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Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Tuesday Benevolence 9:00 -10:00am

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Adversity Makes Bitter or Better

Dan Jenkins

David makes some truly amazing statements in Psalms which allows us to look into his heart and learn why he was so special to God. How do we become what he was since God has such high regard for him even from his youth? His words express the kind of heart he had. If we spend time making his words our words we will be changed. Perhaps we, too, can be described as a “man after God’s own heart.”

Both first and second Samuel tell us about the life of David and all the trials he faced. They began shortly after he killed Goliath when jealous King Saul sought to take his life. He gained the favor of the people around him, and the evil king sent his army to kill David. He almost did not become king as that army was almost successful in taking the life of the young “giant killer.” His friendship with Saul’s son, Jonathan, often enabled him to escape. Years later, David again had immeasurable adversity when his own son led a rebellion against him.

So, how did he view such trials? Read his words, and they may change how you look at life. David said, “It is good that I was afflicted.” Our first reaction is that such could not be right! How on earth could any suffering be seen as good? Read the rest of the verse. David said, “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes” (Psalm 119:71). David understood a lesson which each of us should learn early in our life. If our life has little misery and adversity, we tend to ignore God for we have little need of Him. On the other hand, adversity provides us the opportunity to come closer to God. How we respond to such trials shows the kind of heart we have. It is so important to learn that adversity makes us bitter or better.

The apostle Paul understood this same truth. In his second letter to Corinth, he gave a list of many of the trials he had endured, then he said, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10). Read the verse again—infirmites, reproaches, needs, persecutions, distresses. Pleasure in all of this? How strange! But, what insight David and Paul had into how to deal with all that life brings.

How do you decide what things are good and what things are bad in your life? Here is a rule which might change your whole view of life. Anything which draws me closer to God is good, and anything which keeps me from God is evil.

So, let me ask you, any good thing happening in your life right now? Think about it.

Sunday AM Guest Speaker



David Shannon, has served at Mount Juliet church of Christ since 1999-2018. Last year he accepted the job as president at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN.

AM Sermon Notes:

Where is God When...

PM Sermon

Tonight we are looking at Israel

Question 1 - _____

1. Exodus 5:22 - _____
2. Josh. 7:7 - _____
3. Judges 6:13 - _____
4. Job 7:20 - _____
5. Ps. 10:1 - _____
6. Habakkuk 1:3 - _____

Important points:

- A. We have _____ – Josh. 24:15
- B. God is not a _____ of persons (Acts 10:34)
- C. Matt. 5:45 – God makes the rain to fall on the just and the _____.

Why Does God Allow Suffering?

1. Some of the suffering comes from _____ generations
2. Some Suffering results from our own _____
3. Some Suffering comes from our own _____
4. Some suffering comes from _____
5. Some suffering is _____
 - a. James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-4
6. There are times when suffering seems _____
 - a. Example: Job, Esther, Joseph

“Where is God when we suffer?”...in the _____ same place that He was in when _____ suffered.

2nd Question - How _____

1. Ps. 13:1 (David); Psalm 94:3; Habakkuk 1:2; Rev. 6:10
2. The Answer Given:
 1. Exodus 6:1; Hab. 1:5-6
 2. _____ & Watch

What do we know?

1. God is still in _____ – (Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 46:1)
2. God is still _____ – (Heb. 13:5; Gen. 12:1-5)
3. God is still _____ – (1 Cor. 15:57; 1 John 5:4)



Let's build together on January 26, 8a-12p.



WesthillWORKS!

Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
Habitat for Humanity
Food for Fitness
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Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
In Search of the Lord's Way
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Brown Trail Spanish Preaching
The Truth in Love ttil.tv
WVBS school.wvbs.org
La Poynor Prison Ministry

Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program
Cameroon Preacher Training Program

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Prayer List

Faith Beamon is now receiving treatment at Our Children's Home Dallas.

Janice Elder is in the hospital here in ICU, and needing gall bladder surgery. Jan Sain, her housemate, was transferred to Heritage Oaks Retirement Village while Ms. Elder is in the hospital.

Billy Roughton's uncle, Ray Jones, passed away in Hot Springs, AR. Please keep this family, including George Schmidt, in your prayers.

Barabara Gould is recovering from leg vein surgery.

Tim Cooke's son, Jeff, has been having stroke-like symptoms and is undergoing tests.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Ruth Ann Watson, Trey Billingsly, Debra Woodcock, Pat Wheat, Hagan Webster, Bobby Compton, Jan Ross, Teresa Jenkins, Randy Daw, Connie Benishek, Henry Wooten, Earleen Denton, & Lee Nevill

Announcements

Today Bible Classes grades 6-12 & both adult classes meet in auditorium to hear from speaker David Shannon.

Habitat for Humanity - 1/26 (sign-up on back table)

Potluck Lunch Sunday, 1/27. Please plan to stay for a potluck lunch immediately after morning services. There will be no 1pm service, but we will meet again for our normal scheduled 6pm service.

T-3 Youth Event - 2/15-2/16 (sign-up on back table)

Ladies Day - 2/23 - "Create In Me A Clean Heart"
Speaker: Sandi Smith - (sign-up on back table)

Our dearest Westhill family, I am so very sorry this is so late. Faith & I had gotten thank you notes to send out & were going to do them when she got home from college that weekend of the accident. So, on her behalf, I would like to thank all who planned, prepared & attended & gave at Aaron's baby shower. All the gifts & encouraging words meant the world to Faith. The out pouring of love & encouragement means so so much to us all. We love our Westhill family so very much. **-Love in Christ, -Brian, Christie, Faith & Aaron Beamon**

Beamon Fund - There has been a Go Fund Me account set up as well as an account where donations may be made at Community National. If you prefer to donate through Westhill, please give your donations directly to the office or to an elder, and earmark funds for the Beamons.

Birthdays This Week

January 20 - Betty Beamon, Carolyn Bennett, & Paul Ross

January 21 - Brody Owens & Brandon Watson

January 22 - Chad Briggs

January 24 - Mattyx Newman, Janet Peterson & Hagan Webster

January 25 - Brent Stewart

January 26 - Abigail Castillo & Brooks Driskell

Next Week:

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

AM Sermon *Useless Excuses - "But you say..."*

PM Sermon *Moses' Strength*

Records for January 13, 2019

Bible Class	228
AM Worship.....	275
PM Worship.....	162
Wednesday.....	
Contribution	\$7,603

Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Justin Mahoney
Opening Prayer	Jose Sosa
Communion Leader	Billy Roughton
Communion Servers	
George Schmidt	Bronny Watson
Millard Dowdle	Wade Braly
James Horn	Nate Haden
Luke Baumgartner	Larry Rowden
Nicholas Tooley	Mark McWherter
Collin Barham	Danny Driskell
Dan Gibson	
Scripture Reading	David Mahoney
Closing Prayer	Micah Haden
Nursery	Martha Olsen & Claire Barham
PM Song Leader	James Horn
PM Opening Prayer	Josh Newman
PM Closing Prayer	Jim Haden
Wed. Song Leader	Nicholas Tooley
Wed. Invitation	Justin Mahoney
January Contact Elder	Don Ivy