men's breakfast at Ponderosa for July.

The Area-Wide Gospel Meeting will be held July 27-29 at the Carson Center. Benton church of Christ is the coordinating congregation this year. Sam Jones, of Freed-Hardeman University was scheduled to be the speaker, but had to withdraw due to his wife's recent diagnosis with cancer. Orpheus Heyward, of Atlanta, GA will preach the meeting instead.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Thank You

To our church family at Calvert City:

Thanks to all who have expressed their concern for our family during the loss of our grandson, Andrew. Your cards, prayers and other offerings have given us strength and lifted our spirits even though our hearts are broken.

*We love you all,
Jewellian & Anita Sullivan*

Congratulations

Ellie Steele is a Kentucky Governor's Scholar and will be away for the next six weeks for the Governor's Scholar Program at Bellarmine University in Louisville. Please keep her in your prayers while she is away.

Birthdays

- ◆ June 30—Don Whirley
- ◆ July 1—Tracy Henderson
- ◆ July 2—Addilyn Fortner

Report from Angola

Welcome church family! We have two more fun-filled weeks left here in Angola. We traveled this past Friday to the province of Lubango to visit a church plant the missionaries have facilitated. They have been doing a program called Project Timothy with the church here. This is to teach them more about the Bible so they can teach others the Word. It was great. Today we are taking a survey trip to Namibe where we will do cultural observations to see how we could do a church plant here. We will travel back to Huambo on Wednesday, so please pray for safe travels. Thank you for all the prayers.

—Shelby O'Bryan

Remember in Prayer:

Joe Smith—recovering at home
Macy Ann Heaton (granddaughter of Davy & Ann Walker)—Kosairs in Louisville
Earl & Stephanie Atnip, Patsy Atnip, Nelda Beth, Winford Claiborne (Bettie Bean's uncle), **Brent Cope** (Nick Darnell's nephew), **Billy Hall, Ernestine Noles, Tony Pierce** (Mary Jane Sanderson's son-in-law), **Lexie Ray, Susan Sanderson, Roy Vasseur, Todd Walker**

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Calvert Convalescent Center:

Nell Dobesh, Eedra Dossett, Mamie Hamilton, Elizabeth Harrell, Sue Owen

Emeritus (formerly Culpepper Place)—Rm 208: Mary Deane Swann

Oakview Manor—Nancy Hall

Mission Trip—**Shelby O'Bryan in Huambo, Angola**

Summer Youth Series 2014

“Uprising”
Ephesians 5:14

UPRISING

“Rising Up Against Immaturity”

July 1

7:00 p.m. at Benton
Speaker: **Bob Palmer**

Record: Week of June 22, 2014

Mid-Week (June 18)	150
Bible Study	190
Sunday Morning Worship	260
Sunday Evening Worship	142
Contribution	\$8,870

YOUTH NEWS

SYS @ Benton

The next SYS is at the Benton church of Christ, Tuesday, July 1st. The bus will be leaving from our building at 6:30 and will return around 9:30 that evening. If you are willing to drive the bus or be an adult chaperone please sign the sign-up sheet in the lobby for an open week.

KFC Fun Day

Saturday, June 28th there will be a KFC Fun Day at Aaron and Leah Beth's house. Prepare your kids to get wet! The event will last from 10–12 that morning. Lunch will be provided but please bring a dessert to share with everyone.

Youth Devo – July 13th

I am in need of a host for the Youth Devotional Sunday night, July 13th. If you are willing to host this devotional, please contact me.

5th Sunday Worship

This Sunday evening's worship will be led by the young men of the congregation. Parents of the young boys who are not yet Christians, please be preparing them to lead a prayer, song, or read a scripture (in the time set aside for them before the worship) if they would like to. All young men participating this Sunday night need to meet at 5:10 p.m. to practice for 30 minutes beforehand.

Menifee Co. Mission Trip

July 21-24th is our Mission Trip to Menifee Co., KY. We will be door knocking and inviting people to the VBS we will be putting on. Our theme is “A Supreme Gratitude” a lesson of the ten lepers. Adults and teenagers alike are invited to come! We are asked to bring new jeans, shirts, socks, and underwear for the clothing giveaway. If you are willing to donate clothes, please contact me, Mike Dougherty, or Gayle Hall.

—Austin

PEW PACKERS
SUNDAY 5:45 P.M.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

****Please Note Time Change****

**Sunday Morning: Bible Study—9:15
Worship—10:00**

Those Who Are To Serve:

**Sunday, June 29, 2014
9:15 A.M.**

Song Leader: Gayle Hall
Opening Prayer: Don Whirley
Closing Prayer: Jake Hall
Convalescent Ctr. Devo: Robert Hall
Mike Dougherty

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Youth
Opening Prayer: Youth
Closing Prayer: Youth

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Announcements: Aaron Cox
Song Leader: Kevin Hunt
Opening Prayer: Gary Smith
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Counce