

A Message From Pastor Toby

In the world of sports, we generally do not admire the quitter who runs from the contest when the competition is strenuous. Though only to the winner goes the winner's metal, it is not always the winner who earns the greater respect. Most parents encourage their kids to enter sports to learn values beyond the thrill of winning. I recall when one of our daughters chose to play soccer in a co-ed middle school league where there would be teenage boys larger and stronger than I was. I recall one occasion where she attempted to play defense against a much larger boy who knocked her right off her feet and straight onto her back. We felt immediate alarm as she rolled over on the dusty hard ground, but then impressed when she climbed to her feet and began to chase her opponent with vengeance in her eyes.

Sometimes it is the underdog we admire, whom everyone doubted could compete, yet kept going persevering through the pain, disappointment, and doubts. It is those moments of great adversity that reveal the values beyond who will claim first place. Oh, do not misunderstand, every contestant should play to win, but there is more to value than winning, and one of those values is not being the quitter. It is each moment of adversity where we forge greater strength to continue beyond the next hardship life's journey requires.

"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." Proverbs 24:10

From the pulpit of the church this August we have been considering the life, trials, and faith of the Old Testament prophet Job. Though we can spend significant time speaking on the severity of Job's suffering, the reasons it was permitted, or the mysterious exchange between the LORD and Satan, the apostle James was impressed with Job's ability to endure the hardship. James 5:10-11 mentions the example found in the prophets who overcame their adversities. "Ye have heard of the patience of Job," and, "we count them happy which endure." In the passage happy, or makarizō in the Greek, means to esteem, or to beatify, even as it is used in Luke 1:48 where the virgin Mary realized, "from hence forth all generations shall call me blessed." That is, those who look back to this moment of my life will commemorate me on this incredible occasion. For Mary, it was having the honor of being the mother of the Christ child. For Job, it was the steady perseverance that did not allow him to quit even though he was the underdog against the provocations of Satan.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him". James 1:12



"Some of you have been in deep waters through pain, poverty, and bereavement. Loved ones and friends have forsaken you - but not God. He will hear the prayer of the humble heart. God will not forsake you. He is very near in your distress." – Charles Spurgeon





FROM THE EDITOR

Have you ever questioned God why? Why, God, did you let my child die? Why didn't you heal my sister? Why didn't you stop the shooters from killing innocent people? Why did I not get the dream job my church prayed for?

At one time or another, we have all questioned God, why? I experienced this recently when I had a knee replacement, which went very well, but as I began to heal, I struggled with the pain in my body that was unbearable at times. I knew that many were praying for me, but as a Christian, my faith was being tested.

Do we get angry at God or do we trust in HIM when life takes a detour? If you have put your faith in Christ, then you are a child of God. Isaiah 41:10 tells you to not be afraid because He will take care of you.

In this issue of Trinity Tribune we will focus on Adversity. Christian, whatever you may be going through today, I hope these articles will encourage you to walk by faith, until your faith becomes sight! "What a wonderful day that will be when my Jesus I shall see".

Friend, if you have not made the decision to follow Jesus, please consider what He did for you upon the cross that day. The Bible says we have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23. In other words, we don't deserve to go to Heaven, we are all guilty of sin. There is nothing you can do to merit your way into Heaven. Jesus has already paid the cost for you and me.

Nancy Mitchell,
Editor of Trinity Tribune

One Woman's Journey to Perfect Peace with Jesus

Believe in God? Always.

Believe Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and came back to life? Always.

Attend church as a kid? Unless you were on your death bed, always.

Be good, don't lie, go to church, go to confession, so you'll go to heaven. ????

And this is how my journey to perfect peace with Jesus began.....

In 1973 I moved to California and stopped attending church. In 1976 I came home to Columbus, Ohio. In the early 80's, I along with my small son and daughter, sporadically attended Faith Bible Church (now known as Westphal Avenue Baptist Church). I heard the salvation message every time we attended.

