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### *From Where I Sit . . .*

## We Must Plan For The Valleys

In recent months we have become aware of a deadly virus that has spread throughout the nations of our planet, COVID-19 Strain of the Corona Virus. It makes me aware of how extremely small Earth really is, and how connected the nations really are. A disease starting in one small place, suddenly has already taken tens of thousands of lives combined from everywhere, and potentially could rise sharply. It's becoming increasingly apparent that we've entered a period of world history that is marked by uncertainties; a lack of confidence; some sense of hopelessness, even despair. The stock market took a frightful dive and many companies have of necessity shut down to help slow and hopefully stop this spread. Fear has gripped the hearts of many of our citizens. Our purpose today is to look to God for help and hope; To look to His Word for encouragement and direction. Someone wisely said, "I don't know what tomorrow might hold, but I know Who holds tomorrow."

In **2 Cor. 4:8-18**, the Apostle Paul gives us some much needed insight into the problems we face and how we should handle them. After all, either we will handle our burdens, or they will surely handle us! It may be that some of you have already entered a valley of despair and helplessness. In fact, God's children are likely in one of three places this morning. You are either in a valley, or coming out of a valley, or standing in the precipice looking down into a valley and wondering if you must walk through it. Since this is true, we need to be prepared when the valley days come. I believe these verses will help us to do just that. We must plan for the valleys for they will come.

The context of **2 Cor 4:8-12** finds Paul speaking primarily of the persecution of the believer. He suffered greatly for the Lord's sake. These verses speak to those who are suffering for their faith and to those who are bearing burdens that represent the natural problems and valleys of life. First, he tells us in **verses 8-9 – They Are Painful:**

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (KJV) <sup>8</sup>We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;**

**Notice what Paul said about his valleys. Each difficulty was contrasted by an exclamation of God's grace of help and blessing.**

**Troubled but not Distressed** - To be crushed. Are we "Under pressure? Yes! — Crushed! No!"

**Perplexed but not in Despair** - To be hopeless with no sense of confidence or security. "Do I wonder which way to turn? Yes! — Am I without hope? No!"

**Persecuted but not Forsaken** - The Lord has promised to never leave us or forsake us!

**Cast Down but not Destroyed** - To perish. "Am I smitten and beaten down? Yes! — Will I perish in the hunt? No!"

If you will read the entire text of 2 Cor 4:8-12, what Paul is saying is that the trials and valleys of life are tough and they are hard. However, they are the perfect arena for us to demonstrate to the world that the God we serve is worthy of that service.

It's apparent that the Apostle is enduring circumstances that could be described as painful. This happens in your life and mine as well. In fact, these words could very accurately describe the way we feel right now. When we go into the valley, it's no fun and often it's quite painful. One point we must remember is that we are not the first, neither will we be the last, that will face painful times in life. We must view them with purpose! **2 Corinthians 4:10-11 (NIV) <sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, SO THAT the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, SO THAT his life may be revealed in our mortal body.**

. . . . Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.—

Tammy McGuire is doing some better but her platelet count is low and she will be unable to have her treatment this week. She has one more treatment and then will have surgery sometime later.

Please pray for Tammy.

Joe Pat Moody, uncle of Sheryl Porch, had his skin graft surgery at Vanderbilt and is making slow progress. The family would appreciate your prayers. Cards may be sent to 1310 Clayontown Rd., Buchanan, TN 37388.

Faye Henderson underwent an out-patient procedure in Huntsville on Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers. Her address is 632 Molten St., E, Decatur, AL 35601.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

- Stan Hastings
Cheryl Ellis
David Precise
X'shi Ana Benavides
Irene Gist
Mary Lawrence
Polly Franklin
Sophronia Burney
Ken Lawrence, Sr.
Harold Reynolds
Judy Roberts
Ginger Myers
Mary Nell Gonce King

Sam Wright, Albertville Nursing Home & Rehab, 750 AL Hwy 75 N, Albertville, AL 35951, Rm. 155, phone 256-878-1398.

Suzanne Daniel, grandmother of McGowan Holt (Jenny & Buddy Holt's grandson)

Nettie Murrah, mother of Tracy Brumley, 136 Mac Davis Rd., Columbus, MS 39702.

Jackie Evans, employee of Woods Cove Florist, 2661 Snodgrass Rd. 35769.

Judy Tidwell McBride, member at Larkinsville, 322 Co. Rd. 15, Woodville, AL 35776.

Sally Abbott, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2nd St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

David Grider, grandson of Sue Grider.

Dorothy McNally, Kathy Broome's mother, 1460 N Main St., Apt. 119, McPherson, KS 67460.

Jerry Dwight Latham, brother of Ray Latham.

Gary Whitherington, employee at Costco, 7809 Cadillac Dr., Huntsville, 35802.

