The source and goal of our perseverance

1 Peter 3:13-22, HBC 90th Anniversary (one service)

There are some things that reflecting on 90 years can bring:

- 1. An awareness that we belong to the Lord, and this is <u>His</u> church.
- 2. A desire to pass the baton to the next generation
- 3. A desire to grow up and mature into the <u>next generation</u> of leaders of the church
- 4. A <u>vision</u> for another 90 years: I pray that by His grace He will sustain us and use us for His glory here in Tupelo, Lee County, and Northeast, MS.

The source of our perseverance is the faithfulness of Christ.

Enmity is defined as "deep-rooted hatred."

Jesus demonstrates faithfulness in his suffering

One of the ways Christians also demonstrate faithfulness to God is <u>suffering</u> for the sake of Jesus.

Looking forward with faith means we embrace the following:

- 1. God has placed Harrisburg here in our city, county, and region for a purpose.
- 2. Harrisburg exists for the good our neighbors and the glory of God.
- 3. To accomplish our purpose we must persevere in an increasingly hostile culture

The goal of our perseverance is <u>Jesus Christ</u>