

October 2025

PASTOR

Appreciation

Thank you, Pastors, for your dedication
and service to our church communities.
Your wisdom and guidance have been
so meaningful to our lives.



*Jeremiah 3:15 - And I will give you pastors according to mine heart,
which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. (KJV)*

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How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14 (KJV)

Why is it appropriate to set aside a special time each year to give recognition and affirmation to our clergy and their families? How are their needs and circumstances different from those of carpenters, grocers or dentists?

One distinction lies in the nature of the service these leaders provide. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments- the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered.

When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned. Another problem lies in the expectations placed on pastors. Numerous surveys have found that a very high percentage of pastors feel pressure to be the ideal role model of a Christian family-which is impossible, of course. As a result, four out of five pastors feel their families are negatively impacted by unrealistic expectations-whether self-imposed or congregation imposed-and that ministry is an outright hazard to the health of their families. Indeed, the "pedestal" is not all it's cracked up to be.

As pastors and their families try to please the God who called them to ministry while also trying to meet the expectations of their congregations, one result is dangerous stress. In fact, 75 percent of those surveyed reported experiencing a significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.

Then, of course, there is the "fishbowl" aspect of ministry, whereby the entire lives of pastoral families seem to be on public display. Every private family situation quickly seems to become a congregational or community issue. This anxiety can only be heightened when financial pressures also come to bear, which is common since pastors typically make substantially less each year than their own board members and deacons.

Nearly 70 percent of pastoral spouses work outside the home, most often due to financial need. No one would choose to live life under these conditions unless they felt obliged to a higher, divine directive. Unfortunately, all too often, these are exactly the conditions under which pastoral families serve. The good news is that we can make a difference! Pastor Appreciation Month is an attempt to counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with positive affirmation.



All the Congregation at Gospel Mission Baptist Church would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to Rev. Wayne Coleman and his dear wife Elsie for all the help and love shown to our church. Thank you both for all of the help and prayers.

We Love You!
Bro. Ken Young and Church

Rev. Sandford Hendrick & Rebecca Hendrick



Pastor: Rev. Stacie Eller



Notice the passage from Job 42:7-8, “And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, ‘My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. ‘Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.’”

The verbal chastisement of Eliphaz and his friends was not pleasant for them to hear. First of all, they learned that their self-righteous pride was not acceptable to a holy God. God did not want to hear their prayers until an offering, an expensive sacrifice, would be offered by Job. (The same kind of offering that Job gave for the intercession for his children.) Second, Eliphaz and his friends were ordered to find those animals from someone’s flock,

pay for them, then give them to Job for intercession. That sacrifice cost them deeply from their own resources.

Job’s healing took place when he interceded for his friends. Not only was his health restored, but also twice the wealth in gold, silver, and livestock. His influence in the community was also doubly restored. Job and his wife also obtained seven more sons and three more daughters. (Including his first set of ten children who were in heaven, in the presence of God, his amount of children had doubled.) Job’s relationship with God, no doubt was stronger than ever. His faith in the midst of trials was rewarded. Thus, serving as a guide for us to follow, that in the midst of our own trials, allow our own faith to grow, because God is a powerful God.

The Rev. Kitty Mears teaches Sunday School at Mount View Pentecostal Holiness Church in Claudville, Virginia.



Handling adversity



By Rev. Tim Burton

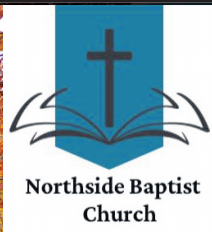
We live in a world affected by the curse of sin. As a result of sin’s negative intrusion into our lives, there are times when we must face adversity. It can be sickness, death, job loss, financial struggles, family issues, and the list goes on. There is a misunderstanding that just because a person is a child of God that no adversity will come their way. Such teaching is false. When you read through the Bible, you will discover the people of God having to face adverse situations from time to time.

One example of facing an adverse situation is found in Acts 27. Paul is being sent to Rome as a prisoner. Boarding a huge ship, Paul and the other passengers set sail for what he hopes to be a trouble-free trip. However, soon after setting sail, they face a huge storm. The storm is so destructive that eventually the ship is completely destroyed.

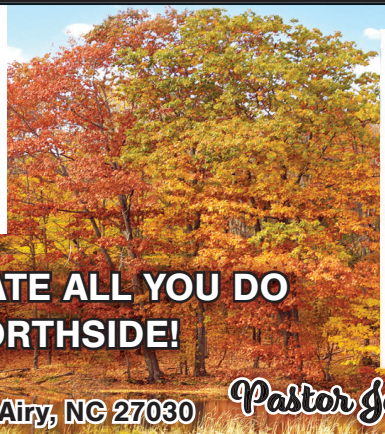
Thankfully, though, all the passengers arrive safely to shore at an island called Malta.

