

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Billy Box  
Servers - Arlen Foss  
Gary Addison  
Eddy Dickinson

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# *When Do I Need To Say Something*



*The  
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Beacon*



**Jesus Knows And Cares**

By Garland Elkins

My good friend Paul Epps, faithful Gospel preacher and an outstanding song writer, has written a marvelous song entitled “Jesus Knows and Cares”. The words are as follows:

When the road is rough and the way is dim,  
Jesus knows, Jesus cares;  
When the darkness comes we can go to him,  
Jesus knows, Jesus cares.

When the heart is sad over one untrue.  
Jesus knows, Jesus cares;  
Go to him in prayer, he will strengthen you  
Jesus knows, Jesus cares.

When you say good-by to your dearest friend,  
Jesus knows, Jesus cares;  
Go to him in prayer, he will strengthen you  
Jesus knows, Jesus cares.

Chorus  
He knows from his throne above;  
He cares with a perfect love!  
Go to Jesus for peace,  
Go to him for rest;  
Jesus knows, Jesus cares.

**Jesus Knows**

The inspired record says that Jesus both knew and saw Nathaniel coming to Him, and that He knew where He was and what He was doing before that time (John 1:45-49). When certain of the scribes criticized Jesus in their hearts, our Lord knew it (Matt. 9:4). Jesus did not need anyone to tell Him what was in man for he already knew (John 2:24-25). To each one of the seven churches (congregations) of Asia Minor,

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Don Lawrence: will have surgery to unblock arteries in his legs September 19<sup>th</sup> please be praying that this surgery will be successful

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Doug Roberts: is in the nursing home in Hamilton recovering from a recent stroke, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Sue Berryhill: has been permanently moved to the nursing home in Guin, please keep her in your prayers

Bobby Sanderson: is scheduled to have heart valve replacement Tuesday (Sep. 18<sup>th</sup>), please pray that the upcoming procedure will be successful and that he will have a quick recovery

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Fellowship Meal	
Today	Bible Bowl {Here}	2:00 pm
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	{Feeding Football Team Breakfast}	

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Deborah Pollard: is currently taking cancer treatments, please pray that these treatments will be successful in defeating her cancer

Larry Harris: has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be taking treatments, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating this cancer

Amy Weeks {Donna’s Niece}: has asked for prayers to help overcome addictions, please pray that she will turn to God for help and strength

Lisa Cotton: will have a tumor removed from her neck which is next to the carotid artery, let us be praying that the surgery will be successful

Jesus said, “I know.” Let us always remember, “And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Heb. 4:13).

**Jesus Cares**

When faced with the multitudinous problems, difficulties, and trials of life, there would be little comfort in encouragement to us if Jesus did not care. Does He care? Indeed so, for the Hebrew writer stated, “For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 7:25). Paul informs us, “It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (Rom. 8:34). Jesus’ great love for Mary, Martha and Lazarus was publicly demonstrated at the grave of Lazarus (John 11:33-35). Shortly before His death, he wept over rebellious Jerusalem (Matt. 23:37). Peter wrote, “casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you” (1 Pet. 5:7).

**We Need to See The Entire Picture**

The Psalmist wrote, “but as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped” (Psm. 73:2). This is a part of a spiritual biography of a man who struggled and overcame many centuries ago. Multitudes can identify with him but would say, “while he almost failed, I did indeed fall.” What was it that came so near to tripping this man? He had a misconception. He thought that God rewards in this life with material and temporal things for being good. He thought that if God fails to do this that he had not been treated fairly. He also thought that the wicked were in an enviable situation. He was wrong about this, but how did the Psalmist overcome his misconceptions? His misconceptions persisted, “Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end” (Psm. 73:17). He learned that God was for him. In fact, he happily and confidently affirmed, “Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory” (Psm. 73:24).

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## Dealing With Grief and Stress

By Joe E. Galloway

Grief and stress are so common to us all that we can say, with certainty, that each one reading this has experienced some recently. Grief is mental suffering due to bereavement or remorse. It comes when we love loved ones, passions, health and the approval and acceptance of others. It also comes when we are conscience-smitten (see Gen. 44:5). We are sometimes grieved by others not living up to our (or God's) expectations (Gen. 34:7; Neh. 13:7-8). Stress suggests the strain, pressures, and anxiety we feel due to these and other pressures of life.

Although coping with these two human sufferings is often dealt with separately, there are some things common to both:

**1. We must realize that grief and stress are common to all, including those closest to God.** Job's "grief was very great" (Job 2:13). Think of the stress and grief Moses had to deal with in leading stubborn Israel through the wilderness (e.g., read Num. 14). David wrote, "My sorrow is continually before me" (Psm. 38:17). Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 to see what Paul endured. Jesus, Himself, was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," and "it pleased the Lord to...put him to grief" (Isa. 53:3, 10). Surely it will help us with our griefs and stresses to know that the best of people of all ages have succeeded in spite of such problems.

**2. It helps relieve stress to express our grief.** This may be done through talking with others who care. Grief is relieved through crying. Contrary to the "he-man" concept of many that strong men do not cry, the Bible shows that such great men as David and Paul shed tears (2 Sam. 12:22; Acts 20:19, 31). When Jesus "groaned in the spirit, and was troubled," the Bible says "Jesus wept" (John 11:33, 35).

**3. We should deal with grief and stress by leaning on God.** We do this by reading and meditation on His Word, by prayers, and by worshiping with God's people.

God's Word will strengthen the heavyhearted: "My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen me according to thy word" (Psm. 119:28). In prayer we cast all our care on Him, knowing that He cares for us (1 Pet.5:7). Through worship we express our continued commitment and trust in God, come what may. We also receive the encouragement of those of "like precious faith" who care for us. It is tragic that some will stay away from the services of the church in times of grief and stress when being present could be one of their greatest sources of encouragement and strength!

**4. Grief and stress may be relieved by service to others.** In times of intense grief our tendency is to turn inward and to shut others out. This intensifies anxieties and prolongs suffering. If we will reach out to help others, perhaps even encouraging someone who has had the same grief as ourselves, we will find that relief comes more speedily. Paul, although imprisoned unfairly for a long period of time, reached out to others by writing several of his epistles from prison. During "two whole years" confinement in Rome he "received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence" (Acts 28:30-31). This helps explain his rejoicing and contentment, though still in prison (Phil. 2:17; 4:11).

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