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Faith Cometh By Hearing ***David Hersey***

According to the Bible, "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans_10:17). Many who misunderstand faith believe it is merely a mental acknowledgment of one's belief in Jesus as the Son of God. But God's Word shows that faith is believing and heeding the information God has revealed. Because you believe this information, you are then inclined to follow the instructions that it presents.ear for hearing

Hebrews chapter 11 describes various actions individuals took by faith. When we examine these actions closely, we see that they were following instructions that were provided to them. They received information and then adhered to the instructions that came from it. As a result, they accomplished these acts by faith.

For instance, by faith, Moses forsook Egypt; he was instructed to do so. By faith, he kept the Passover, which he was also told to do. By faith, the Israelites passed through the Red Sea, following instructions they had received. And by faith, the walls of Jericho fell down, as they were told. None of these actions accomplished by faith would have resulted in the blessings they received if they had not heeded God's instructions. God provided them with information that included instructions to be followed. By faith they obeyed.

When you read your Bible and understand that faith refers to the information God has provided, complete with instructions, your understanding of faith will become much clearer. Notice that the gospel was made known to all nations for the obedience of faith (Romans 16:26), indicating that faith includes information accompanied by commandments we are expected to obey.

Building Spiritual Strength

Kevin Cauley

Gavin has been telling me about his strength-building exercises in athletic class. He talks about how they start lifting at a lower weight, do a certain number of repetitions, increase the weight, and continue with the repetitions. They repeat this process until they reach a final, higher weight and then stop. This is the hard part because it requires a great amount of effort. Additionally, to build muscle strength, he must also eat food with lots of protein and carbohydrates. Eating is the easy and fun part. This is a proven method to building physical strength. Bible Muscles

Building spiritual strength occurs in a similar way. Hebrews 5:14 says, "But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." To grow strong spiritually, we must eat some solid spiritual food. This means we must study God's word and wrestle with the spiritual truths that are within it. We must also do some spiritual exercise, or heavy lifting. This means visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, giving to the church, worshiping with the saints, and many other spiritual activities. We do these things on a regular basis so that we can be spiritually strong.

Just like gaining physical strength, gaining spiritual strength requires effort, but it is not easy to make an effort. The word "effort" means "exertion of physical or mental power" or "an earnest or strenuous attempt." The words "exertion," "power," and "strenuous," imply a level of involvement beyond merely spectating. To be spiritually strong, one must get involved and do some work. What will we do this year to make an effort for Christ and grow spiritually stronger? The choice is up to us. Will we remain weak or grow stronger?

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - Marion Thomas

PM - Mel Futrell

Happenings

South Jackson

July 26th

Men's Business Meeting
following AM service

Aug 9th

Pounding Shower for Ian and
Ana Shoemate following
evening services.
Bring items that would stock a
pantry.

Cards to Send

Betty Mosely
52 Auburndale Cove
Jackson, TN 38305

Joyce Pack
1150 Oak Street
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Weekly Record

Bible Class	37/3
AM Worship	78/13
PM Worship	38/4
Wed Bible Study	44/6
Contribution	4097
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

July 19 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Ron Clouse
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Marion Thomas
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Paul Hatcher
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Mel Futrell
Closing Prayer: Ron Clouse
Communion: Paul Hatcher

July 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Devo - Marion Thomas

July 26 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Eddie Anderson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Greg Long

July 29 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM