"I Hope You Know"

Faith, trials, wisdom, and works, are among the topics discussed in the book of James, and really that’s just the first chapter. In our work of memorizing the Holy Scriptures, we may early commit to memory James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials...” The purpose is direct; we are to look upon our trials and our difficulties as opportunities through which we might glorify God. As has been speculated in the past, without disrespect to the inspiration of James, we wonder was he enduring a trial when he recommended joy as our outlook in difficulties? Certainly the case is true, when our perception is of a positive slant, we view the world around us through different eyes.

As James opens this letter of encouragement, there is the indication that such trials and adversities in our life play a part in the making of our lives complete. James offers the testing of faith produces patience. In other words, when we are experiencing a difficult period in our lives, we are in fact gaining patience. It is recommended that patience be allowed to have its perfect work, that we may be made complete or mature. The end goal of patience is to persevere through a difficulty keeping a positive attitude and clear mind. When one has been patient, or is patient, they allow what must occur, or come to pass to do so in its good time. Paul would speak of the “patience of hope” held by his brethren in Thessalonica. We know neither the day or hour when our Lord shall return, but with “patience of hope”, we wait that day. There is something about patience, which helps make us complete. It allows us the opportunity to grow, mature, and increase to the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:15).

The lesson is also offered, along with dealing with trials, experiencing patience, and thus maturing as a result, to be consistent in our thoughts and faith toward God. We cannot truthfully say we trust God to help us in our weakness, when we are constantly retreating to other sources for help, comfort, and healing. When we ask God for help in our lives, it is to be “without doubting”. In other words, if we do not have confidence God will help us, or if we are not content waiting patiently upon the Lord for help, we should not ask. Such a man is “double-minded”, trying to serve two masters. James calls this man unstable, faithless, and like a wave of the sea driven every way by the wind.

Our perception of a trial, should it be one of joy, the trial will certainly be different. Not that we will escape the trial, or be removed from it prematurely, but how we react to it, will certainly be changed (James 1:2). During a trial, what will your commitment be? Make it be to patience, to allow this wonderful attribute to fulfill its work (1:4)? Likewise, our perception of God’s help will impact the trial (1:6). In the time of temptation, our challenge is not to offset our struggle or certainly not our sin with some type or form of excuse. In the time of temptation our real challenge is to be honest, open, and sincere about our struggle and our sin. I hope you know, our God stands ready to see His children, His church, through every trial and find their way safely into the land of triumph.
September Series
Come and See…
The Maker’s Mark

September 13
The Wonders
Bill McDonald’s Class

September 20
The Willing
Mike Elkins’ Class

September 27
The Work
Wayne Qualls’ Class

Wednesday 7 P.M.
Different Speaker Each Week
Dinner Served in Fellowship Hall
5:30-6:30

Disaster Relief for Hurricane Harvey Victims

This coming Sunday we will be taking donations in the Adult Bible Classes for the disaster relief in Texas. The El Campo Church of Christ in El Campo, Texas is coordinating a relief effort from their location. The El Campo congregation is located along the coastal region of Texas, about 65 miles southeast of Houston. They are providing clean-up supplies, food for victims and volunteers. The minister for the congregation is John McCord. John is a native of Hickman County. If you don’t have an opportunity to give in bible class, you can bring your donation by the office.

JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS AGO we were on the island of Providenciales helping with VBS and finishing the building the church is in the process of buying. This past weekend brought destruction through hurricane Irma. Houses and schools damaged and even in some instances leveled. There has been flooding, lack of food, water and electricity but the church did not step back. They were so thankful that lives were not lost and that the building where the church meets had minor damages. This allows those who have lost their homes a place to stay. They even met Sunday to worship and to thank the Lord for another day. Soon the Elders and Mission Committee will have a plan as to how we can assist both financially and physically with the Turks & Caicos rebuilding. Until then, please continue to pray for all those affected there and here in the US too.

ANOTHER FANTASTIC FIRESIDE SUNDAY NIGHT. Thanks to Misty for putting together some delicious food and to all who joined us. Our thoughts focused on the storms in life and how I Corinthians 9 can help us through them.

THANK YOU IS NEVER ENOUGH for the Dotsons and Newsoms for leading our monthly Bible Studies. Matthew & Cissy and Derek & Rachel go above and beyond to challenge our youth to how God’s Word can speak to them.

RUSH AT FREED-HARDEMAN IS COMING SOON! The sign-up list is posted on the Youth News Board. Cost is $25 that covers registration and a T-Shirt. You will also need money for two meals on your own. We will depart at 7:30am Saturday, Sept. 30 and return by 1:00am Sunday, Oct. 1. Space will be limited because of transportation, so sign up asap! Deadline is Sunday, Sept. 24!

HERE IS ANOTHER WAY you can be a benefit to the next youth minister...in no particular order,

#4 TAKE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE YOUTH... From time to time I hear comments of the youth acting up, on their phones or talking in situations they should be paying attention or listening. I address this from time to time in our classes, Firesides and even in personal one on one conversations. However, we have many youth who are attending for the first time or are here alone with no adult supervision. I am excited about that and the potential to reach these young people and their families. I encourage our church to notice these situations, take an interest in those young people and be a positive influence in their lives. Even if it is a child who has grown up here at Centerville, be someone they can see that has their best interests at heart. May we always be known as a loving church, an inviting church and one that young people feel that they are desired to be a part of. Love them like they are your own! I would say it may even surprise you how much they appreciate it, and how much you gain from the relationship as well. Thank you for helping our young people grow closer to Christ and leading them to always... follow His path, -Craig
Area Events

...Second Annual Ladies Day at the Shipps Bend Church of Christ September 16, 2017. Speaker: Mary Glynn Lambert. Registration: 9:30-10 A.M. Program 10-12 P.M. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by September 13th.

