

## ENDURANCE

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One day a mule fell into a dry well. The farmer directed his boys to bury the mule. But the mule refused to be buried. As the boys threw the dirt down on him, he simply trampled on the dirt. Before long, so much dirt had come down into the well that the mule just walked out. That which was intended to bury him was the very means by which he arose.

All great men and women climb up through difficulties. If their lives had been easy, we would never have heard of them. Hebrews 11 is an excellent example. Listen to a few verses: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection" (Heb. 11:32-35).

In overcoming difficulties, a person develops courage, strength, determination, and ruggedness that is needed to successfully serve God. Brethren, don't let the devil get you down. Keep climbing, growing and developing. Count it a privilege to take up your cross daily. Be determined that you will endure until the end. Jesus told the apostles, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22).

- via Beacon,

Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

## Looking Unto Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-2

- ◆ Look to Jesus for *life* (John 14:6).
- ◆ Look to Jesus for *aid* (Hebrews 2:18).
- ◆ Look to Jesus for *love* (2 Corinthians 5:14).
- ◆ Look to Jesus for *peace* (John 14:27; Acts 10:36).
- ◆ Look to Jesus for *guidance* (John 12:48)
- ◆ Look to Jesus for *strength* (Philippians 4:13).
- ◆ Look to Jesus for *freedom* (John 8:32).

- via House to House -

## THEY BURNED TRUTH

They burned Truth in the marketplace,  
And thought their work complete;  
But next day with smiling face,  
They met it on the street.

They threw it in a dungeon damp,  
And thought it was no more;  
But lo, it walked with lighted lamp  
Among them as before.

They scorned and ostracized it,  
And ordered it to depart;  
But still it dwelt in all the land  
And challenged every heart.

- Author Unknown -

"The word of the Lord endureth for ever."

1 Peter 1:25



Look forward with hope, not backward with regret. - Author Unknown -

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. only and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

**MEALS FOR THE WAITE FAMILY:** Schedule is for Tuesdays, and Thursdays; (please, no meals prepared with nuts). Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

**PANTRY:** Peanut butter & jelly.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: TRINITY, Steubenville:** Alex Harless (Send cards to: 103 Eleanor St., Mingo Junction, OH 43938). **Weirton Medical Center:** Mary Johnson (sister of Lois Hissom). **AT HOME:** Randy Waite, Becky McKittrick, Shirley Beagle, Peggy Linger, Randy Beagle, Charlie & Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Cam Adamson, Rick Beck, John McClung, Josh Morrison, 428 Burnside Rd., Canonsburg, PA 15317. **FOX:** Doris Dunham. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## WHERE IS LIFE?

*Not in unbelief ...* **Voltaire** was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

*Not in pleasure ...* **Lord Byron** lived a life of pleasure, if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."

*Not in money ...* **Jay Gould**, the American millionaire had plenty of that. When dying he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

*Not in position and fame ...* **Lord Beaconsfield** enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood, a struggle; old age, a regret"

*Not in military glory ...* **Alexander the Great** conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

*Where, then, is happiness found? The answer is simple: In Christ alone.* He said, "... I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." (John 16:22). Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him is a hopeless end.

- Author Unknown -

## Count Your Many Blessings

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; count your gains instead of your losses;  
Count your joys instead of your woes; count your friends instead of your foes;  
Count your smiles instead of your tears; count your courage instead of your fears;  
Count your full years instead of your lean; count your kind deeds instead of your mean;  
Count your health instead of your wealth; and yes, above all,  
Count on God instead of yourself.

- Anonymous -