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BY FAITH Hebrews 11:1-40

The Hebrew preacher has taken us from heaven to earth and back to heaven again in dealing with the truths about God's Son. Interwoven between the sections dealing with Christ's person and work, the preacher has challenged his readers with promises, warnings, good and bad examples, words of encouragement, and harsh rebuke. Suddenly, we come to Hebrews 11 as the preacher draws us into a sweeping look at God's people down through the ages.

The call to perseverance in faith in the midst of hardship and tragedy can often sound shallow. Rather than pithy statements— he offers them something concrete and real. They are not the only ones who have endured through faith nor are they the first to suffer because of faith. Others have suffered and endured. Others have struggled and won. His simple message is this: the life of enduring faith is the only life that pleases God!

- ◆ Enduring faith involves confident action – “faith is the resolute confidence...” The ancients acted out of bold confidence. Abel offered... Noah built... Abraham obeyed... In rapid-fire fashion, those who lived by faith conquered, administered, gained, shut, quenched, escaped, became powerful, routed, etc.
- ◆ Enduring faith involves response to the unseen God and his promises. Faith is a life lived in a trust relationship – it is dynamic and active. Faith is lived in the reality of hope as it demonstrates the reality of what we do not see. It endures because it is always future-oriented. Faith is a life lived in light of a better future – a heavenly one.
- ◆ Enduring faith involves God's working extraordinary miracles in the lives of ordinary folk. The 'hall of famers' of chapter eleven were not always heroic. They were real people who had yet to reach the heavenly city. Just like us! They were heroic because they lived by faith and worked with a perfect God.
- ◆ Enduring faith is rewarded by God. God's people look beyond the immediate to grasp the significance of the ultimate. The ultimate is not simply about what is good to me or for me. The primary reward of faith is commendation from God – well done! God bears witness to enduring faithfulness.

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 **Greg Lyttle** (Mike's brother) who suffered a heart attack on February 25. Please pray for **Eddison Fowler**, who has been suffering with a rhinitis/sinusitis problem since December. **Ron Shue** is now at home after his bone marrow/stem cell transplant. Please continue in prayer for him and his complete healing. **Rowdy Carper** fell on ice, breaking 4 ribs and puncturing his lung. Please pray for him during his lengthy healing process. **Evelyn Rosier** fractured her foot in a fall. Pray for a speedy recovery. Please pray for **Jason Weisenborn** (Chip & Sherry's son) in his struggles with depression. Pray for wisdom as he seeks other intensive counseling. Please pray for **Pearl Dyer**, who has not been feeling well. Also pray for her as she will once again need eye surgery. Please pray for **Brenda Jones** (Kelly Hayes' mother) who is serving for two weeks on a medical mission trip to the Philippines and Malaysia. 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 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. **Robin Hart** 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 broke 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 Heiny's) is in Johns Hopkins recovering from emergency surgery. Please pray for him, his brothers 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 with health struggles. Please continue to pray for her. **Chelsea Carper** has a severe sinus infection. Pray that treatment will bring her back to full health & energy. 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 Heiny). **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

PRAISE! **Stacey Forester** had a double mastectomy and there is no further trace of cancer. **Sandi Ahart**, Lisa Parrott's mother, had surgery and is recuperating at home. Please pray for her healing and for her salvation. 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** has completed radiation treatments and will begin Chemo soon. Please pray that the treatments are effective. **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.

Two New Men's Bible Studies: Mondays - 6:30 pm at the building - "One page and one hour" Please join us for a personal study and stimulating discussion on men's issues and the Bible - contact David Munch Tuesdays 12:3 pm at the building - contact Gareth Flanary

Upcoming Events

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 - Please sign up in foyer - we will make 4 greeting cards for \$5.

March 14 - Jr. & Sr. High Hymn Sing in the Teen Room at 7:00 pm

March 15 - Bible Bowl at Camp Hill

March 16 - Church Growth Plans - discussion during Bible Class Time. Bring your ideas to discuss our goal of building a new facility in Glen Rock.

March 23 - "Bring a Friend" Easter Sunday. We will hold services at Friendship Elementary School. Special invitation postcards will be available on March 9 for mailing to your neighbors and friends.

March 30 - Recycling Sunday

April 5 - Women's "ROCK" Bible Study - 8:30 am

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. You may also co-sponsor a workday fundraiser for our teens with the York YMCA. Contact Craig Wolf or Ken Coble for additional information.

Help Needed - Planning & Setup For Easter

Please contact one of the elders if you are able to assist with the planning and setup for our worship at Friendship Elementary School.

30 DAYS OF PRAYER

Please pray each day using our 30-day Prayer Calendar. Extra copies for friends & neighbors are in the foyer.

Items Needed for Cherokee Babies

Edward & Ruby's next trip to the Cherokee Church of Christ will be on April 2. If you would like to help, please bring baby items (birth to one year old) to the fellowship room. Thanks.

Annual Financial Audit - Correction

Bill Gold's email address was stated incorrectly in the Sunday handout. It should be wduajr@comcast.net. Please contact Bill if you can assist with this year's audit. Thanks.

Sunday, March 2

Attendance - Regulars:	183
Attendance - Visitors:	18
Attendance - Total:	<u>201</u>
Offering to God:	\$5,242
Budgeted Amount:	\$5,305