...3rd Annual Reunion at the Byers Chapel Church of Christ September 17, 2017. Speaker: Malcolm George.

Sunday School: 10 A.M. Worship: 10:30 followed by Potluck lunch and afternoon worship at 1:30 P.M.

...Homecoming at the Coble Church of Christ September 17, 2017 at 11 A.M. Speaker: Matthew Dotson. Followed by Potluck meal.

...Waverly Church of Christ invites you to worship with them September 17-20, 2017. Sunday 9 A.M. and 10 A.M. followed by Fellowship Meal. Sunday Evening: 6:30 P.M. Monday-Thursaday Meal at 5:30 P.M. Service at 7 P.M.

...God’s Plan for Growing a Healthy Congregation September 17-20, 2017 at the Lebanon Road Church of Christ, 2307 Lebanon Road, Nashville, TN 37214. Speaker: Adam Faughn. Sunday Worship: 9 A.M. Bible Class: 10:20 A.M. Potluck: 11 A.M. Worship: 1 P.M. Monday-Wednesday Bible Study: 7 P.M.

...Gospel Meeting at the Shipps Bend Church of Christ September 17-20, 2017. Speaker: Gary Puryear. Sunday Worship: 9 A.M. Bible Class: 10 A.M. followed by lunch Sunday Evening: 7:30 P.M. Monday-Wednesday: 7 P.M.

...Ladies’ Day at the Clearview Church of Christ, Saturday, September 16, 2017. Speaker: Karri Tucker. Registration & Breakfast: 9 A.M. 10 A.M. Welcome followed by program and lunch. 931-670-5029

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION
$13,010.50

BUDGET
$12,968.00

Ukraine

John Durham is in Ukraine for his fall trip. Prayers for safe travels!

You are Invited!

You are invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Christina Dressler and Adam Williams on September 23, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. at the Granny White Pike Church of Christ, 3805 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37204

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower for Lindsey Chessor, bride elect of Alex Guill Sunday, September 24, 2017 at the Outreach Center from 1-3 P.M. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Belk.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Ewell Garrett who passed away in Oklahoma. He was the brother of Liz (Paul) Bryant.

Golf News

Congratulations to the HCHS girls golf team on their District Championship. Bailey Gilbert was low medalist, Harper Shelton was 4th and Adley Elkins 5th. They will compete in the Regional tournament Thursday. They are coached by Jim Herron. Also, HCMS girls won District with Becky Cude as their coach. Guys finished second and Weston Elkins was low medalist.

Life-Line
Daily Updates & Devotional Message
931-729-5055, 931-729-0022

Please Pray for:

...Annette Barber is at the Life Care Center.
...Neil Jobe is in Vanderbilt Hospital being treated for an infection.
...Margie Willis, mother of Shane, is in Maury Regional Hospital for treatment of a bleeding ulcer.
...Bobby Atkinson, brother of Michelle & Claudette Atkinson, Lilly Durham and Kitty Pharris, suffered a critical injury from an accidental gunshot wound. He is in ICU at Vanderbilt Hospital.
...Nancy Leathers is in St. Thomas West suffering with diverticulitis.

Nursing Home:
Life Care Center: Seth Armstrong, Georgia Moss, Pearl Mayberry, Helen Hudgins, Larry Talley, Nellie Kalosis, Lucy Noles, Sammye Elrod, Bobby Breece, I.T. Aydelott, Jim Wright
Hickman County Nursing Home:
Francis McClanahan, Eltie Davis, Shirley Bryant, Sybil Jenkins
Dickson Health & Rehab:
Jane Berryman
NHC Columbia, 5017 Trottwood, Columbia, Tennessee: 38401 Ann Spencer

Radio Room Meeting

Attention All Those Who Are Involved With The Radio Room....
There will be a meeting Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 5 P.M. in the chapel.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers will have an informational open house on Tuesday, September 19th at 5 P.M. at the Centerville Church of Christ Outreach Center. Please join us as we begin a new series to help with your weight loss journey.

Off To College...

Emma Nicholson:
Hiwassee College,
Madisonville, TN.

*Please inform the office of others.
Read Scripture

September 17: Wayne Rediker

September 24: Patrick Allen

Elder's Prayer

September 17

Gary Gatewood

Prayer Week Of September 17

3rd Sunday
Scott Bailey

4th Sunday
Mark Chessor

Left Side
Ethan Horner
Andy Weber
Joey Hunt
Phil Griggs

Right Side
David Brown
Brett Martin
Leon Gilbert
J.B. Brown

S.M.W.
Michael Bryant
S.E.W.
Ken Dickerson
W.E.B.S.
Eric Coleman

S.M.D.
Ethan Skelton
S.E.D.
Stephen Dotson
W.E.D.
Alex Seagraves

Wait on Table

Requesting Prayers

Sarah Rogers has requested your prayers as she struggles with health problems. Sarah’s address is 130 Totty Drive, Hohenwald, Tennessee 38462.

...remember also her husband Andrew who will be deployed to Florida to help with disaster relief.

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month?

...What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey’s class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you’re interested in learning more about the class or signing up for it please visit http://www.fpu.com/1045975. For more details notify Stevy Odom. stevylwoods@gmail.com

Classes are scheduled for Sunday September 17,24, October 1,8,15,22,29, and November 5th at the Centerville Church of Christ at 4 P.M.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ Scholarship Fund in memory of Robert McAlister by Mary Katherine Bates.

Youth Villages

Will you help 1 child in need of a positive role model? Please contact Youth Villages today! 615-250-7212.