The storm is representative of the times in our lives when we face adversity that seems destructive. One truth we need to remember when storms arise, God is still in control, and He never loses anyone who belongs to Him. I want to share with you five practices from this text that we need to engage in or follow when we face adversity.

We need to practice prayer. In verse 21 Paul goes away by himself for a while. When he returns, he has a word from the Lord. When we face adverse situations, we need to get alone with the Lord. We must not do all the talking but allow the Lord to speak to us. We need to listen for His voice though the Bible or that still small voice of the Holy Spirit down in our heart and soul. His words will be words whereby we can find comfort, peace



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We truly Thank God for our Shephard Pastor Alvin, for his humbleness as a servant as he guides us on this journey. His willingness to give of himself as he always goes above and beyond, not only for his family, but his congregation, community, and anyone or anywhere there is a need.

Thank you for your dedication and service not only to God but to us!

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and instruction in how to handle the situation. Prayers will truly make a difference in how we deal with adversity.

We need to practice trusting God’s promises. In verse 23 God had spoken to Paul and assured him that all would be safe. In the Bible the Lord has given us so many promises. We can know God’s promises to be trustworthy, because His Word tells us in 1 Kings 8:56 that not one word of His promises has ever failed. When we face adversity, we can know that “He will not leave us” and “that He will go before us.” We can take comfort in knowing that just as Jesus promised Peter in Luke 22:32, “He has prayed for us”. So, we need to practice trusting the promises of the Lord.

We need to practice patience. When you read this story in Acts the sailors wanted to take some action on their own. They began to loose the lifeboat in verse 30 and were preparing to slip away on their own. Paul said to the captain, “Tell these men if they do this, they are not promised safety.” I know that when storms of adversity arise in our lives, we have the tendency to take matters into our own hands and try to handle the situation in our way. What we need to do is practice waiting on the Lord to provide the solution His way and to reveal to us the action He wants us to follow. I know it is difficult, but when adversity visits us, wait for the Lord to provide directions.

We must practice performance. I know this may sound like a contradiction, but often when adversity comes, we sit down on the Lord.

We must know there is time to wait and there is time for action. When God reveals to us His action plan in times of adversity, we need to obey. If you notice in verses 32 and 38 the men “cut the ropes” and threw their cargo overboard to lighten the ship. They did what they knew they had to do.

When adversity comes, be patient, but when God reveals a plan of action, get busy and obey Him.

We need to practice praise. We read in verse 44 that after the ship blew apart all the people made it safely to shore just as the Lord had promised. I believe Paul gave praise to the Lord. When the waves of adversity are swirling all around us, the Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5: 18 that we should praise God “in all things.” “In all things” means that, while no one desires to go through a storm, we can give praise for the Lord’s presence, promises, and provisions even amid the storm. There is a song that says, “Even in the valley, God is good.” I am truly thankful that even when the storms of adversity blow into our lives God is still on the throne, and that is a truth for which we can give praise. Even in adverse times God is still good and He deserves our praise.

When storms come into our lives, I encourage us to follow these practices which will help us handle the adversity.

Rev. Tim Burton is pastor at Flippin Memorial Baptist Church

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“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
Matthew 11:29

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Highland Park is very blessed to have not one, not two, but three awesome Pastors! We are so thankful that God has sent each of these men (along with their lovely families) to minister to us. All three are extraordinary men of faith, and because of their leadership, service, and dedication to God, our congregation is encouraged to grow in our daily walk with Christ and share the love of Jesus Christ with others. These men of great compassion are clearly devoted to their roles in ministry. As we continue to grow in number, it is due to the efforts of our Pastors that we remain a close-knit fellowship of believers. If you are looking for a church where you can hear the Bible clearly explained, interact with people who truly care about others, and grow in your own walk with Christ, then we invite you to come worship with us!

Thank You, Father, for these MEN OF GOD and their precious families! We love you and your families, and pray every day for God’s blessings on all of your lives!

The Overcomers

By George Randall Jr.

Do you have what it takes to be one of the Overcomers? It's a Bible term that means to win the fight, to be victorious in the war; you know, the battle of good versus evil. Of course, everything depends on which side you're on; The Lord's side, or the enemy's side.

I am one of many of the sci-fi fantasy novel, movie, and comic book fans, who loves to fly along on a thrilling adventure, confronting the bad guys, fighting valiantly to save the world from oblivion, and celebrating the victory once everyone is safe from the monsters of darkness. Yes, I love that Superman always upholds justice, and defends the weak. I love how Captain America tries to convince the baddie to turn over a new leaf, and join the good guys; and too how Cap gets knocked down, but he never stays down. I love how the Hobbit shows the immense value of humbleness, friendship, teamwork, and putting the welfare of others before self. I even like to picture myself as a hero of sorts, alike to Saint George; ready to stand and fight for the souls of those around me, staying engaged in opposing the Dragon who wants to devour them. There's so many great and inspiring tales, stories and narrative to challenge our inner hero; to do the right thing, and to live for the good of others, and to shine forth for the glory of God our Father; to be over-comers!

