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Perry Hill Road
Bulletin

Golfers are right: the fundamentals Count

"If something goes wrong, it's the fundamentals that go wrong."-Professional Golfer Jack Nicholas.

Not only in golf but in life, it's the fundamentals that go wrong. Job hung on to the fundamentals when he suffered and when his friends told him to "curse God and die" knowing that God was the one fundamental that would see him through. He cried out "I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go. My heart does not reproach any of my day." (Job 27:6)

The apostle Paul wrote, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2) Discussing doctrinal fundamentals he wrote, "Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:1-2) And to emphasize the point he wrote to the Thessalonians, "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil." (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22) Jesus said, "I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have so that no one will take your crown." (Revelation 3:11)

When things in life go wrong, hang on to the fundamentals; when there are doctrinal questions, hang on to the fundamentals; when you are tempted, hang on to the fundamentals and God will see you through.

The lack of respect for the fundamentals is what's wrong with the world, including the world of religion, politics, education and business. A return to fundamentals is always the answer. Jack Nicholas was right.

Bill McDonough

God Knows We Need Some Storms

"If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?" (Hebrews 12:7).

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS, THE DIFFICULTIES IN OUR LIVES ARE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S LOVE. He knows that we need some storms in our lives, and He loves us too much to give us only what we want and never what we need. If we were coddled and protected from ever having to deal with difficulty, the results would be disastrous, as any parent knows who has seen what "spoiling" does to a child.

In a familiar text, James wrote, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience" (James 1:2,3). Hardship is not pleasant, and we shouldn't try to trick our minds into thinking that it is. The point of this text is that the RESULT of hardship is something we can be thankful for. We can "count it all joy" that a particular hardship draws us closer to God, although the pain itself is not joyful.

There is literally nothing that happens in this world that can't be put to good use in some way. Even the things that Satan confronts us with can strengthen us if we deal with them properly. God does not tempt us, of course, but He does allow Satan to do so. Within the limits imposed by God (1 Corinthians 10:13), our adversary is allowed to make life difficult for us. Presumably, God could keep this from happening, but He deems it better for us to deal with the difficulty than to be isolated from it altogether.

So it is naive to EXPECT that life will always be easy. When we encounter serious obstacles on our way to heaven, we shouldn't be surprised. This happens to be a hard world, and godly people aren't going to get through it painlessly. Jesus certainly didn't.

But more than that, we shouldn't WANT life always to be easy. Whatever hardship God sends, or allows to be sent, into our lives, we should embrace the "problem" with GRATITUDE. Paul's example in dealing with his "thorn in the flesh" illustrates this principle. It was a "messenger of Satan" (2 Corinthians 12:7) and not a gift from God. But Paul was grateful for it anyway — BECAUSE OF THE RESULT. "Therefore," Paul wrote, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

"All sunshine makes the desert" (Arabian Proverb).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

Will You Follow Through?

I can still hear the voice of a coach from junior high basketball days: "Follow through on your free throws! Follow your shot!" These two commands and others with similar instruction, sprang from a principle of athletics that says what you do after an action or decision is just as important as the action or decision to begin with. Follow through in arm motion can affect the direction of a shot or pitch. Following a shot may help a player get an important rebound, etc.

Spiritually, the principle of following through is just as vital. God wants us to do something just as surely as we hear and commit to it (James 1:22). And, God wants works that cooperate with our faith (James 2:19-26). So, let us think of some practical ways this principle can be applied in all aspects of our lives, and let's do that by asking some important questions.

Will you follow through by confessing Jesus as our Lord everyday, by the life that you live (Matthew 10:32-33)?

Will you follow through by remaining faithful to your spouse for as long as both live (Matthew 19:6)?

Will you follow through by raising the children God has given you (to train and mold) in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)?

Will you follow through by teaching someone the gospel that was taught to you and resulted in your salvation (Romans 1:16)?

Will you follow through by paying the financial debts that you have accumulated and pledged to pay (Ecclesiastes 5:4,5)?

Will you follow through by giving back to God a rightful portion of that which He has so richly blessed you (2 Corinthians 8:7)?

