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HE KNOWS, HE CARES, HE SAVES Hebrews 4:14-5:10

In the midst of struggle, we are called to “fix our thoughts” on the faithful champion who leads us through the desert to the land of rest. If we “hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast,” we shall enter the rest of God. Yet, “if we ignore such a great salvation,” we will not enter. But, one might say, “You don’t understand! It is hard to be faithful in the midst of pain, suffering, and temptation! What if they took away your home, your stuff, and threatened you? How can I “fix my thoughts” on anything when life is so tough? Does anybody understand?”

There is One who does understand. There is One who suffered, who was tempted to quit, and who came through it all. Yes, He is the same champion that leads us to our eternal rest. He is our “faithful and merciful high priest” who is “able to help those who are being tempted.”

We all need “grace and mercy” in our times of struggle. We all need compassion in our times of weakness. The compassion of Jesus enables perseverance as we boldly go before the throne of grace and mercy to receive help in our times of need. This vision of Jesus as a compassionate high priest encourages us to “hold firmly to the faith we profess” and to “approach the throne of grace with confidence.” It encourages perseverance and prayer. It emboldens faith with the knowledge that Jesus both cares about and is able to deal with our weaknesses because he himself has experienced them.

I. JESUS IS OUR EMPATHETIC PRIEST.

- A. About high priests (5:1-6)
- B. Empathetic high priest: (4:15)
 - 1. The Son of God shares our weaknesses.
 - 2. He is able to help us in our temptations and trials.

II. PERSEVERE AND PRAY.

- A. Two exhortations (4:14,16)
 - 1. “Hold firmly to the faith we profess”
 - 2. “Approach the throne of grace with confidence...”
- B. Jesus did the same (5:7)
 - 1. Prayers and petitions... Loud cries and tears
 - 2. Jesus knows lament...
- C. God hears our prayers and provides strength for the struggle.

III. SUBMIT AND OBEY.

- A. Jesus decided to obey the Father’s will (5:8-10)
- B. Spirit of submissive obedience:
- C. What about weakness?: an obedient lifestyle does not exclude weaknesses, but it does exclude rebellion
- D. The Son saves those who obey.
 - 1. Must hear the word of promise with faith
 - 2. Must obey God
 - 3. Must follow Jesus into the wilderness.

CONCLUSION

- ◆ Do you believe in Jesus with all your heart?
- ◆ Are you ready to obey Him?
- ◆ Be baptized into Christ... he forgives us our sins and gives us his eternal spirit.
- ◆ Are you ready to follow Him?
- ◆ Start the new year... SAVED and SAFE!

Gareth D. Flanary

Because of God’s love, we celebrate and guide
those inside and outside the church
to salvation in Christ Jesus through the Bible.

Prayer Requests

(Please advise us of updates as they become available)

Update: Samuel Thomas Jacoby was born to the family who lost a baby girl last year. They appreciate our prayers on their behalf. Please pray for **Angie Coble** (Judy Trink's daughter-in-law) who has heart-related ailments. **Wyatt Koger** (given by Heinly's) is in Johns Hopkins recovering from emergency surgery. Please pray for him, his parents and grand parents. **Alice Trink's** (George's mother) has pneumonia. **Ruth Shultz** has had a recurrence of the flu. **Steve Clayton** has pneumonia. **Elijah Potts** (Grandson of the Pearson's) is recovering at home after a hospital stay for a severe respiratory infection. Please continue to pray for his recovery. **Tanya Diaz** is experiencing abdominal pain. **Ruby Shultz** (Gary's mother) is back in the hospital with internal bleeding. **Gary Shultz** broke 4 ribs in a fall. Please keep him in prayer. **Pat Smithson** continues to have health struggles. Please continue to pray for her. Please pray for **Scott & Geri Strothers** who lost their baby (she was 5 months pregnant). **Chelsea Carper** has been ill, please pray that a cause and treatment may be found. Please keep **Jim Alban, Jr.** in your prayers, he has lost his job. Please pray for **Lily Seufert** (Steve & Barb Rosier's grand daughter) who had surgery to help her with a hearing problem. Please pray for the **5 year-old son of Joel Cummings** who has Juvenile Diabetes (given by Heinly). **Bernice Bare** for strength during her cancer treatments, **Brandy Potter** is having seizures and headaches and is undergoing tests (unsigned prayer card). Please keep **Rowdy Carper's mother** in your prayers, she has been experiencing heart-related difficulties. **Kim Blanck** (friend of the Heinly's) had major surgery to remove a mass on her spinal column and will undergo radiation. Kim & Erik's son suffers from "Lorenzo's Oil," a dystrophy that attacks the nerves. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Expectant Mothers

Please pray that **Lacey (Dyer) Latterman** and **Leanne (Simmons) Ramos** give birth to healthy babies. Also pray for **Erin Hower** (Earl & Barb's daughter-in-law) who is expecting twin girls.