Ultimately, Jesus Christ is the "Greatest Hero Of All," because in true reality He is the Savior of the World; specifically of every person's soul who places their forever trust in Him. There is a war waging even now for the souls of each person on this planet. This is a dangerous world. It sucks people in every day, with sexual temptations, drug addictions, drunkenness, pride, and many other traps to prevent people from coming to the Light. Jesus has provided salvation through His self-sacrifice and His resurrection power over death, and if we are in Him, we are safe.

Yes, there is so much anger and violence, war and sorrow, it's enough to

cause fear, and take away your peace of mind. However, in Christ we are given all we need to make it through to the other side; Heaven with Him. John 16:24-33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." He has never been defeated, and is far greater than any enemy we will ever face. There is the super-natural, all-powerful help of God on your side, when you belong to Him. I have learned through experience, that it is not within my power to be an over-comer, I can't do it on my own, and neither can you. Think on I John 5:4-5, "For whoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith (in Him). Who is he (or she) that overcomes the world; he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

It may not be visible to the human eye, but there is a spiritual battle, and we must be awake, on guard, empowered, armor-clad and weaponized in order to overcome. Our empowerment and much of our armor comes from the Holy Spirit of God, dwelling in us, flowing through us and around us. II Peter 1:3, "According as His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain into life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue". See Mark 1:8 & John 7:39, "this he spake of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive", John 14:16-18, "that He may abide with you for ever... He dwells with you, and shall be in you", Acts 1:8, "you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you", and Acts 5:32, "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Ghost, Whom God has given to them that obey Him."

There's also a great Scripture to have as your defense and battle plan; it is Ephesians 6:10-18, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore take unto you the whole Armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand, having your loins girded



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Pastor **Bobby Norman**
CFG would like to let him know how much he is loved and appreciated for his service and for bringing God's Word and seeking God's direction for the church.

Colossians 3:23 - 3:24

And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

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Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
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Rev. Tracey Collins & Joyce Collins

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Preaching, Teaching and Reaching

To our Pastor Tracey Collins and his wife, Joyce

You are truly a blessing to our Church family. You're always there to support us during life events large and small. We can always count on your love and steady counsel rooted in God's word. We thank God for your service and dedication.

Our prayer is that you and your family feel as loved and cherished by us as you make us feel. Thank you, Pastor Tracey and Joyce for sharing your family and for showing us God's love.

Service Times:

Sunday School 9 am;
Worship Service 10 am;
Wednesday Bible Study
& Youth Bibles Study 7pm

with Truth, and having on the Breastplate of Righteousness; and your feed shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (and sharper than any two-edged sword, Heb.4:12). Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” Yes, prayer “without ceasing” a continual open line with our God, our power source. One of our best postures for battle is with knees bent and head bowed. Prayer is very much necessary!

Just this past week, a beloved friend and mentor to many, has fought the good fight, and departed this world for the realms of glory. Ken’s favorite



verse to quote to us was Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Here’s a bonus read, Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26, & 3:5, 12, 21, & 21:7, “To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” “He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.” If you’ll read the last chapter of the Book you will see; WE WIN! Be a hero, save and rescue others by leading them to the Savior. Through the Almighty God of the Universe, and His provided armor and arms, battle plans and empowerment, we have all we need to be over-comers.

George Randall Jr. is the minister to youth at Rocky Ford Christian Church in Cana, Virginia.



Thank You Preacher Bill

Preacher Bill came to know the Lord in July 1965. Shortly thereafter, he began his preaching ministry, coming to Little Mountain Baptist Church in April of 1978. For the last 47 years he has faithfully led our church, preaching the Word of God. Under his ministry, 31 other preachers have begun their ministries. There are not enough words to say how much we love and appreciate Preacher Bill.



Rev. Bill Watson, Pastor
Little Mountain Baptist Church

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We Love and Appreciate Our Pastor Jason and His Wife Sister Sarah

They have dedicated their lives to the work of the Lord and the church.

We appreciate the stand they take on the KJV Bible, they practice their faith and share it with the entire community.

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Luke 18:27 (KJV) - And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

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Pastor Ken Young

THANK YOU

Bother Ken for being a great Pastor and Friend. Thank you for your dedication and faithfulness for the past 41 years. We Love you and Sister Sue and are praying for you both for wisdom, health and strength.

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

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Sun. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.