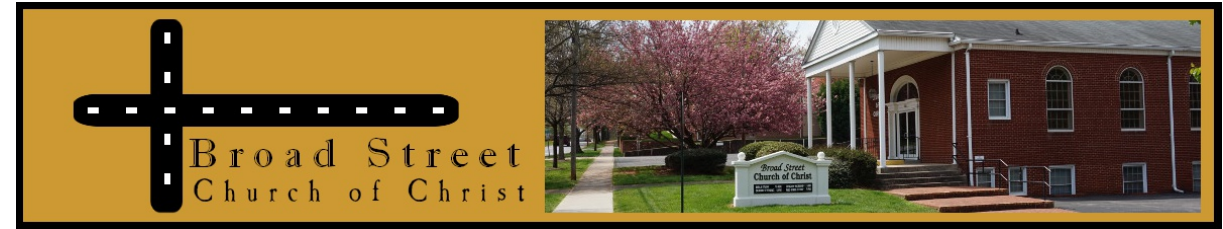


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Comfort in Hardship Part One

I believe there are two basic human needs that every individual has...forgiveness and comfort. I also believe that only God can completely meet both of those needs. We all sin (Rom. 3:23), and so we all need God's grace. We all suffer, and so we all need the peace that only God can provide (Phil. 4:6-7).

Every Christian needs encouragement at various times throughout this life. We suffer due to family problems, health concerns, natural disasters, spiritual weakness, emotional trials, problems at work, and even difficulties in the church. This is nothing new, for there were problems in the church even during biblical times. In the church of Christ at Corinth alone, we read of division, immorality, lawsuits between brethren, incorrect worship practices, abuse of miraculous gifts, lack of love for one another, and misunderstandings concerning the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the dead in the last day. Corinth, like most every congregation of God's people, was filled with hurting people. This is why God inspired Paul to give them a lot of encouragement (2 Cor. 1:3-5). They needed to grow stronger and remain stronger and more faithful, and encouragement would do that.

There are people around you who are hurting. We live in a broken, fallen world; thus, no life is free from hardship (Job 5:7). However, what we see in life is not determined by our own vantage point...but rather how we view life. Sometimes the hardships of life beat us down, and it is during those time that we must need to be encouraged (2 Cor. 1:5; John 16:33; 1 Pet. 4:12-13).

Why rejoice when fiery trials come upon us, Peter? Because with those hardships come opportunities to receive God's comfort. Yes, I know that we think that we can do it all ourselves, that we have convinced ourselves that we are invincible, that we think we are self-reliant, that we think that if we obtain enough wealth and possessions we do not have to depend on God, that if we can educate ourselves enough we can determine our own morals, laws, and guidelines so we have no need of the Bible, that if we can be busy enough with

What must I do to be saved?
 Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

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| Scripture Reading: | Scott Phillips |
| Song Leader: | Henry Rumble |
| Opening Prayer (A.M.): | Steve Short |
| Closing Prayer (A.M.): | Tom May |
| Opening Prayer (P.M.): | Billy Ellenburg |
| Closing Prayer (P.M.): | Bradley Speer |
| Nursery Attendant: | Hassie Short |

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| Building Lockup: | Guy Byrd |
| Announcements: | Guy Byrd |
| Door Greeters: | Guy and Carol Byrd |
| Count Contribution: | Harry Frye, John Anderson |

| Worship Times | |
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| Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 A.M. |
| Sunday A.M. Worship | 10:55 A.M. |
| Sunday P.M. Worship | 6:00 P.M. |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 P.M. |
| Elders | |
| John Anderson | 704.592.2266 |
| Steve Short | 704.872.5440 |
| Tommy Smith | 704.872.7966 |
| Bradley Speer | 704.876.6986 |
| Preacher | |
| Dave Wood | 704.380.4437 |

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| Prepare Lord's Table: | Emilee Speer |
| Lord's Supper (A.M.): | Billy Ellenburg, Landon Speer, Tommy Smith, Shawn Sharpe |
| Lord's Supper (P.M.): | Johnny Smith |

programs, plans, and activities, we will have no need of the church...but God knows differently (John 15:5; 2 Cor. 1:9).

Hardships have a way of bringing us to our knees and reminding us of our great need for God's comfort (Heb. 12:7-11). So instead of running away from God during the hard times, let's run TO him (Heb. 4:16; 1 Pet. 5:7). By: Jon Mitchell

Away We Go!
Soaring to Bible Places

June 13-17

Where: Broad Street church of Christ
433 East Broad Street—Statesville

Time: VBS starts at 7 P.M. (Monday—Friday)

***classes for all ages!!**

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Stacey Jordan, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Jo Anne Leake, Frank Shepherd and Roy Baldwin.

- Remember those who are going on vacation that they may be safe in their travels!

Upcoming Events:

June 11: Ladies' breakfast will meet at the Son Rise Cafe' at 8:30 A.M.

June 13-17: VBS is coming! Please invite your friends to come!

June 26: Fourth Sunday evening singing! There will be a fellowship meal after evening services.

Sermons:

A.M. - Count Your Blessings - Ps. 73:1-5;

P.M. - Studies in Samuel Part Nine - Rom. 12:19-21