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Experiencing God ... Again

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Heb 5:8 “... *Though He (Jesus) was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.*”

The New Testament letter known as Hebrews is one of the most majestic yet mysterious pieces of literature ever penned. While the author is unknown the theme is clear, “JESUS CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY EVERYWHERE FOREVER ... PERIOD.”

Perhaps one of the more mysterious statements recorded in this matchless document is found in chapter 5 verses 7 and 8; it reads (speaking of Jesus) “who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and

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Sunday School Leadership Training

On Saturday June 1 at Cornersburg Baptist Church an association-wide training for Sunday School leaders will be held. The primary leader will be Carlton Berry, the Minister of Discipleship at Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama. He, his wife Shay, and perhaps two additional specialists will lead the workshops. Times for the day will probably be from 9 am to 2:30 pm with breakfast and lunch provided.



Experiencing God ... Again

We have been challenged to draw near to God and experience Him ... again. Some of our churches are going through material by Henry and Richard Blackaby. Already an impact can be seen and heard. One participant said she was overwhelmed with a presence of God and felt He was saying to her that she needs to pray for all of Youngstown. Another person has stated a passion to get on board with the association in a more active way in order to reach northeast Ohio for the Lord. Yet others have stated a desire to be more involved with the association. Among the pastors is a greater and more united passion to seek the Lord and His will in our land. Other upcoming events in this newsletter are a sign that God is up to something big in our midst!

Missions & Ministry

Who's Your One?

Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind **Who's Your One**. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism — what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

In the coming months churches in our association and countless others in the SBC will prioritize personal owner-

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Semiannual Meeting

A very important meeting for our association is coming April 8 at First Baptist Church in Garrettsville (7656 State Rt. 82 in Garrettsville, of course.)



The guest preacher will be Bro. Dan Squezzello, the pastor of Central Baptist Church. Agenda items include responses to *Experiencing God*, future plans for Steel Valley, progress on the Leadership Training, election of officers for next year, and much more.

Dinner is at 6 PM. The meeting starts at 7 PM.

Missions Celebration

How would you like to have SBC appointed missionaries come to your church? Contact Rafael or the Missions and Ministry Team by the semiannual meeting in April. The Fall dates for the OnMission Celebration will be announced in the next Communicator.



Mercy's Open House

Mercy Community Church will host an open house June 9 at 4 PM. Light refreshments will be served. The address of their new location east of YSU is 1321 Lansdowne Blvd, Youngstown, Ohio 44505.



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supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Though Jesus was God manifest in the flesh He surrendered in full, humble submission to the will and the purpose of the Father. Though He was the equal of the Father in nature He was surrendered to the Father in purpose and mission. How much more ought we who are so very "unlike God in nature" be humbled in His presence to learn obedience and thus success in our assigned mission in life. The things that we suffer are divine opportunities to learn humility, obedience and trust in the wisdom of our Father. Thank God for Jesus.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that God gives you faith to trust His Heart when you don't understand His Hand.
- Pray that God gives you the grace to recognize humbling experiences as opportunities for growth.

Sympathy

We express our sympathies to the family of David Gray in the loss of his father.

Saturate USA

Do you remember years ago when Campus Crusade for Christ made a *Jesus* video on VHS and we passed them out to all houses in our neighborhoods? That same video has been duplicated onto DVDs and can be played in one of many languages. A similar video for children comes with multiple languages. A philanthropist has paid for all the expenses of manufacturing & shipping the packages to every house in the US. The only thing left is for Christians to hand deliver them. Will you pray to see if God is leading you (and others) to reach all the houses in your zip code?

For more info contact Rafael Cruz and go to www.saturateusa.org.

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ship of the Great Commission as we each intentionally pursue one person with the hope of the gospel. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for one. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, each of our ones can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom. To plan for this great event go to <http://whosyourone.com/>. At the site you can request a free kit which contains samples and a flash drive with many documents. So go ahead,



Warriors Inc

Hello, I am Wendy Robinson, Warriors Inc.'s Community Ministry Liaison. We are a Nonprofit Organization, located at 2733 Market St. in Youngstown Ohio. We develop youth into tomorrow's leaders. We also coordinate and deliver social services that help other people excel. We promote racial and denominational reconciliation through collaboration.

This is an invitation to collaborate with Warriors Inc. We are hosting our 15th annual "Unity In The Community" Parade and Community Day Celebration. The event will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am, followed by the Community Day Celebration at 11:00 am and Fireworks at 9:30 in the evening. This is a Mahoning Valley event with the primary purpose of bringing together the community and resources. Please review the information about the parade and sponsorship. Consider also how your organization can be best represented, in Warriors Inc.'s 15th annual "Unity In The Community" Parade and Community Day Celebration. Thank you in advance for your time.

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Mississippi Linkage

The Mississippi Revival Linkage with Clarke County sees preachers from down yonder coming up here during the odd numbered years. This year the dates have changed to May 26-29. All pastors or churches seeking to have a Mississippi preacher to speak should contact Phil Cooper at 724-734-1648.

New SVBA church?

Another church has voted to join us and the Southern Baptists! This may be ready to present at the semiannual meeting. Praise the Lord.

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendars for the Park - July 14. Call Mark Parks for more information about this event at Perkins Park in Warren.



Workshops

If you could get quality advice about any area of church life what would you choose? Starting a deacon ministry? Helping addicts? Improving PowerPoint presentations? Legal and counseling advice regarding abuse? Fellowship for pastors' wives?

Submit your requests and we will begin addressing some of these with workshops on Friday, Oct. 18. Some workshops will be led by Dr. Richard Blackaby.

2019 Annual Mtg

Our guest speaker for the 2019 annual meeting at Steel Valley October 19 will be Dr. Richard Blackaby, the oldest son of Henry Blackaby. Richard Blackaby received his MDiv and PhD from Southwestern Seminary and has served as a pastor in Winnipeg, Manitoba and as the president of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary. He now serves as the president of Blackaby Ministries.

