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How to Respond to the Plans of God

As I finish this series of articles I want to give one more suggestion for responding to the sovereign providence of God. Get to work! After we have done our best to seek to understand the ways of God, after we have determined to let our knowledge of God determine our mindset, and to look toward the future we must get to work. It has been said that we should pray like it is all up to God, and work like it is all up to us. I believe this approach to future plans has a great deal of merit.

Over the last few weeks we have been planning for 2017 at South Gate, and I am so thankful and excited to work here. The elders had 6 meetings last Sunday, and they are doing so much to plan for our future. Joe and I have met to develop our theme and preaching plans for the next year. We have been going through the calendar today to do our best to help God's work to succeed here. While all our plans will only happen if it is God's will, we must do our best to work toward His goals. He wants us to be more like Him. He wants others to know Him. He wants His gospel message to change the world and bring more people to come to Him. We know these things. It is our job to do our best to help this come about. We only plant and water, and He will bring the increase (I Corinthians 3:6). While I don't know every plan God has for South Gate, I am excited that He is in control and we must all do our part to work toward His purposes. To God be the Glory!

John

Refresh Your Memory

II Peter 1:13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of the body,

One of the highest goals that the Apostle Peter had was for Christians to know what God expected of his people. Teaching is a part of every Christian's life. Peter was no exception. As long as he lived, he would proclaim the gospel message. Both of his books were for the purpose of helping the saints to live the life and to know when others were speaking whether they were presenting the truth. Repetition is a key element of teaching. Peter declared that he would refresh their memory. Two verses later he stated, "And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things." Peter hoped that all who listened to him regularly would know God's word long after he was gone.

Knowing what to preach is not always easy to determine. Sometimes it seems that the same thoughts are presented over and over. Ministers are always looking for a new and a fresh idea and yet nothing is more important than driving home the basics of Christianity. This year has been devoted to studying the life of Christ. This is far from a new study but it is so important to regularly study his life. The process of conversion and the elements of worship should be studied often. These concepts should be firmly embedded in our minds. Think seriously about this question: If the Bible were somehow to no longer exist in our society, how much of it would our congregation be able to put back together? Let's teach and teach again. Let's remind and remind and remind ourselves and others about the gospel message.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 240
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - Tests Dec. 15
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Teri Hill - recovering from surgery
- Myrna Jett
- Ed Johnson - recovering from back surgery at home
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Melba Pollard - recovering from surgery
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Barney Roland - MPMC, Rm. 389
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White

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William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Jennifer Coble - friend of Ashlea Bermudez, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers, Polly O'Bryant - Life Care, Rm. 240, Pam Burgett - daughter of Bill & Peggy Jones, Eunice Oliver - Life Care, Rm. 210, Jeanne Nicholson - chemo, JoAnn Posey, Alene Cox, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge & John Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage - Life Care, Rm. 114, Clarence Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea, Evelyn Felker, Ann Graham - NHC Columbia Rm. 106, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 11, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jerry Ballard
 Jerry Barber Terry Burgess
 Danny Lasater Dustin Stutts
 Jason Kelley Jim Anderson
 James Bolton Barrow Brown
 Read: I John 3:1-3.....Boyd Wood
 Sermon: God's Children.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Mike Kinzer
 Read: John 17:9-13.....Blake Daniels
 Sermon: Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Ed Hargrove
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Thomas

Ushers: Jerry Thornton, Chase Thomason, David White
 Greeters: John & Natalie Thomas, John & Debbie Massey
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Addison Elrod, Teri Wilkins
 P.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis

Song LeaderJoe Macer
 Prayer.....Max Ballard
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard