

Stay Strong in the Lord

by Travis Robertson

“If all your friends jumped of a cliff... ..would you jump too?”

How many times did your mom ask you this question growing up? I know my mom asked me a LOT. I soon learned to come up with better reasons for what I wanted to do than, “All my friends are doing it!” But you have to admit, Mom’s logic is sound. Just because a lot of other people do something, it doesn’t make it a good idea. When we see others make mistakes, we should learn from them rather than saying, “I want to go, too!”

In 1 Corinthians 10, Paul points out to the Corinthian church that the evil which befell Israel was given as an example so Christians could learn from Israel’s mistakes. Verse 6 of that chapter says, “Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.” In this chapter we also read about how God delivered Israel from Egypt and how most of the Israelites rebelled and displeased God. We read about the sins they committed and the destruction they suffered as a result. After all of that, Paul says in verse 12, “Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”

Through the sacrifice of Christ, we have been delivered from sin, and now we are to live righteously (Romans 6:17-18). We must be careful not to get arrogant in our salvation and fall into sin like Israel did. The good news is that God won’t let us be tempted more than we can handle. God doesn’t make rules that are impossible to keep. He always provides a way for us to escape sin and do the right thing (1 Corinthians 10:13). One of the best ways I have found to escape sin is to do a good work for Christ in lieu of the evil with which I am tempted. You remember the saying, “Idle hands are the devil’s workshop.” We should take a few minutes each day to ask God to help us recognize temptation and find those avenues to escape sin. We won’t be able to overcome temptation if we don’t see it coming, and we won’t be able to take the escape route if we don’t know what it looks like or where to look for it. Jesus when teaching the disciples to pray and giving us an example prayed, “lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil” (Matthew 6:13).

The ancient nation of Israel has provided us with an example of how even God’s people can slip into sin and fall away. The question is, will we learn from that example and avoid their mistakes, or will we blindly follow them and jump off a cliff to our destruction?

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NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

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Prayers *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Butts & Edie Sumner Let's keep them in our prayers as they deal with health issues.

Bruce Brink is asking for prayers for a thyroid ultrasound in the next few weeks.

Ruby Taylor, a lifelong friend of Bev McArthur, was admitted to Sisters Hospital and is being treated for double pneumonia. Please pray that she will respond to the treatments.

Michelle Phillips, Louella Hopkins' daughter in law, is sick with the flu.

Diane Alvarez, age 67 and a friend of Louella Hopkins, has macular degeneration and is hoping to be able to take advantage of a new procedure being done in Pittsburg, PA.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Also

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time. (Scott Forney, Robert Horrace)

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Mar. 09 Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

Mar. 16 Ladie's Day at Horseheads church of Christ. See posting.

Mar. 17 Men's Business Meeting

Mar. 24 Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus - here - 6 PM

Mar. 31 Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Amherst church of Christ

Greetings Sharron Gantt sends her well wishes to everyone here.

March Birthdays

- 04 Kent Blakelock
- 04 Marjorie Reed
- 07 Edie Sumner
- 11 Logan Bennett
- 13 Kassandra Kern
- 22 Sonny Stine
- 22 Sharon Wheeler
- 27 David Alcorn



March Anniversaries

- 09 Kent & Phyllis Blakelock
- 17 Sonny & Linda Stine



2 Timothy 2:15

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

Sermon Topic Today: Being Crushed

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:7-10

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1st Kings

Serving Today

Announcements Ray McArthur

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Mark Dailey

Serve Ray McArthur

Serve Michael Rice

Serve Ron Cameron

Clean Trays Kris Kinney



A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out Thursday morning to prepare the latest issue of House to House / Heart to Heart. Your loving and servant hearts are appreciated. The new issue was mailed to 1,034 homes in the LaSalle community. Make sure you pick up a copy – take 2 or 3. Give one to your neighbor or share a copy with your children, and then most importantly, pray for their hearts to be open to God's Word.

Notice:

There is a signup sheet posted in the back for those whose wish to receive the bulletin in their email in the form of a .pdf file. If you already receive the bulletin in your email you do not have to add your name again.

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Life-Giving Blood

The World Health Organization reports that Ebola virus disease (EVD) is a severe, often fatal illness in humans. The virus is transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human-to-human transmission.

Caregivers working in West Africa contracted the virus. One case of an American aid worker catching the virus is Dr. Rick Sacra. Sacra, fifty-one, treated patients on and off in Liberia for fifteen years. Last August, he returned to the capital, Monrovia, to deliver babies. Somehow he contracted the Ebola virus. Sacra was flown to Omaha, Nebraska, and given blood plasma from another American aid worker, Dr. Kent Brantly, who had recovered from Ebola.

Michaeleen Doucleff reports, "Brantly was treated for Ebola at a hospital in Atlanta back in August. Doctors gave him and his coworker, Nancy Writebol, the experimental drug ZMapp. Both of them recovered from Ebola. But it still isn't known [for certain] whether ZMapp helped them . . . The idea is that Brantly's blood contains Ebola antibodies, which could help Sacra's immune system fight off the virus."

Isn't it wonderful? A physician gave some of his blood to help save the life of another physician. Consider that sin is deadly (Romans 6:23), and unless a remedy is supplied, it leads to eternal death (Matthew 7:13-14). A remedy is available to all who will accept it. Another physician—the Great Physician, Jesus—gave His blood to save us from sin (Ephesians 1:7). Have you been treated? —David A. Sargent