In 1991, my husband of eighteen years decided to leave, I lost my job, and I had to have our family dog put down. In a matter of eight months my world was upside down! I used to joke that of the three things I had just been through, I missed my dog the most.

I knew that everything happens for a reason.

Laying in my bed one night with my mind racing a thousand miles an hour, STOP. There's a better way!

I don't remember the date or the time, but I admitted my sins, believed that Christ didn't just die, but died for ME. I accepted Christ as my Savior that night. I will never forget the immediate incredible feeling of peace I had. I knew from that second everything would be different and Jesus has been my rock, my strength ever since (Psalm 18:1-3).

Has life been a bed of roses since I accepted Christ? No, but knowing The Lord is in control of everything according to his plan gives me a peace that is beyond my understanding (Phil 4:7). And I know one day the Lord will reveal to me in His time to understand it all.

If you are reading this and have not accepted Christ, do not wait. Do it now! Praying I will see you in heaven!

*A Sister in Christ,
Chris Ogden*

Digging Deeper into Adversity with Scripture:

1 Peter 4:12-13 ¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Note: This is not an exhaustive scripture list on Adversity. All scriptures listed KJV

Mission of Faith Bible Club, is a MISSION of Love by Dave Hagemann

Mission of Faith Bible Club (MOFBC) was created on September 29th 2021. But the MOFBC was built upon an already existing strong framework of teachers and volunteers that preceded its existence, and still continues to work for the same purpose: to reach the children of our church and our community for Jesus. Our primary MISSION is to share the Gospel of Christ with the children for the hope of their salvation and to have the Gospel spread to family and friends.

Westphal Avenue Baptist Church has always been MISSION minded regarding the children of our community, and we want to continue that MISSION, especially given the depraved and sin-laden society that these children are exposed to daily. Blessings from our Lord and unceasing prayer, above all else, is needed for our MISSION to the children, but we also need "boots on the ground". We need teachers and aides. Please be in prayer about helping with this MISSION.

MOFBC reaches children from Kindergarten to 6th grade. We currently have three classes, with a vision to see more added. Thank you so much for your consideration, and may God bless us all in our work for Him.

Matt 19:14 But Jesus said, *Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

LifeWise Whitehall Looking for Volunteers

by Nancy Mitchell

Join the LifeWise Whitehall team, a Bible-Based Character Education program for Beechwood and Etna Elementary school students, grades 2nd through 5th. Classes are held Monday through Friday, with students attending once every four school days in place of Library period.

If you are interested, call or text Scott Lincke (614) 420-4589. Also, check out www.lifewiseacademy.org/live/3904507/whitehall-city for information.



Upcoming Fall Events!

Church Labor Day Picnic
at Pastor Toby & Ronda's
Sun, Sept 4th, 6:00 pm

**Mission of Faith Bible Club &
Footsteps Teen Discipleship**
Launches 2022/2023 Year
Wed, Sept 7th, 6:45 pm

Church Block Party
Sat, Sept 17th, 4:00-7:00 pm

Annual Church Picnic
Sun, Oct 2nd, Time TBA

Church 78th Anniversary
Sun, Nov 6th, 10:30 am

Veteran's Appreciation Day
Sun, Nov 13th, 10:30 am

Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Sun, Nov 20th, 6:00 pm



Memories of 2022 Neighborhood Bible Time Week





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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday Adult Bible Class.....9:30am
 Sunday Worship Service.....10:30am
 Sunday Junior Church.....10:30am
 Wednesday Morning Prayer.....11:00am
 Wednesday Teen Discipleship.....6:45pm
 Wednesday Mission of Faith Bible Club.....6:45pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm
 Thursday Women of Warfare Bible Study.....6:30pm

Monthly Bible Studies

Men's and Women's Classes.....9:30am
 (2nd Saturday of Month)

Facebook Live:

Sunday Worship10:30am
 Wednesday Evening Prayer.....7:00pm

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