

FAITH, TRIALS, & FOCUS

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.

James 1:2-4

Who enjoys tests? Who looks forward to exams?

For some of us, we dread failing, looking foolish, or trying to recall *everything* that we learned. For others of us, we cannot wait to test our knowledge, our skill, our trade in order to *prove* what we learned and put it into practice. When we pass our test or succeed in our trade, we often then strive to learn more, to take more risks, to trust what we have learned. A child may start out with training wheels when learning how to ride a bike. Then, they want mom or dad to hold onto the back of their seat to keep them stable – and you always feel more confident when you know a parent has your back. At some point, the parent stops talking, and lets go of the bike. The child rides on their own for a period of time, realizes mom and dad missing, and may fall. Mom or dad asks, “Do you see how far you rode on your own?” Slowly, the confidence of the child builds until they’re riding up and down the yard, the sidewalk, the street. The task and test are complete – onto the next new skill.

Do we do this in our faith? The word for trials that James uses points to external aspects in everyday life that we have no control over that test our faith. The loss of a loved one, the onset of a disease, a car accident, a new boss, and so on. James tells us to rejoice, because trials produce perseverance, which lead to a perfect and complete character. Through trials, we practice what we preach, teach, and speak. *Then*, faith takes on flesh and we *begin* to walk with Jesus, like Jesus, relying on Him to teach us – through Scripture, prayer, and His body, the church.

Many trials confront members in our body as I write this. Cards of encouragement are sent, prayers are offered up, and people are coming alongside those who need meals, a visit, or chores done. Keep your eyes on the author and perfecter of our faith, Jesus Christ, and continue to strengthen one another. And when the trial is over and faith is lived out, may that person then return and strengthen the body because of what God has done!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Doug

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Youth News

By: Josh Fulmer, Youth Minister

That first sip of apple cider is so refreshing. In my mind, nothing beats the taste. Everyone has their preference of which brand they buy, but I don't discriminate. The sweet autumn beverage that is served either hot or cold is to me what pumpkin spice is to, well, everyone else. It's sweet, delicious, and for me, comforting. When fall comes around, the thing I anticipate most is getting that first mug of hot apple cider on a cool dreary day, or a cool one on a nice sunny afternoon.

Everyone has their "apple cider" in life – that one thing that you can't wait for in a season. Some of you can't wait for college football in the fall. Some love to see the Christmas tree come up in your house. Some love seeing that first bud of the springtime. However, let me ask, what are the things you loathe about a season? The aforementioned pumpkin spice flavoring is one I never truly enjoyed, and found annoying when it is advertised in every store. For some, it's the first snowfall of winter. Others cannot stand their allergies reacting in the springtime, and despise even more the yellow blankets of pollen that cover virtually every vehicle in the tri-state area. Of course, for the high schoolers, it's school in fall that they dread the most.

What if those dreads help us more than the joys though? Is it not true that we learn more through the hard times than we do in the good? And can we not truly enjoy the good times without experiencing the bad? I say this with another thought on my mind: how often do we neglect seeking God in the bad times? I am teaching the teens about "loving God," and the last lesson we had was on prayer. I asked them, "how often do we pray in the bad times? Or, do we turn our backs on God when they come around?" it was a tough question for myself even, as I know the bad times produce the worst human reactions.

Praise God, though, that we have the Holy Spirit, and an understanding that is above human minds. As Isaiah wrote in chapter 55, verses 8-9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Let us rest in Him, who understands abundantly more than us, so that we may gain even a sliver of his understanding. Let His understanding of the tough times be your "cup of apple cider."

As for the teens, we enjoy the series we are going through, as we continue to learn about biblical figures in Sunday school with Moses, Joshua, and Ruth, and learning how to love God through fasting, confession, and fellowship. Next month is the Harvest Festival here at HCOB, which the teens are helping out with! And we anticipate the Alpaca Farm Fundraiser in November, as well as our DC trip later that month.

Pray for us as we ask tough questions of ourselves through biblical understanding, and conviction of the Holy Spirit. Pray also that we can continue in strong relations with the schools as I begin to meet with different schools through the Fellowship of Christians Athletes.

Soli Deo Gloria



Come Join Us for the Harvest Fest!



When: Sunday, October 20th at 4:00 pm

Where: John Naas Hall and outside in the parking lot

Who: Young and Old; All ages are welcome! Friends and family are invited!

What: Kids and adults will have time to participate in various activities such as face painting, crafts, pumpkin painting, pumpkin chucking, and more before enjoying a meal together.

