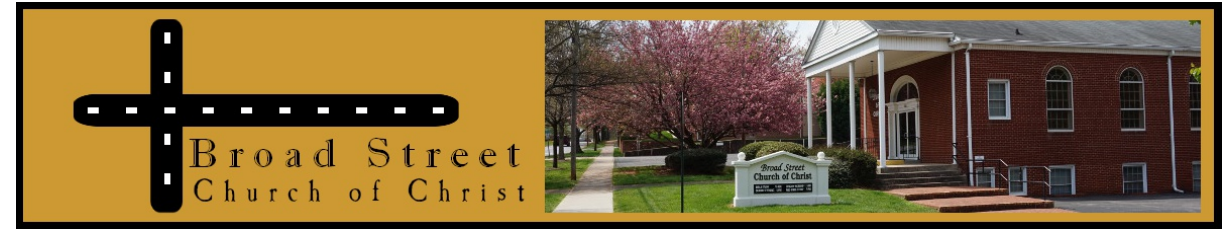


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Comfort in Hardship (2)

Finding comfort...in hardship. How can that be possible?

For one, we can find comfort in hardship because hardship equips us to bring comfort to others. All of us who have gone through hard times know how comforting it is when someone else comes up to us and says, “I understand how you feel, because I’ve been through the very same situation you are going through right now.” Christians, when a brother or sister in Christ comforts you in this way, what are they doing? God says that they are using the comfort which he himself has given them in order to comfort you (2 Cor. 1:4).

Until we have experienced pain, we really cannot sympathize with hurting people...not in the way we can after our own pain. One who has lost a child, a parent, a sibling, or a close friend can better understand people who are going through a similar situation. A person who is suffering with cancer can better understand when others deal with this dreadful disease.

When we go through tough times, we are enabled to identify with someone else who has a similar experience. Why do you think support groups are so popular? No one understands the agony of divorce like somebody who has been divorced. No one understands the pain and humiliation of having a family member in prison like someone else who has a family member in prison. When people get together who have common experiences, they can encourage and comfort each other.

The Bible says that God is “the Father of mercies and God of all comfort” (2 Cor. 1:3). “Mercies” is sometimes translated “compassion.” Did you notice how Paul distinguishes between mercy/compassion and comfort in this verse? There’s a difference between the two. Compassion has more to do with understanding, while comfort has more to do with putting that understanding into action to help others. No wonder “comfort” in the Greek literally means “to come alongside.” That’s what people who comfort do. They come alongside. The comforter listens, encourages, and assists (James 2:15-16). They will work to make the

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)

Scripture Reading:	Bradley Speer
Song Leader:	John Anderson
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Johnny Smith
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Scott Phillips
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Steven Mozer
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Landon Speer
Nursery Attendant:	Fredna Stroud

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

Worship Times	
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	
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Bradley Speer	704.876.6986
Preacher	
Dave Wood	704.380.4437

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

situation better. They will take the initiative to make the visit, pick up the phone, prepare the meal, or tap the sufferer on the shoulder and say, "I understand what you're going through; I've been there." (2 Cor. 1:6-7)

So we can find comfort in hardship from others, the ones who have experienced the same or similar sufferings. So when we experience hardships, let us do our best to rejoice, knowing that now we are better equipped to be a more comforting blessing to more people. By: Jon Mitchell



June 13-17

Away We Go!
Soaring to Bible Places

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!

- Our deepest sympathies are extended to Shirley Rochester and her family at the passing of her father, Fred Cape.

- Wanda Wood will have surgery this coming Tuesday.

Upcoming Events:

June 13-17: VBS is coming! Please invite your friends! Our guest speakers are:

Monday - R.D. McDaniel;

Tuesday - Tim Canup;

Wednesday - Jerry Pence;

Thursday - Curtis Gilbert;

Friday - Jeff Cannon;

June 21: The Wood family will host a teen devotional at their home. The devo will start at 6 P.M. There will be pizza and games!

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

Sermons:

A.M. - Seeking Truth - Acts 17:11;

P.M. - Studies in Samuel Part Ten - 1 Cor 15:1-3