

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

As a football game progresses, players may incur injuries. Note how they are helped - often by helping hands from others players. The injured player cannot perform, but must remain still and trust in the strength of another. Leaning on others is the same when you are tempted to despair under spiritual afflictions. God knows your strength and courage have run away: "Be still and know that I am God (Ps.46:10)."

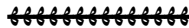


This advice will carry us through trials - particularly in the short term. God often works in mysterious ways. He often uses other vessels to further His cause and to answer prayers.

Recently, I had a discussion with a person struggling with spiritual issues and related episodes of depression and despair. I suggested that this person needed someone to walk along side to bear some burdens, to encourage, and to help develop a strategy for spiritual healing. The ideal person would be one who had experienced comparable tribulations.

We recall Psalms 27:14 - "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Once healing occurs, one can again serve the Lord with joy.

Don Osburn



Fellow brethren of Fairview Road Church of Christ, this is a reminder that as previously stated there will be a meeting very shortly after services today for all members as a follow up to Brother Mike Coghill's visit last weekend. We hope that everyone has been thinking, meditating, and praying about the areas of discussion that were announced. We will have a time of prayer and scripture reading prior to

input from membership concerning three areas of focus. Namely, what is God's will for us concerning:

1. Congregational direction in relation to possible additional ministerial staff?
2. Personal direction of Brother Mike Coghill filling that potential position?
3. Financial need for support of any additional position?

Please come and share in this important time of communication as together we share in discerning God's will and direction for this congregational family concerning this potential opportunity.

May God Bless His Family,

Britt Newby

On behalf of the Elders and the Youth Leadership Team