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Today is a day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice & be glad in it.

➔ **Focus on the Positive** ←
*** **God is Good** ***

WHAT, ME WORRY?

I'm not being flippant, however, I would remind each of us where our strength comes from. I need y'all to help me out: There's limited space, so get your Bibles out and follow along. We're going through some tough times, but they're not unique; just different. Christians have a "not so secret" weapon (Ephesians 6:10-18). God has equipped us well. God and our Brother Jesus know what we're going through (Hebrews 4:13-16). God is omniscient. They give assurances that God will take care of us, and how we can know and act (Matthew 6:25-34). Paul further describes God's power (Acts 17:22-34). God is omnipotent and omnipresent. It's hard not to be concerned. There are real and current concerns, but nothing that God can't handle (Romans 8:31).

What do Christians really have to worry about? My biggest concern is that we don't allow this need for "social distancing" to cause us to grow apart. I miss – and I hope y'all do too – being able to see the eyes, hug the necks and SHAKE the hands of my brothers and sisters. That is the only thing I lack at this time. I fear the convenience of being able to Worship together via the internet will interfere with our assembling once this current situation passes – and it will pass. We must use the tools God gave us, as noted above, to encourage and strengthen each other until we can gather together as a family again. It will be a good thing to see all y'all again. I pray that will happen soon; but until then, we'll keep on keeping on.

Am I worried? No, but I am concerned: I'm concerned that all my brothers and sisters are safe, happy and faithful. I know God is watching and protecting all of us. I know that we will be able to meet together again as God wills (James 4:12-17). Please pray that will happen soon. I know that Christians will all be together no matter what else happens (Revelation 22:1-7). That's the reason I'm not worried. If our faith remains strong and we do God's Will, we'll be alright; I read the end of the Book ... we win!

Robert Dennis

PANTRY NEEDS

Dried Red Beans, Spaghetti, Laundry Detergent, Cornbread Mix, Dried Black-Eyed Peas

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice the PANTRY is by appointment only on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6 p.m.

If you need to utilize the pantry, please call the office for an appointment – 325-692-6974. (Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Your generous help is needed: Please be aware that pantry needs are likely to increase in the next few weeks.

***** PRAY, PRAY, PRAY *** CALL & ENCOURAGE A FRIEND *** PRAY, PRAY, PRAY *****

Prayer List

BHCC MEMBERS:

- * **Leroy Mason** – HMC #5702 Rehab
- * **Maxine Spears** – recovering at home
- * **Paula Weed** – pending eye procedure, possibly Monday 04/27
- * **Colleen (Leta) Willis** – recovering at home

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

- Calvin R. (email request) – God's forgiveness
- Ben See (father of **Terry McGaha**) – recovering at Silver Springs
- Betty Mast (mother of **Pam Sullivan**) – health issues

All Missionaries:

- Chipata Bible College and all the preachers in the field.
- All Military & First Responders
- All Patients and Workers in Nursing Homes & Hospitals
- Those infected by & loss of loved ones due to the COVID-19 Virus

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

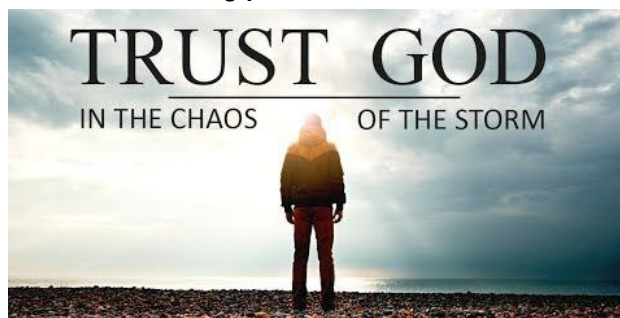
- Robert Simpson (Father of **Sarah Waller**) who died 04/18

THOSE BATTLING CANCER:

- Jena Madeley, Lewis Maness, Kay Procter, Larry Taylor, Jesse Thomas, Minnie Woody
- All our family members & friends dealing with cancer & treatments.

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

- Brenda Amonett, Eldon Amonett, Phyllis Bonner, Janet Bruns, Mamie Crane, Norma Dotson, Leroy & Mary Mason, Jo Potter, Frances Pruett, Melinda Simmons, Dean & Nelda Stewart, Laveta Youngquist.



At Your Weakest Moment ...

... that's when Satan will tempt you to sin. Our adversary is no fool. He's not going to waste time and effort by working against your strengths. He will attack you when you are the weakest and where you are most vulnerable.

Here's an example: Someone has had harsh words to say about you. They have assumed the worst, impugned your motives, jumped to false conclusions, spread rumor and innuendo about you. How will you react? You are angry, hurt, insulted, disgusted. The strong temptation is to strike back, to get even, to put this person "in his place". But, you must not submit to the temptation. God's word says, "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:17,21). It's hard to follow this instruction at the moment, because you are weak and vulnerable. But this course of action is best – the Lord says so, and our own experience bears this out.

During such times of weakness and vulnerability, we should pray as David did, "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice deeds of wickedness with men who do iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies" (Ps. 141:3,4).

We've been warned that Satan has many "devices" (2 Cor. 2:11). Chief among these is his ability to detect our weaknesses and attack us there. Please realize that you must work hardest during your weakest moments, because that is when Satan is at work against you.

Greg Gwin

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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

- 25 – Apr Nancy Taylor
- 26 – Apr Bill Baskett, Bobbie Sudbury,
- 28 – Apr Dennis Crisp
- 29 – Apr John Harper
- 30 – Apr Austin Layland
- 01 – May Esta Scott
- 04 – May Will Claxton, Jesse Mullins

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 – Apr Don & Judy Henry
- 01 – May Morris & Margaret Chancey
- 01 – May Hank & Sylvia Davis

A note on the above Birthdays and Anniversaries: Because we are not meeting, we did not print a calendar etc.. So, for security and privacy reasons, we are only printing the date and name/s of the members celebrating. If you want to write/e-mail/call them, you will have to get the pertinent address info from the online directory.

DVD's & CD's of online sermons are now available on request by calling the church office, Monday – Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

Always remember that – **GOD IS IN CONTROL** – Therefore, we must: **Stay True to His Word, ... Keep on Keeping On ... & Do the right thing – because it's the right thing to do.**
In THESE (above) ways, and these days, nothing has changed ...
⁷ *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* ⁸ *Come near to God and he will come near to you ...*
¹⁰ *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

James 4:7 ff

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