



March 11, 2018

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Bible Classes: 9:30 am

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Bible Classes: 7 pm

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## Newborn Struggles

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.” (James 1:2-8)*

During and after the birth the baby is replacing the fluid in their lungs with oxygen. The child gets tired and hungry and there is a drastic change in their environment, which all together contributes to why they start to cry. This is one of the first experiences they have in the world and they are uncomfortable and it is the worst thing the child has ever experienced. That we had experienced. From that point on we begin to live in the moment and every time we encounter something new that makes us upset or hurts us and we think that this is the worst thing in our world.

At some point in your lives you have probably had something happen or that has caused our emotions to take hold over your logic. Just like with the baby it may feel like the worst thing we have ever experienced. This my brother and sisters is a trial.

*It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters. - Epictetus*



*“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:1-5)*

When we go through trials, sometimes all we need is to take a step back and ask God for wisdom. Just as in James 1:5. We may not understand why certain things happen to us. We must trust God knows what is best for our lives and the lives of others. We may only ever see the fruits that come from trials until years later. Through our trials God can make something extraordinarily beautiful. Like a newborn child.

The Lord sees our “Newborn Struggles”. I can't wait to see what he does with mine.

Your Brother,  
Timothy Wood

# Order of Worship

Order of Worship		Leaders	Location	Time
<p><b>8:00 AM:</b></p> <p><i>Song Leader: Brent Smith</i></p> <p><b>S-121 Hide Me Away</b></p> <p><i>Call to Worship: Farin Crone</i></p> <p><b>988 I'll Be List'ning</b> <b>808 Abide with Me</b></p> <p><i>Assistant 1: Phillip Venkatesan</i> <i>Giving: Eric Gilbey</i> <i>Bread: Jeff Watson</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Steve Brosey</i> <i>Assistant 2: Shaun Holt</i> <i>Assistant 3: Bryson Gilbey</i></p> <p><b>449 Thy Word</b></p> <p><i>Scripture Reading: Hebrews 5:8-14</i> <i>Paul Brosey</i></p> <p><b>S-14 Light the Fire</b></p> <p><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p><b>— For the Lord is a Righteous God</b></p> <p><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p><b>226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</b></p> <p><i>Closing Prayer: Phillip Cummings</i></p> <p><i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.</i></p>	<p><b>10:30 AM:</b></p> <p><i>Song Leader: AJ Johnson</i></p> <p><b>702 Trials Dark on Every Hand</b> <b>244 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand</b></p> <p><i>Call to Worship: Wayne Dellinger</i></p> <p><b>826 I'll Be List'ning</b> <b>798 Yield Not to Temptation</b> <b>334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow (SFP)</b></p> <p><i>Assistant 1: Kweku Asiedu</i> <i>Assistant 2: Ross Thian</i> <i>Giving: Kerry Clark</i> <i>Bread: Chris Forand</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Kwesi Asiedu</i> <i>Assistant 3: Curtis Madeley</i> <i>Assistant 4: Ivens Jeans</i> <i>Assistant 5: Charles Pratt</i></p> <p><i>Scripture Reading: Hebrews 5:8-14</i> <i>Demetrius Morris</i></p> <p><b>973 Everybody Will Be Happy Over There (SFP)</b></p> <p><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p><b>902 Nothing But the Blood (SFP)</b></p> <p><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p><b>853 When We All Get to Heaven (SFP)</b></p> <p><i>Closing Prayer: Allen Pratt</i></p> <p><i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and Praise for the Lord.</i></p>			
		<i>Brandon Porter, Jason Kane &amp; Chuck Morris</i>	Church Building	1:30 PM
		<i>Del Meadows &amp; Joe Ford</i>	Forand 3305 Great Valley Dr. West Friendship, 21794	1:30 PM
		<i>Farin Crone</i>	Church Building	6 PM
		<i>Bren White &amp; Allen Pratt</i>	Panera Bread Laurel Town Center	1 PM
		<i>Ricky Cook</i>	Church Building	12:30 PM
		<i>Paul Wharton (No Kids)</i>	Lorien Nursing Home	2:30 PM
		<i>Steve Brosey &amp; Marty Findley</i>	Brosey 1116 Severn Pines Way Severn, 21144	11:30 AM
		<i>Teens</i>	Church Building	1:30 PM
		<i>Brent Smith &amp; Jack Birus (No Kids)</i>	Smith 1609 Cheston Lane Apt. M Hanover, 21076	5 PM
		<i>Ben Anglin &amp; Jonathan Anglin</i>	TBA	
		<i>Calvin Mitchell, John Jones &amp; A.J. Johnson</i>	Lorien Nursing Home	2:30 PM
	<b>Others Serving this morning:</b> Ushers: (1) Ben Anglin, (2) Jack Birus	<b>Others Serving this morning:</b> Ushers: (1) Jeff Ray, (2) Jason Tate		
 <p><i>Where Faith Meets Life!</i></p>	<b>Wednesday, March 14th</b>			
	<b>Devotional</b>	Bren White		
	<b>Singing</b>	Bruce Robins		
	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	DuBois Murphy		
		 <i>Please remember to turn off, mute or set to vibrate all cell phones and electronic devices during services.</i>		