

## Remember in Prayer:

### The Bereaved:

Ray Reeves, brother of Debra Baham, passed away and was found in his home last week. An autopsy is being performed, and at the time of this writing, funeral arrangements are incomplete. Our sympathy goes out to the Baham family.

### The Sick:

Continue to remember the following who have been suffering with physical infirmity for some time:

**Dennis Blanton, Berta Davis**, Debra Baham's grandmother, and **Marymack German**, Martha Felker's sister, all continue rehabilitation and recovery after having a stroke.

**Ronald Miller**, Larry's father, and **Burton Brown**, Bettye's brother, both continue to fight cancer.

**James Tanksley, Xenna Gooch, Carolyn Lowder, Pansy Hensley** and **Lucille Hall**, Ethel Wohlrahe's mother.

### **News & Notes:**

--**Group 1** will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

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*"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8

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where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-2). There is an old song we sing which describes so well that faithful life:

*I must needs go home by the way of the cross:  
There's no other way but this.  
I shall ne'er get sight of the Gates of light,  
If the way of the cross I miss.*

--Gary Patton

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***"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David...and of His kingdom there will be no end."*** Luke 1:24.

**ELDERS:** Doug Driver  
Johnny Felker  
**DEACONS:** Ralph Brown  
Mark Claypool



**Service Times**

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study—9:00 am  
Worship—9:55 am & 6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

# Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

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*"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"*  
Heb. 10:24

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## Jesus, The Proper Influence

When we have a great respect for someone, that one can have a great influence on us. Especially do we see this clearly illustrated in the teacher-student relationship. If our children have a strong love or attachment to a teacher, whatever that teacher does or says will have a strong influence on what the child accepts or rejects.

This type of relationship can also be seen in those who are religiously minded. If we have a great love or respect for someone, whatever they may say can influence our feelings and actions. So often we hear people say, "Well if Bro. So and So says it's so, it's so." This kind of statement indicates the strong influence many men can have on the belief and actions of other people. Often, the deep respect we may have for someone else is well deserved. They have gained it through diligent study and service. But we must remember we are all human beings and capable of making mistakes. If our faith is built on the teaching of men, we may find ourselves on shaky ground, and our faith shaken because of a change in teaching or conduct of the teacher we have respected so long.

With this idea in mind, it is important we examine ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5) and see if our life and faith is dictated by the teaching of some man or men rather than by Jesus Christ. In Matthew 28:19,20 Jesus said, *"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ."* If we have the proper respect for Jesus as our teacher here on earth, His Word will be our rule of faith in this life and not man's. In fact, Paul points out in Colossians 3 the different areas in which the teaching of Christ can influence our life. He begins by saying, *"If ye then be risen with Christ . . ."* If we are in Christ, that is we have been buried with Him in baptism and raised to a new life, then we will *"seek those things which are above . . ."*

He continues by pointing out that if we are seeking those things he teaches, it will influence our affections, verse 2. We will love those things which are above, spiritual things, rather than the material things of this earth, because our *"life is hid in Christ in God."*

Not only will it have an influence on our affections but also on our heart. *"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence*

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## Taming the Storms of Life



**Debt**—A storm with serious \_\_\_\_\_.  
(write below some of the consequences of debt)

**Debt**—A storm with different \_\_\_\_\_

**Sometimes debt can be a storm we could not have \_\_\_\_\_.** (Eccl. 9:11-12)

**But sometimes debt can be a storm of our own \_\_\_\_\_.** Beware of these attitudes:

Mistaken concepts of \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 12:15)

D \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 6:9-10)

E \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

### **Debt**—Finding shelter from the storm

**Taking proper precaution to \_\_\_\_\_ debt.**

Beware of the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ everything (Prov. 21:20).

Prepare for life's uncertainties by \_\_\_\_\_ for such contingencies (Prov. 6:6-8).

Remember that, even when we have plenty, we are still \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Lord for all that we have (Phil. 4:19).

**Taking proper action to \_\_\_\_\_ debt.**

Take active steps to notify creditors that you will \_\_\_\_\_ obligations (Rom. 13:8)

Accept the \_\_\_\_\_ of your present situation (1 Tim. 6:6-8).

Be willing to accept whatever form of \_\_\_\_\_ or income is available (1 Thes. 4:10-12).

Accept help from the \_\_\_\_\_ after you have made all possible steps to adjust to the need (1 Jn. 3:16-17).

Use any physical or material loss as an occasion to reaffirm the \_\_\_\_\_ of what cannot be taken away (Mt. 6:19-21).

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(evil desires) and covetousness, which is idolatry; for which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience," v.5. Since the heart of man is that with which he knows, thinks, feels emotion and will to do, these all would apply to man's heart, for "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The teaching of Jesus will guide us to fight against such things. The teaching of Jesus can influence our speech (verses 8,9). We are told to put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth and lie not. If our respect for the teaching of Jesus is as it should be, our attitude will also be influenced (verse 12-17). We will, among many things listed, manifest kindness, meekness, forgiveness, letting the Word of God rule in our hearts.

In verses 18-21 of this same chapter, he points out that the teaching of Christ directs the home. Wives, husbands and children are all given their responsibilities to one another in the home. Finally he points out, in verses 22-25, that the words of Christ's teaching will influence us at work. We are told that we must work honestly and diligently for our employer, "in singleness of heart, fearing God."

Truly, if we have the proper respect and love for our Lord, His words will influence us in every way. Why not always turn to Him as the foundation and strength of our faith. He will not fail or disappoint us as man can. His promises and rewards are everlasting. His Word is truth.

--Gary Patton

## The Easy Way

We live in a world that, seemingly, is rush, rush, rush all the time. Because of this feeling, many today are interested in the easy way---the easy way to make money, the easy way to raise our children, the easy way to serve God and yet get along with and be acceptable to the religious world, the easy way to go to heaven. This is the line of least resistance, which is the way the world looks at things.

In contrast to that, it's in our best interest to choose a better way. Because he lived in Pharaoh's house, Moses had the best of the easy ways available, yet he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:25). He knew that what appeared easy now was not the best in view of eternity. Those who are looking for the easy way will find that, in the end, it's the hardest way. "Good understanding giveth favor; but the way of the transgressors is hard" (Prov. 13:15).

The only way for us to live with peace of mind and joy in this life and the life hereafter is one most would consider too difficult. God didn't promise us a bed of roses in this life, but he promises rest. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). The only easy way for us is the way of denial, suffering, sacrifice and faithful service. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things above,

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