In the Military

Eric Bankert (Emily Russell's brother) is in basic training for the National Guard, **Jamie Lawson, Shane Markle and Seth Robertson.**

Cancer Patients

Wanda Yost's cancer has returned to her rib bone and she will undergo radiation treatments in January. **Frank Stong** (Albert's brother) will undergo treatments five days a week for six weeks for throat cancer. **Harvey Blevins** is home recovering from his cancer surgery. Pray for his continued healing. **Shontay Hower's** cancer has returned (lungs) after her Hodgkin's disease had been in remission. She is the 17 year old great niece of Earl and Barb Hower. Please pray for **Mike DeVeny** (June Clayton's cousin) whose cancer has been progressing. **Barb Tennant** (Beckie Sine's sister) has a severe infection related to her cancer. **Melba Neidens** (Lori Lonard's grandmother) underwent major surgery and will receive several months of chemo treatments. **Ruby Hickman** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for **Warren Yuspa** (given by Crystal Thomas) who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Also **Diane Witt** (given by Koskey's) who has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. **Elizabeth Ettinger** (Anna Humphrey's cousin) has cancer in her bronchial tube. **Richard Adams** (given by Glenda Cummings) has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Barb Tome's** 8 year old niece who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Melvin Rineholt** (friend of Dennis Cummings), who has stomach cancer. Please pray for **Stephen Royer**, father of one of Caleb Robertson's friends, who has brain cancer. Also **Carl Lawson** (leukemia), **Travis Flynn, Sherry McCracken, Donna Heim, Dave Mitchell, Jean Saez, Kevin Snyder** and **Dewey Renfro** have cancer.

Upcoming Events

January 18 - Craft Night - 6:30 pm (note change of date is for January only)

January 20 - VBS Meeting after service

January 20 - Meeting for parents of those going to Mexico - after Bible Classes

January 20 - Clay Bird Shoot at the home of Earl & Barb Hower - 2 pm until we are out of shells. All welcome!

January 26 - Family Game Night - 6:30 pm at the building. Bring snacks to share and games to play. See Allen or Tammy Brittell with questions.

January 27 - Recycling Sunday

February 2 - Ladies "Rock" Group Study 8:30 am

February 3 - LIFE Groups Meet - no pm service

For Mothers With Children Under Age 4

The Moms and Babes group is gearing up for the New Year. If anyone with children under 4 years old is interested in participating in play dates and other activities, please contact Stacey Lewis or Sarah Walker.

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Ken and Amanda Coble on the birth of Aubrey Lou on January 2. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces and is 19 inches long. **Note** that the Cobles will not be needing meals as we normally do, because of visiting family members over the next few weeks.

Meal Preparation

We will be providing meals for Robin Hart at her parents home in Stewartstown. Dates for meals are: January 10, 12, 14 and 16. Meals will be for 5 to 6 people. Please call Lisa Laughman with your date selection. (717 229-2863). The address is 11 Ecker Avenue, Stewartstown, PA.

Sunday, January 6

Attendance - Regulars:	192
Attendance - Visitors:	21
Attendance - Total:	<u>213</u>
Offering to God:	\$4,680
Budgeted Amount:	\$5,305

Can You Help our Mom's & Babe's Group?

Two teachers are needed for a children's Bible study twice a month. These studies will be held during the day, approximately one hour long, and geared toward children ages 1-4 years. We would like the studies to begin in mid January. If anyone is interested or has any questions, please contact Stacey Lewis or Sarah Walker.

Photo Directory Updates

We will be updating our photo directory, and plan to announce a schedule for photo "shoots" in the near future. As we take pictures, we will be asking for updated information, including month, day and year of birth from everyone (not for publication - for office use only.) Please be patient with us as we undertake this large project. We hope to have it completed by mid-2008. Thanks.