Kenny Jimenez, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley

and brother-in-law of David & Ashley Dover, 124 Helen Ave., Modesto, CA 95354.

Winston Busby, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978.

Tom and Mary Ann Worst, Libby Crona's brother & sister-in-law.

Cecil Wilkes, grandmother of Nick Ledbetter.

Olivia Rosema, aunt of Melissa Ledbetter.

Bonnie Miller, sister of John D. Porch.

John Stover, a fireman at Scottsboro Fire Department, 249 Co. Rd. 615, Section, AL 35771.

Dale Lemley, sister of Nancy Miles.

Bill Capley, father of Corrie Shelton (daughter-in-law of Robin & Vicki) 26 Bellefonte Circle, 35769.

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force- Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Philip Doan, US Marine Corps-Reserve

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Table with 3 columns: Cloverdale Manor, Rosewood Manor, Southern Estates. Lists residents and their addresses.

- Jean Hancock 1703 Stewart Rd., 35768
Polly Franklin 9440 Hwy. 79 Bypass, 35768
Mark Little 107 Benson Lane, 35768
Elsie Goodman 406 S Houston St., 35768
Martha Nan Baker 701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653
Jim Anderson 3891 Sullivan St., Madison, AL 35758
Nell Anderson 121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 133, Madison, 35758
Al Evett 49 Hughes Rd., Apt. 24, Madison, 35758

Table with 2 columns: One Measure Of Our Love, and a list of church activities with costs.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Psalm 14:1

- (3) Jane Burgess, Bill Price, Elijah Reed
- (7) Patton Russell
- (9) Glenda Robertson
- (10) Meghan Cornelison, Julia Suchorski
- (12) Lee Ann Manning, Rosalie McGuire
- (15) Kevin Hancock, Jill Russell
- (16) Tim Allen
- (17) Sheryl Porch
- (21) Nancy Parks
- (29) Mary Lawrence



## “Otherhood”

If you have been a member of the Church for a substantial period of time, you will have heard the term “Brotherhood” used to describe the community of congregations that have common interests and religion. Typically, for the church of Christ, we use the term to describe conservative values and sound interpretation and application of Scripture within each congregation. In simpler terms, it has become a word of comfort for many, as it brings forth an understanding that the congregations working together, though separated by distance, have similar traits as those of siblings within a family...devotion, trust, loyalty, and shared values in Christ, especially when it comes to Scripture and theology. The “Brotherhood” has always been a beautiful term to describe the body of Christ in its wonderfully crafted autonomy yet community and as a signet to assure one another that we ARE the New Testament church wherever we are located!

Today, the impositions by the “World” into the Lord’s body have brought on a plague that has affected your area and community, regardless of location. What once may have been assumed and promoted, now must be investigated and questioned. Where did this harmful movement come from?

There is a great struggle and temptation growing with every year for churches to become more culturally, politically, and socially relevant in “religion.” The “Otherhood” is a dangerous movement to remain the “Church” and “brotherhood” while having the autonomous ability to change an individual congregation’s stance and perspective on worship, on women’s roles in the Body, on what leadership is and isn’t, and the list will perpetually go on and on.

Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

We know the New Testament Church of the Bible hasn’t changed. If your congregation has changed its stance on what the Church should look like, then seek awareness, unity, and obedience to God first.

Spencer Cromwell



Those who **hope** in the **LORD**  
will **renew** their **strength**.

**They will soar on wings like eagles.**

ISAIAH 40:31, NIV



We want to thank each of the members who contributed to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort for the Nashville and Cookeville areas ravaged by tornadoes. The donations came to a total of \$7500 and were mailed to them last week. These funds will be able to buy four times the amount of items that

we could buy ourselves in local stores. This amounts to approximately \$30,000 in buying power.

### Triumph is “umph” added to “try.”

Our Vacation Bible school is tentatively scheduled for June 17-19. Also, we are planning to go to Backwoods Christian Camp in Lineville, AL on June 28-July 3. This is for grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> . Mark your calendars and save the dates!



The latest notes from the L2L office have given us information on the 2021 Convention. It will be called the “Lost” convention, and we will be combining two different themes: 2020 “Lost?” from Luke, and 2021 “Better Than” from Hebrews for these events. Bible Bowl, Pearls and Debate will be using the 2021 theme “Better Than.”

Seniors from the 2020 year will be eligible to participate next year, because they were not able to do so this year.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

WORSHIP. .... Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.  
BIBLE STUDY. .... Sunday 9:00 A.M.  
and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
LADIES BIBLE CLASS. .... Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

*I wait for the LORD,  
my SOUL waits,  
and in his WORD  
I hope.*

Psalm 130:5, NRSV



**Could we with ink the ocean fill  
Were the earth of parchment made,  
And every blade of grass a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry  
And the scroll would not contain the  
whole  
Though it stretched from sky to sky.**

Frederick Lehman