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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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Stick with It!

"Footprints in the sands of time are never made by sitting down" (Ralph Waldo Emerson). Perseverance, endurance, and plain old stubborn tenacity are needed to hold on to our hope in the midst of difficulty. If our life's work will leave behind footprints in the sands of tine, it will be because we have striven to go in a direction largely untraveled by the world.

God's word compares the Christian life to running a race. In Hebrews 12:1-2, we read, "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." While the life of a Christian is like a race, it is not a sprint so much as a marathon. Nor is speed so much required as stamina. We "have need of endurance, so that when [we] have done the will of God, [we] may receive what was promised" (Heb. 10:36).

Where do we find endurance? Endurance is a gift received from the Lord (Rom. 15:5). But, sometimes, God uses people as a conduit through whom He imparts this precious gift. Nevertheless, God is the One through whom we receive endurance so as to complete our race. One way God provides endurance is through suffering. Most of us would rather develop perseverance in some other, less painful, way. But there are no short-cuts to endurance. Endurance grows where trials and tribulations are handled by trusting in God for strength. This is how we develop the stronger and deeper character so essential to see us through to the end of life's journey. ***Continues on Page 2...***

"Stick with It!" Continued from Front Page... As we run this great race, our perseverance is inspired by our hope (1 Th. 1:3). The hope of heaven is a grand and glorious hope, one that will motivate and inspire us to endure whatever hardships may come our way. So, we must fix our eyes on Jesus. He is our goal. To be with Him is our hope. In the meantime, we must hold to the course set before us, never giving up but always keeping our trust firmly grounded in Him.

—Glen Elliott



A Time to Hate

One of the problems in the church today is that Christians have stopped hating. We have preached about love, and that is good. But there is a need for hate.

God is a God of compassion, but He is also a God of hate. He hates a proud look, a lying tongue and other sins (Prov. 6:16-19). He hated the hypocritical worship of His people (Amos 5:21). Jesus hated iniquity (Heb.1:9). Are we teaching this part of God's nature?

To be like Christ, we must hate what He hates. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" (Prov. 8:13). We must "Hate the evil, and love the good" (Amos 5:15). It is not enough to disagree with sin. We must hate sin with a passion. Do we? Do others see that hatred?

Throughout the Bible, God's people lost this fire. Elijah told the Israelites, "'How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.' But the people answered him not a word" (1 Kings 18:21). In Zephaniah's day, the Jews were "settled in complacency" while the nation was steeped in idolatry (Zeph. 1:12). In the New Testament, the Christians at Corinth closed their eyes to something even their Gentile neighbors would not tolerate. A man was committing fornication with his father's wife. What were their feelings about that? Paul said, "And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned" (1 Cor. 5:2).

Christians today have lost their righteous indignation. They have listened to the wisdom of the world which says Christians should not display anger. That is nonsense. Jesus showed His anger toward sin (Mark 3:5; Matt. 23:1-33). "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psa. 7:11). If God hates sin, so should we.

We are in trouble when we have no feelings of zeal and compassion and love (Rev. 2:1-6; 3:14-19). We are also in danger when we lose our feeling of hatred for evil.

How do you feel when someone takes God's name in vain? Do you feel disgusted when you hear about sex outside of marriage? Are you upset that Muslims are trying to take over our country and establish sharia? Remember that the wise man said there is "A time to love, and a time to hate" (Ecc. 3:8).

—Kerry Duke





Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:57-61

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "Now when __ had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named __, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus."
2. Joseph went to __ and asked for the __ of Jesus.
3. Pilate commanded the __ to be given to him.
4. True or False: Joseph laid Jesus' body in a new tomb that had been cut out of the rock.
5. "And __ Magdalene was there, and the __ Mary, sitting opposite the tomb."



Stay With the Word of God

"But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

Many people have put forth ideals that they call religious teaching. Some give a verse from the Bible, to make their claim sound like it is true. Others claim to have received a new revelation from God. Should we always accept any such teaching, without examining it carefully and completely, by God's word?

Some want to use only one verse, as if the whole Bible was not really important for us to know. Some emphasize John 3:16, as though it is all one needs to know. They overlook Matthew 4:4: "But He answered and said, "it is written, 'man shall not live on bread alone, but on very word that proceeds out of the mouth of God'." Jesus quoted this from Deuteronomy 8:3. In this place Moses was telling children of Israel that they needed to obey all the commands of God. We have the same teaching in the New Testament. The apostle Paul, talking to the elders from Ephesus: For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27, NKJV). "Again: So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (v.32).

When we hear something which we do not understand, or which we have not heard before, we must ask, what is the value of this. How would this help me to be a better Christian. And most of all we must ask, does the Bible really teach this? If such will not have any benefit in helping in Christian living, then it may cause me to waste time. If it is really taught in the Bible, then it is not a new thing.

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything, worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9).

Stay with God's word. It teaches us how to go to heaven. —*Wayne Curry*



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 Donovant. Recovering from a car accident.

Trinity Harvey. Debbie's granddaughter. Fell off a bike during PE class. Broken arm. Getting a cast this week.

Tammy Ingram. Kitty's step-daughter. Health concerns.

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. Recovering at home.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Kyle & Madison Willis. Friends of Brad. Madison has a mass that is pushing on her aorta. Appointment Tuesday to find out details.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



Church News



Oct. Birthday!

28TH KEVIN WYATT



Oct. Anniversaries

5TH BRAD & JORDYN NEWTON

14TH JONATHAN & BRANDI BEAVERS



Chili Cookoff!

Fall Dinner – Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone please bring your favorite chili, sides & desserts to share and come for a good time of fellowship and food.





Upcoming Ladies' Day

Westside CoC in Salem on October 17, 2026!



Men's Breakfast!

October 24! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



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.



Holiday Dinner!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Dinner! Sunday, November 29th following worship.



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