RSVP: Please sign your group up for the event by October 13. Be sure to include the number of people in your group. The signup sheet is located in the Narthex. Contact Emmy (emmy@hempfieldcob.org) or Laura (laura@hempfieldcob.org) with any questions.

October Ministry Schedules

NURSERY

October 6 Peggy Layman & Ivy Davis
October 13 Carolyn Gingrich & Marg Zurin
October 20 Sue Brubaker & Sallie Hoppert
October 27 Betty Cox & Sarah Fisher



WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

October 6 Joel Kettering
October 13 Randy Ziegler
October 20 Janice Haldeman
October 27 Josh Fulmer

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

October 6 Steph Moyer

October 27 Pat Cox



CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

October 6 Sanctuary Choir (10:15)
October 13 Sanctuary Choir (10:15)
October 20 Sanctuary Choir (10:15)
October 27 Sanctuary Choir (10:15)

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

October 6 Dave Bendit
October 13 Ben Johnson
October 20 Dave Bendit
October 27 Doug Howard



SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

October 6 Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong
October 13 Rich & Jamie Bushong
October 20 Dave Schott
October 27 Rich & Jamie Bushong

SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

October 6 Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong
October 13 Matt Markey & Rich Bushong
October 20 Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong
October 27 Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



DEACON GREETERS

October 6 Bonnie Shuss
October 13 Joel Kettering
October 20 Carl Haas
October 27 Suzanne Smith

JNH GREETERS

October 6 Earl & Betty Zimmerman
October 13 Richard & Carolyn Gingrich
October 20 Carl & Lisa Polonchak
October 27 Jeff & Bev Moyer

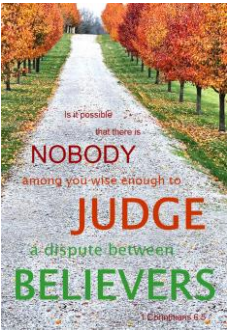


OFFERING TABULATORS

Jim Stauffer, Dwayne Hostetter, Sue Hostetter

Messages in October

October 6



Living to a Different Standard

1 Corinthians 6

Pastor Doug Hinton

In the 6th chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul writes on disputes between believers ending up in court as well as a believer's body being a temple of the Lord. What do these two topics have in common? When we are called out of the world by Jesus, when we decide to follow Him, we choose to live to a different standard than what we find in most of society. We are called to be holy, set apart, different than the ways of this world because our first citizenship belongs in the kingdom of heaven. How does Paul call the Corinthians to live differently in their society? How are we called today? Do we resist being different? Why? What step can we take to model the Kingdom of God in today's society?

October 13



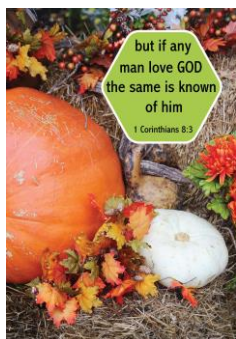
What is Better: Married Life of Single Life?

1 Corinthians 7:1-11, 32-35

Pastor Doug Hinton

What is better: to be married or single? A critique I've heard: churches can put such a great emphasis on marriage/relationships that we neglect/alienate our single brothers and sisters. In a society where the divorce rate is half (yes, even in churches), what can we learn from Paul's teaching here? Can we promote the commitment that a couple needs to carry when married? Can we celebrate the freedom those who are single have in order to serve Christ and His body? Maybe the question is a matter of which is better, but how can we acknowledge, celebrate, and properly teach both? Let's see what Paul has to say.

October 20



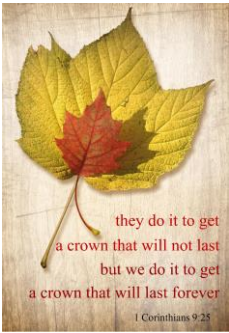
With Freedom Comes Responsibility

1 Corinthians 8

Geoff Davis

One of the questions Paul must have received in his letter from the Corinthian church might have gone like this: "If believers eat meat offered to idols, are they participating in the worship of those idols?" Corinth was the worship center of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love, beauty, pleasure, and passion, and the selling of meat offered at her temple was big business. Paul answers the question by addressing the broader responsibilities of mature believers and how they should help "new" believers. Christ has set us free, but he's also given us responsibilities with that freedom. What are they and what do they mean to us today?

