

# The Haupt's



*Dear Friends and Family,*

As we continue in a revival ministry, we are constantly assured that God has us where He wants us. Even though it has its challenges, we love the ministry of traveling from church to church. As our girls get older, they also are becoming more involved. We are seeing the benefit of this ministry in their lives as well as our own. Over the last couple of years we have learned and are continuing to learn to wait on God. We are learning to be ready and willing to go when God says go and to stay when God says stay. We are learning to leave our hearts and our schedules open to God. As we have said before, during the summer and fall of this year we will not be traveling with the Palmer's. We are thankful and excited about the meetings that we have scheduled during that time. We ask that you would continue to pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Ben, Jennifer, June, and Janelle Haupt*

## *God Resisteth the Proud*

In the book of Obadiah, the God of heaven pronounced judgment on the nation of Edom for her pride and rebellion. Edom had denied the Israelites passage through the mountain channel that belonged to Edom. The nation of Edom also believed that she was superior to all other nations, and that no enemy force could conquer her land. Edom's wealthy economy gave her even more reason to boast of her lofty position. This nation exalted herself above the entire world of that day and time. God said through His prophet Obadiah, "let us rise up against her in battle." The God of heaven moved the nations around Edom to come together and to destroy her. Why would God do such a thing? Because God hates Pride!

The Bible says in James 4:6, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Pride can take many different forms. It can take the form of a boastful spirit as well as a selfish attitude or ambition. The spirit of pride always wants its own way in spite of the interests of others. The spirit of pride is the spirit of self. Self wants to be promoted, self wants to be popular, and self wants to be pampered. I remember one day sitting with a family at their dinner table. We were passing the food, filling our plates, and just talking about the day. Suddenly the man of the house abruptly rebuked his wife because the potatoes were not seasoned to his taste. His wife was certainly embarrassed, but what was even more disturbing was to realize that this kind of out burst was a normal occurrence in their home. A few years later I learned that their marriage had ended in divorce. When any individual buys into the idea that every thing must go

their way, the consequences can be disastrous because God resists the proud, but gives grace unto the humble.

In the book of proverbs God tells us, “Only by pride cometh contention”. This makes it very clear that if there is conflict in the home, in the church, in the workplace, or in any other place that pride is the cause. Many are quick to point the finger at the other party involved. This idea of shifting blame once again promotes and pampers self. The “blame game” will cause even more hardship and heartache. As the tension builds, so does the potential to destroy that relationship. Many times the tearing down of relationships does not happen all at once, it starts with the “little things”. Pride manifests itself in the “little things”. Pride walks out of the room when the wife needs help in the kitchen or needs help with the children. Pride will not make the husbands favorite meal because the wife does not like to cook it. Pride holds grudges and brings up offences of the past. Pride manipulates people and circumstances to get its own way. Pride refuses to admit wrongs and confess sin. It would boggle the mind to imagine the number of decisions that are made in Christian homes and local churches that are the product of man’s reasoning and manipulation rather than the Word of God and prayer. When a man does what he does for his own selfish motives, there will always be contention. God resists the proud and gives grace unto the humble.

Jesus Christ is the greatest example of humility the world will ever know. He is the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. He left the glory and majesty of heaven for thirty-three years to be our Savior. The Creator of the universe had come to die for His creation. That is humility! Jesus Christ paid for the sin of the world, and all that come to Him by faith and humility receive His Grace. Believers who walk in disobedience to the Word of God will certainly experience His chastening hand of resistance. Unbelievers that reject Jesus Christ will be damned to a burning hell forever, because the truth remains; God resists the proud, but gives grace unto the humble.

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| May 18         | Hillside Bible Church    | Mifflinburg, PA   |
| June 22,24,29  | Lifegate Baptist Church  | Bellefonte, PA    |
| July 7-12      | Servant’s Heart Camp     | Elizabethtown, PA |
| July 27-Aug. 2 | Teen Camp                | Mt. Union, PA     |
| Aug. 3-8       | Community Baptist Church | Hixson, TN        |
| Aug.10-15      | Calvary Baptist Church   | Huntingburg, IN   |

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