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Plans For The Future!

I am so excited for the future of the Lord's work here at South Gate! The Lord has truly blessed our efforts in 2016, and I hope and pray for an even brighter 2017. The elders, deacons and ministers had a great meeting this last Sunday, and I am thrilled to see all the work that has gone into making us as effective as possible in accomplishing the Lord's work. We have made our plans, and we have prayed for the blessing of God to be upon them. I can't wait to see what God will do through His church in the coming year. I hope you will pray for His blessings to be upon us in the new year. To God be the glory for any good work.

That leads me to a question for each of us to consider today. What plans do you have to be involved in the work of the Lord in 2017? Have you given thought to ways that you can do more for the Lord's work in this world. The new year is a great time to reflect on the past, consider the present, and to make goals for the future. How can you grow in the work of the Lord this coming year? Our theme verse for next year is **Ephesians 4:15** *But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.* How can you grow up in all aspects into Christ? We serve a great Savior who wants to help us to accomplish great things in 2017. Let's all make sure to plan for success, work for his purposes, and pray for His guidance. Our future is bright if we will continue to trust in the Lord and walk in His ways. May God's blessings be upon us as we work to that end.

John

My Grace Is Sufficient

II Corinthians 12:8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

A lesson is often overlooked in the life of the Apostle Paul. Three times Paul asked the Lord to take away his thorn in the flesh. He wanted it removed. He prayed that it would be canceled. He hoped it would disappear. Instead, he was told that he must live with it. This was not the answer that he had prayed and hoped for. God does not have a plan that is absolutely comfortable for each and every human. The circumstances of Paul's life were not perfect. The source of discomfort is not what he wanted. As with any human, he would not have wanted to endure the beatings, imprisonments and the dangers that entered his life. So what is the lesson that is misunderstood - especially in our society?

God's will is not always for us to be healed. God's will is not always for us to avoid suffering. God's will is not always for the money to come flowing in. God's will is not always for us to be happy! What God's will is for us is to be trusting in his grace. We have been taught all of our lives to be self-sufficient. God is saying trust me, I know what is best; I can use you. Paul learned the lesson of relying on God's grace. Few men learn this lesson. Paul experienced overcoming his weaknesses due to God's strength and power. He learned that when he was weak, then he was strong. God used his weaknesses for great things. Life is not all about being happy but instead working within God's will to bring him glory and honor. Let's strive to learn this as well.

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 - MRMC, Rm. 389
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White

Sympathy is extended to Jan Thomason in the death of her uncle Freeman Harris, whose funeral was conducted on Monday

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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 18, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....David Thomas
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jerry Wilson
 Dennis Thomason Jacob Pollard
 Trent Hill Ryan Massey
 Chris Mobley Daniel Thomas
 Greg Grey David Morgan
 Read: Job 19:23-27.....Charlie Willis
 Sermon: My Redeemer Lives.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Trent Thomason
 Prayer.....Nathan Hixson
 Read: John 17:20-26.....Byran Farris
 Sermon: Jesus Prayer for You.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Donnie G. Davis
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Mike Lyle

Ushers: Blair Keeling, Lee Winchester, Tracey Wilkins

Greeters: Jim & Myra Thomas, Bobby & Dana Daniels

Visual: Jerry Thornton, Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. & P.M.—Benny Bolton, Dustin Stutts

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Lisa Kelley, Cecelia Willis
 P.M.....Teresa Lyle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderConner Arnett
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Announcements/Speaker.....Gary Boyd