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## “Humility Through Hardship”



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Hebrews 5:8 says, “... *Though He (Jesus) was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.*”

The New Testament letter known as Hebrews is one of the most majestic yet mysterious pieces of literature ever penned. While the author is unknown the theme is clear, “JESUS CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY EVERYWHERE FOREVER ... PERIOD.”

Perhaps one of the more mysterious statements recorded in this matchless document is found in chapter 5 verses 7 and 8; it reads (speaking of Jesus) “*who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He*

*learned obedience by the things which He suffered.*”

Though Jesus was God manifest in the flesh He surrendered in full, humble submission to the will and the purpose of the Father. Though He was the equal of the Father in nature He was surrendered to the Father in purpose and mission. How much more ought we who are so very “unlike God in nature” be humbled in His presence to learn obedience and thus success in our assigned mission in life. The things that we suffer are divine opportunities to learn humility, obedience and trust in the wisdom of our Father. Thank God for Jesus.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that God gives you faith to trust His Heart when you don't understand His Hand.
- Pray that God gives you the grace to recognize humbling experiences as opportunities for growth.

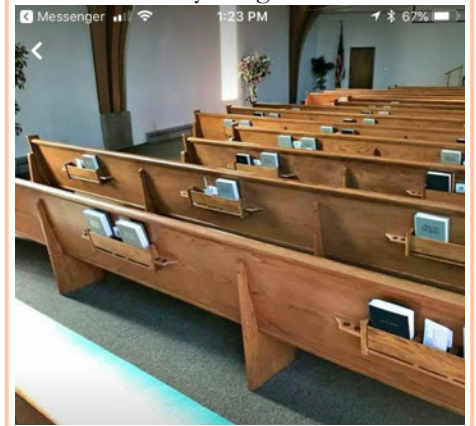
## Russell Moore

On Monday, October 1, we will be honored to have Russell Moore, the president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the SBC for a lunch, afternoon, and an evening series. The event will be entitled “Kingdoms in Conflict” where the kingdoms represent the church and the government.



## Free Pews

A church in Youngstown is giving away free pews. Anyone know of anyone needing 1 to 58 church pews? If interested speak up soon and don't sit on it. Call Randy Langham for info.



## Church Security

Different churches in our area have hosted or will be hosting a workshop on increasing security for the people in the church worship services.

One of the many will be held at Highway Tabernacle in Austintown. The church safety training is August 18 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. For additional information on the free training go to [www.highwaytab.church](http://www.highwaytab.church) or call their office at 330-792-3000.

## Missionaries

Final plans are coming together for a few of our churches to host about 5 missionaries who serve in different parts of the world. Of the International Mission Board missionaries at least one serves in a security level 3 area and at least one serves in a security level 2 area (out of an extreme level of 5). These people risk their lives to tell others about Jesus Christ. May their boldness and passion continue to stir up the same in our churches as we serve God.

## Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be Saturday, Oct 13 at the First Baptist Church of Newton Falls, beginning at 9:00 AM. The business will take place the first half and worship will follow. Our guest speaker will be Claude King, the co-author of the best selling book, *Experiencing God*. He will arrive the day before to lead a prayer Boot Camp.

## VBS at Solid Rock Community Church

Solid Rock is hosting their VBS Aug 13-15. Be in prayer that God will do a mighty work in Salem.

## New Hope BC, Windham Youth Camp and VBS

Last month you read about the VBS at New Hope and about the results. Here are the youth who went to the camp with one of them becoming a



Christian and another coming forward to become baptized.

## Rising Star BC Marriage Workshop

The Rising Star Baptist Church Marriage Ministry presents "Marriage Works," 2018 Marriage Ministry Workshops. Oct. 26-28. Fri 6-9 pm, Sat, 9 am to 3 pm, Sun: Service and vow renewal \$50 per couple covers registration, pizza and chips on Friday, and a boxed lunch on Saturday. Open to public, but only for married couples. Registration deadline is Oct 14th. Seating is limited.

Facilitators Dexter and Kim Hardy, pastor and first lady of Lifepoint Church, in Marietta, Georgia.



## Cornersburg 50th

Cornersburg celebrates 50 years as a family on Sunday, Sept. 9. The celebration begins at the annual picnic, Aug 26 in the afternoon and evening. The celebration will continue in different ways throughout September, and on the 9th all in the association who plan to join in the celebration in the evening with dinner starting at 5 pm need to RSVP by calling 330-799-2833.

## NewBirth BC - Two VBSes

We have had a great summer at NewBirth Church Youngstown. We kicked off our summer by hosting the Central Baptist Church from Athens TN (Pastor Mike Bernard) who brought 57 people to minister to our neighborhood known as The Rockford Village. On Fathers Day they began with a "Black Light Gospel Puppet Show" with life size characters. There were 125 in attendance to begin our summer. Each day following Fathers Day, they hosted a sports camp at the Center for Community Empowerment, our community outreach partner, where from Monday through Thursday they provided games and activities for the neighborhood youth. Each evening Central Baptist



shared their love through VBS where we share God's love to an average 85 youth each day. Central Baptist not only offered themselves to sports camp and VBS but they provided needed labor and put up a fence in the rear of the church, place a much needed air conditioner in the wall of the church and removed trees from around our building that had been dying. Central Baptist has been a blessing to NewBirth and the Rockford community for 6 years now. NewBirth Church now begins training to host VBS

ourselves with the help and leadership of Pastor Mike and CBC.

In July NewBirth welcomed the Old



Forge Baptist Church from Old Forge West VA who because of a mix up in scheduling came to offer their love again in the Rockford neighborhood. NewBirth welcomed them and hosted another week of VBS. We were contacted by our Missionary Gary Frost, I responded by saying; The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. I recognize that the help of others can reach many that I may not and that everything is done at God's timing. Old Forge came with 15 helpers to our neighborhood and we served an average of 45 that week. 20 of those were not living in the neighborhood during the first VBS experience which is one reason we welcome opportunities to reach our neighborhood for Christ.

As a result of the love shared by both churches and the people of New-



Birth we saw 13 saved and we will be baptizing 8 of those after they have completed our New Member class.

## The Steel Valley Churches and Missions

Austintown Baptist Church  
Beacon of Hope BC  
Carnation City BC  
Central BC  
Christian Community BC  
Community BC  
Cornersburg BC  
East Conneaut BC  
Faith BC  
First BC, Andover\*  
First BC, Garrettsville  
First BC, Newton Falls  
First Spanish BC  
Grace BC  
Grace Korean BC  
Grace Place Ministries  
Hope BC  
Howland Glen BC



Living Testimony Ministries  
\*Living Water BC  
\*Margaret Wynn Memorial BC  
Mercy Community Church  
New Birth-Kimmelbrook BC  
New Covenant BC  
New Hope BC, Windham  
New Hope BC, Youngstown  
Northside BC  
Rising Star BC  
Shenango Valley BC  
Solid Rock Community Church  
Southington BC  
Struthers Bible Baptist Church  
Unity BC  
Upper Room Ministries  
\*Youngstown Metro Church  
\* seeking a pastor