Will you follow through by preparing yourself to be able to answer anyone who asks you a reason of your hope (1 Peter 3:15)?

Will you follow through by being a friend at all times and encouraging your brothers and sisters (Proverbs 17:17; Romans 12:15)?

Will you follow through by praying to God regularly (1 Thessalonians 5:17)?

Will you follow through by being willing to die for God's cause (Revelation 2:10; 12:11)?

Well...Will you?

Peggy White... Recovering from Surgery. She is currently in Health South on Narrow Lane Rd. Room 305

Helen Darnell... Please keep in your prayers as she is still experiencing extreme pain in her legs.

Amy Hall Baswell.... Please keep Amy in your prayers as she is battling bone cancer.

Marsha Williamson Starting a new experimental treatment. So far the treatment is working and she is feeling better.

Johnnie Mae White.. Please keep in your prayers as she struggles with her health conditions.

Diane Ferguson (Becky Blake's sister) has kidney problems and Leukemia.

Bonnie May .... Is at UAB battling with infections that are complicated due to her past Kidney transplant. Bonnie is hopefully going home this week.

Leading in Worship

Sunday Morning Worship

Coordinators:	Jim Keith / Bill Knighten
Ushers	Curt Williamson / Jerry Hensley
Announcements:	Rodger Cobia
Scripture:	David Turner
Lead Singing:	Craig Sims
1st Prayer:	John Demas
Preaching:	Marshall McDaniel
Closing Prayer:	Bud Porter
Sound System:	Ragan Ingram
LORD'S Supper Preside	Bob Trefethen

Bread	Cup
Doug Williamson	Daniel Jones
Darrell Puckett	Todd Thayer
Paul Puckett	Danney Watson

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements:	Roger Cobia
Ushers	Curt Williamson / Jerry Hensley
Scripture:	special service
Lead Singing:	special service
1st Prayer:	special service
Preacher	special service
Lord's Supper:	Eric Bradford
Closing Prayer:	Charles Painter
Sound System:	Jim Keith

LORD'S Supper Preparation

10/27 Michele Hensley 11/03 Emily McDaniel
11/10 Vaughn Thayer 11/17 Morgan Thayer

Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers	Mel Ott / Doug Williamson,
Announcements:	Roger Cobia
Lead Singing	James Powell
Opening Prayer	Todd Thayer
Closing Prayer	Paul Puckett
Sound System	Bud Porter

Count Contribution

Kerry Lashlee Ragan Ingram Doug Willimson

To our visitors:

- The people who assemble at Perry Hill Road are simply a group of Christians who belong to Christ and are devoted to serving God.
- Our aim is to glorify God by following the Bible, His inspired word, which is our only guide in worship and service.
- Our commitment is to preach Christ, who is man's only hope for eternal life, and live in such a way so that others may see Christ in us.
- We encourage an open study and discussion of the Scriptures in all our Bible classes and extend to all a sincere welcome.
- Personal studies are available upon request.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

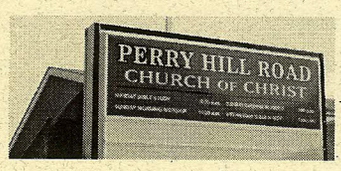
Bible Classes	9 AM
Worship	10 AM
Evening	5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes	7 PM

Attendance

Sunday AM 118
Sunday Class 76
Sunday PM 92
Wednesday 87
Contribution $ 5,675



Care Group #1 Meets This Evening

Care Group #1 Members

Ann Carr
Janie Brewer
John & Gracelyn Cunningham
Helen Darnell
Kathryn Harrison
Jess & Patt Hart
Joyce & Orval Huff
John & Edna Humphries
Bill & Cindy Knighten
Victor & Sandy Morris
Mel Ott
James & Bess Powell
Virginia Simpson
Neal & Barbara Smith
Sam & Carol Smith
G.T. & Helen Stewart
Bob & Katherine Trefethen
David & Brenda Turner
Gloria White
Johnnie Mae White
LaChasta White
Ruth White
John & Betty Williamson