

## Blowing in the Wind

1. What Old Testament book speaks of life as a “chasing after the wind”?
2. Where were the disciples when they heard a noise that sounded like a mighty wind filling the house they had gathered in? Acts 2:2
3. Who had a dream of seven heads of grain being scorched by a hot east wind? Genesis 41:6
4. What loathsome creatures did God drive into Egypt with an east wind? Exodus 10:13
5. What prophet was told to cut off his hair and scatter a third of it in the wind?
6. How long did the wind that parted the Red Sea blow? Exodus 14:21
7. According to James, what sort of person is like a wave tossed by the wind? James 1:6
8. What prophet experienced a furious wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks? 1 Kings 19:11
9. Whose children were destroyed when a strong wind struck the house they were banqueting in?
10. According to the book of Job, what directional wind will inevitably strike down the wicked? Job 27:21

**Answers:** 1. Ecclesiastes chapters 1 & 2; 2. Jerusalem; 3. Pharaoh; 4. Locusts; 5. Ezekiel (5:2); 6. All night; 7. A doubter; 8. Elijah; 9. Job's (Job 1:19); 10. East

## The Sick:

Continue to remember those who are recovering from surgery & illness and those who continue to struggle with physical infirmity, including: **Xenna Gooch, Larry Neville, Ronald Miller**, Larry's father, **Burton Brown**, Bettye's brother, **James Tanksley, Pansy Hensley** and **Lucille Hall**, Ethel Wohlrahe's mother.


## News & Notes:

--**Group 2** will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

*Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Matthew 7:24*

**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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## The Big Hurt

Her name was Phyllis Eakin. She was blonde and beautiful. Her eyes were bright and seemed to have captured the azure of the sky. She had long, honey-blonde tresses which seemed to cascade down her back. She wore starched pinafores and anklets and smiled a lot. I first saw her on the playground. She had just enrolled in school. I fell hopelessly in love with her.

At recess I went to Lonnie Cooper and asked if he would give her a note. On it I said, “I claim you!” He agreed to deliver it if I would give one to Shirley Jean York for him.

The pain of waiting for an answer was excruciating. It was like waiting for Christmas or your birthday—it just drug on. As we were changing classes from Mrs. McAnally's room to Mrs. Gowdy's study hall, I saw her coming toward me. My heart pounded wildly. She handed me a note. My trembling hands could hardly unfold the paper.

“I claim you, too!” it said.

I could hardly contain myself. I whimpered out a little cry of joy that caused Mrs. Gowdy to look back in my direction and put her finger up to her mouth to shush me. Never was a little boy so happy. Never was the sixth grade heaven before. What supreme joy. What inexplicable delight.

We had a wonderful romance. We even held hands at Kat Kennedy's once. We wrote notes about nothing; but it didn't matter. It's where they came from that counted. My happiness was compounded when she showed up at worship services one Sunday morning with her parents. Could it be any better?

One day I got a note from Phyllis. I opened it expecting to hear some piece of news about who liked who or what was going on this weekend at the party for Burlie Wayne Taylor. None of that was there. It was a Dear John note. She no longer claimed me.

I cried. Had to leave Bible class after I read the note. I wouldn't tell anyone what was wrong. But that was not the worst part. She had quit me for my brother! Woe is me!

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## Preacher's Pen points

## Taming the Storms of Life (Extended Illness)



### The challenges of physical sickness

The \_\_\_\_\_ impact of the disease

The \_\_\_\_\_ impact of the disease: D \_\_\_\_\_ of life; F \_\_\_\_\_; Coping with permanent physical c \_\_\_\_\_; G \_\_\_\_\_; G \_\_\_\_\_

### How can you get through it?

\_\_\_\_\_ all you can about your disease.

Accept the fact that you are not in \_\_\_\_\_.

...wise men, and their deeds are in the hand of \_\_\_\_\_. (Eccl. 9:1)

\_\_\_\_\_ in God and rely upon Him.

Asa: *His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not seek the \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_.* (2 Chron. 16:12)

Hezekiah: *O restore me to \_\_\_\_\_, and let me live!* (Is. 38:16)

Be willing to accept \_\_\_\_\_.

*to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to \_\_\_\_\_.’* (Mt. 25:40)

Find \_\_\_\_\_.

### Can any good thing come out of sickness?

Sickness may be a great \_\_\_\_\_, making our faith deeper and our sense of purpose greater.

...for when I am weak, then I am \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

*It is good for me that I was \_\_\_\_\_, that I may learn Thy statutes.* (Ps. 119:71)

It may teach us what is truly \_\_\_\_\_.

It may teach us to \_\_\_\_\_ more.

It may teach us wherein our true \_\_\_\_\_ lies.

**In your time of sickness, hold fast to the one who stilled the storm of Galilee. Let him speak peace into your heart.**

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It was the big hurt. Hurt is hard. Sometimes it comes in bunches, sometimes a little at a time. It's always around causing heartaches, sleepless nights, headaches, things like that.

The very concept of hurt has to do with pain. The word originally meant "to bump into." Hurt happens when you bump into something.

People can be hurt in lots of different ways. You can hurt someone with an indirect subtle implication in the way you express something. Sometimes called innuendo, it can cause great hurt. The wise man said, "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor" (Ecclesiastes 10:1). Just a word misused, a phrase turned the wrong way, the wink of an eye or the cock of an eyebrow can cause irreparable damage to someone's reputation. A Japanese proverb says, "A word once uttered is beyond the reach of four galloping horses."

One of the worst of all hurts is disappointment. We've all experienced disappointment at times. Someone we thought a friend turns out to be an enemy, someone we thought would help didn't, someone we counted on didn't come through. Those kinds of things cause deep hurt. "Only let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ..." (Philippians 1:27). If we try to live more like the Master, we will be less likely to cause disappointment.

The biggest hurt of all is sin. Sin is a monster, a pestilence. It's behind every human misery. It is the big hurt. It seeks control and turns it to addiction. It promises satisfaction, then gives dissipation. Sin will ruin your chances for peace and crush your chance of self-fulfillment. Most of all, it will spoil your right to heaven.

I lived through the pain and hurt of being jilted by Phyllis Eakin. In time, I got over it mainly because I found Doris Niblett. But that's another story for another time. The point is, hurt need not be permanent. You can get over it. You just have to pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and get back into the fracas. It'll be all right. Things will get better. And you will look back at some of it and smile, and maybe even thank God for having learned from it.

Thanks be to God, there's a way to rid yourself of the big hurt. You can turn to the Savior. He waits to forgive. He wants you to feel the "seasons of refreshing" which can come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 2:38; 3:19). You can have peace, knowing the pain is gone, the sorrow relieved, the anguish of sin erased. Would you not turn to Him? Today?

--Dee Bowman, *Christianity Magazine*

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***"Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content."***

1 Timothy 6:6-8