October 27



Chameleon or Compelling Voice

1 Corinthians 9:19-27, Exodus 14:19-22, 1 Corinthians 10:1-10

Laura Meiser

In Chapters 9 and 10 of 1 Corinthians, Paul is giving the early church a blueprint, a heart, for interacting with those in the world around them, that they might share the Gospel. As many teachers and prophets before him, He points back to the experience of the Israelites as they began their journey of salvation. What he suggests and how he modeled relationship with others, especially non-believers, was quite different than the norm and that lead to questions. So, who was God calling the Corinthian church to be? How does that relate to 21st century believers in a world fraught with diversity, disunity and drama?

HCOB Adult Sunday School

- † **THE SEEKERS** class will be starting a video series on 1st, 2nd & 3rd John with Tony Evans doing the teaching. Each of the 8 DVD sessions is about 10-13 minutes long. Please feel free to join the class in the library. We normally get started about 9:10 am. All are welcome, even if you've never joined a Sunday School class or small group before. It is a good way to study the Word of God, get to know people here at HCOB, and to grow while doing life together.
- † **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** class meets in the old youth room (at the end of the hall). We study the international lesson. Our teachers are 5 people from our class who each teach one Sunday a month. Gerrie Hurst and Ruth Johnson are co-chairperson for the class. We enjoy a social activity several times a year. We invite others to come and share in our class at any time. This quarter the studies are God is Faithful, Response to God's Faithfulness and Faith Leads to Holy Living. Scriptures are from both the old and new testaments.

October 6	To Obedience	Leader: Dennis Bushong
October 13	To Blessing	Leader: Butch Nachbar
October 20	To Intercede for Others	Leader: Sue Brubaker
October 27	To seek Mercy and Salvation	Leader: Galen Brumbaugh

HCOB Family News

Ladies Fall Bible Study

We will be using the six-session entitled:

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way

By: Lysa TerKeurst



New York Times bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst unveils her heart amid shattering circumstances and shows readers how to live assured when life doesn't turn out like they expected. What do you do when God's timing seems questionable, His lack of intervention hurtful, and His promises doubtful?

Lysa TerKeurst understands this deeply; but she's also discovered that our disappointments can be the divine appointments our souls need to radically encounter God. In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and, with vulnerability, and honest humor, helps us to:

- Stop being pulled into the anxiety of disappointment by discovering how to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations
- Train ourselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so we can stand strong persevere through unsettling relationships and uncertain outcomes.
- Discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God gives us more than we can handle
- Shift our suspicions that God is cruel or unfair to the biblical assurance that God is protecting and preparing us.
- Know how to encourage a friend and help her navigate hard realities with real help from God's truth.



We are offering a Thursday morning Bible study at 9:00-11:00 am running from September through November on the first and third Thursday of every month. There will also be an evening Bible study at 6:00-7:00 pm running from October 2nd through November 6th. The morning session will be led by Jamie Bushong and the evening session will be led by Cheryl Myers.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP MINISTRY: It's time to help the community! The Outreach Team is sponsoring the Highway Clean-Up on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 am. If you can help please sign-up on the sheet on the narthex table. We'll meet at the Sheetz in Mount Joy along Rt 230 at 9:00 am. We need about 10 people to help out with this project.

Highway Clean Up



MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS who participated in the Wheelchair Walks and Birthday Party at the Brethren Village this year. These events really helped to enrich the lives of the residents.

-Gerrie Hurst & Lois Killian

THE BRETHREN VILLAGE AUXILIARY has been dissolved by a vote from the Auxiliary and has been turned over to Volunteer Services at the Village. An Advisory Committee will keep Wheelchair Walks, Birthday Parties, and the Cookie Sale. As a result, there will no longer be a sponsorship drive in individual COB congregations. We are encouraged to continue to support the Good Samaritan Fund and the Endowment through special offerings and/ or budgeted outreach.

We have been your representatives since 2007 and have appreciated working in your behalf. You have given generous sponsorship donations and volunteered in many other ways. Thank you so much.

-Gerrie Hurst & Lois Killian

COLLEGE STUDENT AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6. If you know of any HCOB family members who are in college or the military, we would like to have their address to send them notes of encouragement and to list them in the annual church directory. Please complete the short form in the tray labeled “College & Military Addresses” in the outer office. Or you can call Doris Wright at 717-898-8296.

October HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	30	1 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	2 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilting Group 6:00 PM Ladies Fall Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	3 9:00 AM Ladies Fall Bible Study 5:00 PM Care of Church Community Team	4 ANE District Conference Josh's Day Off 6:45 PM WORDD Worship: Expressions of Love and Praise	5 ANE District Conference
6 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	7	8 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 12:00 PM Silver Singles 7:00 PM Worship Team	9 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 6:00 PM Ladies Fall Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	10 7:00 PM Education Team	11 Josh's Day Off	12
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For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit

<http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

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