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BETTER BLOOD Hebrews 9:11-10:18

A MODERN DAY CHALLENGE: A popular futurist and active humanist once said that man would evolve so much so that human behavior would improve “without Jesus and all that blood.” This creates a challenge as we attempt to communicate the truth about Jesus and His blood. The concept of sacrifice and shedding of blood is viewed as primitive and dark. It conjures up pictures of violence, murder, war, and inhumane treatment of animals. However, the biblical notion of the shedding of blood points to sacrificial death. The animals of the old covenant were slaughtered for the purpose of cleansing sin and reconciling people to God. Jesus’ own sacrifice cleansed the conscience, brought freedom, and inaugurated a new covenant. Christ sacrificially accomplished something for us which we were at a loss to accomplish for ourselves – it was a ‘volunteer service’ rendered at the greatest personal expense and for a greater cause.

BY MEANS OF BLOOD...

We are forgiven...at last! Under the old covenant, the high priest made himself holy by immersion, sacred garments, and sacrifices for himself. The people celebrated and recognized that God had atoned for their sins. Yet, the following year... the same ritual was repeated again. Jesus’ “day of atonement” was a better day. He provided the perfect sacrifice on the altar of the Cross. He entered the heavenly sanctuary through his resurrection and ascension. He secured eternal redemption and cleansed the conscience. And, the greatest thing of all – he did it once and it was done! The blood of Jesus did what no other blood could do. It enabled us to worship and serve the Living God without restriction or hindrance. It released us from the grip of death because of our sinful acts, and it cleansed the heart of our guilty stains.

We are initiated into a new covenant! Here is the new covenant in a nutshell: (1) the Son comes (the incarnation); (2) the Son offers himself as a sacrificial victim on the Cross; (3) the Son is raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit; (4) the Son presents his own blood to the Father; (5) the Son intercedes for us at God’s right hand; (6) the Son mediates for us a new covenant based on his blood and his righteousness; and (7) the Son will come again to bring the fullness of salvation. The new covenant was initiated by God and through the blood of Jesus.

So, persevere in faith... hang on to Jesus... without Him...nothing... with Him... salvation!

What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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)

Please pray for **Harding University students** who are helping tornado victims in Tennessee, and pray for all of the victims. Please pray for **Charlotte Tenne** (friend of Pearl Dyer) who has a brain aneurism. Please pray for **Jim Alban** who is having severe back pain, requiring injections. Please pray for **Michael Bedwell** (Ron's nephew) who has a growth in his throat that appears cancerous. Pray that it is not. **Ron Shue** will undergo bone marrow/stem cell transfer on February 5. Please continue in prayer for him and his complete healing. Please continue to pray for Ken Gleim's sister, **Deb Stine**, who had surgery to remove a growth. Pray there are no complications and that her healing comes quickly. **Donald Linch** (friend of Ella Mae Cheek) is suffering with high blood pressure and will also undergo bladder surgery. He now resides at the Autumn House Nursing facility in York. **Robin Hart** has had further problems revealed: A broken tailbone and broken rib. She is recovering from her accident at her parent's home. Please pray for her healing. **Estle White** is experiencing breathing difficulties and may need additional health care. Also pray for **Deborah Prieto** that she make life changes and obeys the Gospel. Please pray for **Helen Lippiatt** (Tammy Brittell & Scott Lippiatt's grand mother), who broker her hip and is recovering at Manor Care Health South, Room 411, 200 Pauline Drive, York, PA 17402. Please pray for **Jane Moser**, who has a mass on her gall bladder. Pray that no cancer is found (given by Judy Trinks). Please pray for **Angie Coble** (Judy Trinks' 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 Trinks** (George's mother) has pneumonia. **Ruby Shultz** (Gary's mother) is back in the hospital with internal bleeding. **Pat Smithson** continues to have health struggles. Please continue to pray for her. **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).

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) has graduated basic training and is now in AIT in Maryland. **Jamie Lawson, Shane Markle and Seth Robertson.**

Cancer Patients

Please pray for **Sandi Ahart**, Lisa Parrott's mother, who will have a partial mastectomy on February 14. Prayers on that day will be appreciated. Pray that surgery will remove all of the cancer. Please pray for **Stacey** (given by the Dayhoffs) who will undergo a mastectomy. Please pray for **Cheyne Mann**, a 5-year old friend of Brayden Lewis, who was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for his family, the doctors and the road ahead. **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. **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. **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**, and **Dewey Renfro** have cancer.

Attention Men of the Congregation - Two New Men's Bible Studies

Mondays - 6:30 pm at the building - contact David Munch
Tuesdays 12:3 pm at the building - contact Gareth Flanary

Upcoming Events

February 23 - 30 Days of Prayer Begins

February 24 - Recycling Sunday

March 1 - Women's "Rock" Group Study - 8:30 am

March 2 - LIFE Groups Meet - no pm service

March 8 - Blood Drive #2 for Ron Shue. Donations will be taken from 11 am to 3 pm. Call or email Carol to set up your appointment.

March 14 - Craft Night - 6:30 pm

March 23 - "Bring a Friend" Easter Sunday. Watch for more information.

30 Days of Prayer

On February 17, we will hand out 30-day prayer calendars at our worship service. Our 30 days of devotional thoughts will be focused on preparing our hearts for the Easter "Bring a Friend" service, as well as to help us focus on this year's theme, "GO therefore and..." seek, tell, teach, serve, give, invite, call, love and

Annual Audit

Volunteers are needed to perform the annual audit of our church financial records. If you are able to assist, please contact Bill Gold 717 843-8806 or by email: wdaujr@suscom.net. Thanks!

Mexico Work Team

Our Mexico Mission Team is looking for odd jobs to help them raise funds for this year's trip. If you have a job for the team, contact Adam Markle - admmrkl@juno.com who will schedule the time with you. As always, this is a great way to participate on one of our special mission projects.

Month of February - Special Parents "Pass'n Time"

For parents of Jr. & Sr. High - meet in the fellowship room on 2/17 & 2/24 at 5:45 pm for fifteen minutes prior to evening service. Coffee will be served.

Sunday, February 10

Attendance - Regulars:	170
Attendance - Visitors:	16
Attendance - Total:	<u>186</u>
Offering to God:	\$3,565
Budgeted Amount:	\$5,305