

### Help For Those Who Mourn

The death of a young child is one of the most difficult pains in life to bear. Young children bring so much joy and blessing into a home. They help a home to burst at the seams with enthusiasm and joy. When a young child dies, the entire family atmosphere is altered and never quite feels the same again.

When you are not sure what to say during times such as this, the wisest course of action would be to say nothing at all. There is nothing wrong with that! But do not be afraid to give your grieving friends a hug. Cry with them, if that is all you can do (Romans 12:15)!

There are a few things that I believe we can say that can be very beneficial for those who mourn. Remind the grieving parents that out of all the billions of people in the world, God chose them to be the ones who would be able to provide the love and care this child so desperately needed, even if it was for only a short time! Jesus had special regard for children as He demonstrated in Matthew 18, and this little innocent one is with the Father now.

King David in the Old Testament faced the tragic grief of having a newborn infant become very sick unto death. The Bible tells us, "...David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. So the elders of his house arose and went to him, to raise him up from the ground. But he would not, nor did he eat food with them." (2 Samuel 12:16-17) After seven days of tears, prayers and fasting, this child of David and Bathsheba died. When David found out that the child was gone, "...he arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the Lord and worshipped..." (2 Samuel 12:20)

David knew he could someday be with his child for he said later, "... he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." (2 Samuel 12:23)

- David R. Ferguson preaches for the Lakeland Church of Christ in Mattoon, IL.



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## Vaccination against Death

In the late eighteenth century, hundreds of people were dying in England of smallpox. The disease ravaged the country and seemed unstoppable. There was little hope for anyone who became infected with the deadly virus....

Dr. Edward Jenner noticed that very few milk-maids in England were susceptible to the disease and, in fact, seemed immune to it. Further investigation revealed that their immunity was developed by having been sick with what was called "cowpox", a disease found in cattle and sometimes contracted by humans who were in close contact with infected animals. Cowpox was a milder virus that made people sick for a while, but was seldom fatal.

With this knowledge in mind, Dr. Jenner, in 1796, courageously injected live cowpox virus into an eight-year-old boy named Jamie Phipps. Six weeks later, he took an unbelievable risk by injecting Jamie with live smallpox virus. Jamie was unaffected by the virus and the rest is history. By 1979 the World Health Organization declared smallpox completely eradicated from the world! Inoculation against smallpox was indeed a "vaccination against death."

When we come to understand the difference between right and wrong and that we are ALL infected with the "deadly disease" of sin, we find ourselves in need of a vaccination against death. Paul wrote in Romans 3:23 – "for ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Then in chapter 6 and verse 23, he wrote – "For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of God is -ETERNAL LIFE- in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God has provided a vaccination to protect US from -ETERNAL DEATH- because of SIN. To be made immune to that "second death" (Revelation 20:6), we must believe in Jesus, God's Son who died to atone for the sins of the whole world. (John 8:24). We must acknowledge our faith in Him before men. (Matthew 10:32-33). Then, we must repent of sin and turn away from it, (Luke 13:3,5). Finally, by being baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of our sins, we can be saved from the deadly "disease" of sin which would otherwise bring us -ETERNAL DEATH- (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

Have YOU availed yourself of this wonderful, free gift of -ETERNAL LIFE- and freedom from certain -ETERNAL DEATH- because of sin?

- Glenn Sargent writing in "Living Water," a series of devotionals presented by the church of Christ at Creekwood, Mobile, Alabama. Article via BulletinGold

### Leadership

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**Deacons** Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,  
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**Pulpit Minister** Eric Welch

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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### Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "How to Have God's Blessings" Philippians 4:8-9

Sunday Evening: *To Be Announced*

### Those Privileged to Serve

#### AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer John Keaton  
Scripture Grover Blanton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper  
Message Greg Blanton  
Attendant Jerry Montgomery  
Attendant Marc Owens  
Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

#### PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdales  
Bible Reading Clint Smith Sr  
Selection 19  
Prayer Ethan Welch  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Leon Stocksdales  
*If you are unable to serve, please call Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511*

#### AM & PM Services

Announcements Clint Smith Jr  
Lord's Supper Hayward Blanton  
Offering Jerry Casey  
Usher Harold Tincher  
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Assist Count Hank Tincher

**The God of All Comfort**  
**Eric Welch**

Last week was bitter/sweet for the Hamburg Pike church of Christ. Our beloved **Fern Tinch** entered ahead of us into glory. The beloved Casey and Nichols families are grieving the loss of little **Arria Jade** who rests in the arms of Jesus. From the oldest to the youngest, we are constantly reminded of the bitter consequences of sin at the garden of Eden.

Life can be so overwhelming. Yet even in all this affliction, one thing that we can continue doing is to praise our God in the midst of them. Paul's says, "Blessed (or praise) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3). Why? Because our God is faithful, trustworthy to "comforts us in all our affliction" (v. 4). That is, He stands by our side. When Paul was suffering a "thorn in the flesh," God did not remove the pain but gave him the support he needed to endure it. That pain made him stronger. It caused him to rely more on God (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

One of the ways the Lord has provided sweetness to ease the bitterness was the baptism of **Dillian Goddard** into Christ for the forgiveness of sin. Through the strong support of his family, the persistent teaching from Bible classes and youth devotionals and the counsel of Clint Smith Jr. at camp, Dillian decided that it was time to become a disciple of Jesus.

God has graced us with the opportunity "to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too" (2 Corinthians 1:4-5).

What is the way "as only God can" comfort us, as we pray? According to Paul, you and me.

**Growing Through Grief: 10 Suggestions That Often Help**

1. Talk about it.
2. Cry if you feel like it.
3. Challenge your negative, irrational thinking.
4. Read good books including the Bible, especially the Psalms.
5. Force yourself to get back into circulation. Work.
6. Allow others to help you.
7. Do something constructive in memory of your loved one (scholarship, library books, city park.)
8. Be of service to others.
9. Keep a journal. Process your thoughts and feelings.
10. Deepen your relationship to God—church, prayer, Bible readings, relationships.

—*"Appendix A" from the book, Restoring My Soul, by Bill Flatt as appearing in The Family Friend, a monthly newsletter of the Calvert City church of Christ, Calvert City, KY.*

**Hamburg Pike Happenings**

VBS will be Monday, July 18 thru Thursday, July 21 from 7 to 8:30 P.M. This year's theme is "God's Amazing Laboratory!" from Genesis 1 and 2. Volunteers are needed for decorating classrooms, serving snacks, helping the kids with crafts, and tearing everything down on the last night of VBS. Any questions please see Ashley or Stephanie.

The church will have 2 "Work Days" to prepare for the upcoming VBS. They are scheduled for Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until Noon. Volunteers are needed for preparing decorations, assembling crafts etc. Any questions please see Ashley or Stephanie. On July 9<sup>th</sup> we also plan to do some needed cleanup and maintenance around the building.