

## FRANTIC? OR FAITHFUL?

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When Elijah fled from the threats of Jezebel, he was asking God to take his life (I Kings 19:4). The Lord then led Elijah to Mount Horeb (Sinai), where Elijah confessed to the Lord that he was the only prophet left. All the others had been killed (I Kings 19:10).

Even though Elijah had just been given an immense victory over Jezebel and her prophets, in a matter of days he thought the battle was lost. His world had seemed to turn upside down, but God was not finished. He had plans to finish this particular battle, and Elijah was a key player.

We, too, can observe the world around us, and become frantic due to all the chaos and upheaval, but we need to remain faithful. Men will always cause problems on this earth, but God is steadfast, immovable. Jesus said, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). Don't become frantic. Be faithful. The Lord knows what He is doing.

## Comfort

Glen Elliott church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

Our God is the God of all comfort. That is an encouraging thought, especially in times of heartache and loss. God cares and comforts—providing more than a bit of comfort—supplying, instead, all comfort. Where would we be without the Lord?

Comfort derives from two Latin words meaning, “with strength.” The Greek word translated comfort means “to come alongside to help.” Jesus used this word to refer to the Holy Spirit whom Jesus called the “Comforter” or “Helper” (Jn. 14-16). In as much as Jesus promised that the Father would send another Comforter (ἄλλος, another of the same kind, Jn. 14:16), we now enjoy the presence of three Comforters—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Who says that our faith is not a resource of great strength?

If we are willing to look for it, there is always purpose to suffering. Paul spoke of one such purpose when he said that the comfort of the Lord enables us to comfort others who are going through similar circumstances (2 Cor. 1:4). Suffering makes us useful, helpful, and able to comfort others also. It is important to know that someone understands how we feel. Jesus is such a person. He “was tempted in that which He suffered” and “is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted” (Hb. 2:18). Christians, likewise, can be a source of help and comfort to others in times of trial and hardship. Paul says that we are to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Rm. 12:15). What can we do to provide help and comfort? We can care (1 Jn. 4:19). We can remember (Hb. 13:3). We can listen (Jas. 1:19). We can accept. And, we can share (Gal 6:2). God provides comfort, but He often does so through loving relationships in the body of Christ. Is there any greater calling than to be a helper, a comforter?

## NEWSLETTER

### May 06, 2018

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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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### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

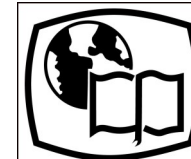
*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.**



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## Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”

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

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

### Updates:

**Butts Sumner** has been dealing with shingles.

**Diane Mellott** and **Barbara Oliver** are both dealing with an eye problem. Let's keep them in our prayers.

**Sherry Carter** had cataract surgery on her second eye Wednesday May 2nd.

**Marissa and Jace Stine.** Let's keep them in our prayers.

**Renee Kinney.** She came home from the hospital on Monday. Let's keep her in our prayers.

**Samantha Mellott,** Diane Mellott's granddaughter, let's keep her in our prayers also.

**Wednesday Rahelich,** George & Peggy Golias' granddaughter, let's keep her in our prayers.

### Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**May 06 Today. Potluck** Groups 4, 5, & 6 to setup and cleanup.

**May 10** House to House / Heart to Heart mailout. See below.

**May 13** Mother's Day

**May 20** Men's Business Meeting

**May 20-23** Marriage Seminar Amherst church of Christ Please see posting.

**May 28** Memorial Day

**Jun. 02** *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* OR *Guess Where You're Going to Dinner* Please see posting.



It's time for another issue of House to House / Heart to Heart to be prepared for mailing to our neighbors.

We will be getting together on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM here at the church building.

We hope to see you there!

### **Attention Members**

Please pick up a copy of the updated “*Directory*” pamphlet on the back table.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

**Sermon Topic Today:** *Strong Willed Corinthians - the church where something is always wrong.*

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Cor. 12:1-13

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel



### **Guess Who's Coming To Dinner**

(or Guess Where You're Going To Dinner)

**Saturday June 2nd 5PM**

Details & Sign-up forms are in the back of the auditorium.

Your form must be turned in to Carol Jones by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

*We hope you will enjoy this great way to get to know one another better.*

### **Congratulations**

to Leonard Amanatey for completing and graduating his Clinical Pastoral Education on Thursday.

### **April Birthdays**

05 Linda Stine      23 Barbara Oliver  
16 Sherry Carter      25 Lilia Henry  
17 Goldie Crow      27 Willow McFarland  
17 Don Henry      28 Noah Bennett

### **April Anniversaries**

None for April.

### **May Birthdays**

05 Doug Flanagan      21 Jim Mellott  
07 Frank Marsden      31 Gail Hetrick  
08 Joyce Flanagan      31 Jace Stine  
12 Leonard Amanatey

### **May Anniversaries**

12 Joan Nair  
31 Matt & Lisa Nichols

### **June Birthdays**

03 Darlene Reed      15 Nancy Schul  
05 Marvis Garrett      26 Tahlia Willis  
09 Butts Sumner      27 Bill Kinney  
09 Candi Butcher      30 Joan Campbell-Cook

### **June Anniversaries**

22 Wayne & Sherry Carter  
24 Ron & Jean Cameron  
24 Ray & Bev McArthur  
30 Butts & Edie Sumner

**Happy Birthday  
and  
Happy Anniversary**

### **Trays Today**

*Wilma Patterson*