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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

MAY 30, 2021

Go Ahead and Do It - On Purpose

The importance of a goal and a plan: Have you ever noticed that things can float downstream without even trying, but must give considerable effort to go upstream any distance? A car can coast downhill, but must use gasoline to power itself uphill. If we are not careful, Christians and congregations will live their spiritual life by simply drifting downstream letting chance and circumstances take us where they will. But, to press to higher ground, to gain new spiritual heights every day, to take ourselves to the next level (**Phil. 3:14; 1 Tim. 3:13**), we must do it on purpose.

In spiritual life, it is completely true that if we fail to plan, we plan to fail. God did not decide to save the world on a whim. He purposed it from the foundation of the world (**Ephesians 1:4**). The church was part of His eternal purpose (**Ephesians 3:11**). Even the Old Law and its tabernacle and worship showed the purposeful planning of God as it was the shadow of the real image of New Testament law and worship. And, God did not leave the preaching of the gospel to chance. He gave the tools of inspiration, tongues and other miraculous gifts to assure His work was carried out. He gave the plan of the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**). Boaz purposed to do good toward another and he called it "handfuls of purpose" (**Ruth 2:16**). Daniel determined not to violate the law of God. In **Daniel 1:8** we are told, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank...". The psalmist purposed his words carefully according to **Psalms 17:3** "...I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress." Job purposed not to lust, "I made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I think upon a maid (**Job 31:1**). We are to give as we have purposed in our heart (**2 Corinthians 9:7**)

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Truthfully, there is no part of the Christian life that does not demand purposeful planning. From obeying the plan of salvation to raising our children in the Lord to gaining control of our fleshly desires, reaching toward heaven — it all will only be accomplished on purpose (goal) and with a plan or series of plans.

There are four parts to this process of reaching the next level of spirituality.

- (1) We must remember as we make plans to ask the counsel of the LORD. “If the Lord wills,” should be both our speech and our practice (**James 4:15**). The preacher of old warns us in **Proverbs 15:22**, “Without counsel, purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors, they are established.” We must ask advice of the elderly that are strong in the LORD. We must “Remember the Gibeonites”. In **Joshua 9**, this group of people fooled Joshua into breaking one of the commands of GOD to not make a league with the inhabitants of the land. If Joshua and the other leaders had asked counsel of God they would not have been fooled.
- (2) Clearly define the goal. From “Go, make disciples,” to “be of the same mind and the same judgment” to “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,” we must have the goals clearly defined and understood.
- (3) For each of the goals mentioned in point 2 above, God gave us a plan, method, and resources. The scriptures are full of planners. God was the greatest planner. Let’s walk in His footsteps. For any congregation of the LORD’S church to grow we must make purposeful plans. Personal or congregational purity does not happen by accident. Evangelism does not happen by accident. Spiritual wisdom does not come by accident. What size will our congregation be in 20 years? How are the kids being trained for the eldership or preaching or other service in the kingdom? What verses of scripture will the kids in Bible class have memorized when they turn 18? What Bible material will they have covered? In what way are we purposely solidifying the marriages in our congregation? How well trained are the teachers who are guiding young minds? What sins will you overcome this year? How much of the Bible will you read? What lessons will you study with your children at home? How many souls will you try to save this month? Plan, plan, plan!
- (4) We must follow through. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith” (**2 Tim. 4:7**). Goals without plans are empty. Plans without follow through are fruitless.

Brothers and sisters, like God, let’s become planners and workers of our plans. Have a purposeful life.

~Mike Glenn

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

May 31 - John 12:1-26
June 1 - John 12:27-50
June 2 - John 13:1-20
June 3 - John 14



June 4 - John 14
June 5 - John 15
June 6 - John 16

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kevin Fortner, Shannon Harper, Eddie Manor, Merry Beth, Harold & Juanita Doub, Scott Cranfill, Joseph Campbell, Thurmond Bennett, Boy named Nathan, Bryan Byrd, Bonnie Landreth, Becky Allen, Mary Ellen Dull, HM Latchmenarine, Madelene Holbrook, Kim Matthews, Mandy & Parker Bailey, Jeff Chrysson, Jack Piper, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins, Steve Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Neal Harper will be undergoing a heart procedure on June 3rd. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please pray for Meredith Southern as she goes through testing for her heart.

DC Mock has developed Bronchitis. He is at home and is getting better at this time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Bonnie Landreth continues to have a lot of pain in her right shoulder and will be undergoing surgery next month. It was announced that Bonnie fell down a flight of stairs this past Wednesday and went to the hospital in Clemmons. Thankfully, they did not find any broken bones. Please keep her in your prayers.

Steve Martin is having problems with fluid build up in his lungs again and has an appointment with a doctor on June 1st but will try to get in sooner before pneumonia occurs. Please keep him in your prayers.

Roger Allen is still having severe pain, swelling and inflammation during his recovery at home following his most recent surgery. Please keep him in your prayers. Also, please keep Roger's mother in your prayers. She is having difficulties with getting the right meds for her bipolar disorder.

Lauren Rutherford has a friend "Sandy" who was scheduled to start a new Chemo Treatment for cancer this past Thursday. Please keep her in your prayers. Lauren is requesting that we send cards of encouragement to Sandy and give them to Lauren who will see that she receives them.

Juanita Doub was reported to be back in the hospital with fluid around her heart recently. Please remember her in your prayers.

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY WORSHIP –A.M.	May 23	- 130
SUNDAY WORSHIP –P.M.	May 23	- 93
WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	May 25	- 79

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Reminder: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. there is a Sunday Youth Class that meets in the Annex.

Vacation Bible School

Warners Chapel Vacation Bible School will be held on 5 Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. The Theme: "The Flood". The dates are:

July 14 - "The World"
July 21 - "The Man"
July 28 - "The Ark"
Aug. 4 - "The Animals"
Aug. 11 - "The Flood"

Please begin to think of friends and neighbors you would like to invite to attend our VBS.

WARNERS CHAPEL SINGLE'S GROUP

In spite of the group's name, it is not the elder's intent to single out the group, but to be inclusive by organizing it so that each individual is involved in the work of the church as well as having opportunities to socialize.

There are approximately fifty singles of all ages in the Warners congregation. Twelve attended the group meeting after the AM worship service several weeks ago. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit suggestions concerning how our singles could become a service group in addition to socializing.

Another meeting will be planned for some time in June. Also, an attempt will be made to contact singles not attending the meetings. If you do not wish to be involved, please let David Moore know in the next few weeks. We don't want anyone to be left out, but do not want to pressure anyone either. If you would like to offer suggestions, please contact David at dmoore5@triad.rr.com or call him at (336)575-3107. Your assistance in making this program a success will be greatly appreciated.

For the elders,
David Moore

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

MAY, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR MAY: TIM ALLEN

OPENING PRAYERS FOR MAY:

SUNDAY A.M.

May 2 - D.C. Mock
May 9 - Charley Belch
May 16 - Bob Tesh
May 23 - Wayne Allen
May 30 - Carl Cooper

SUNDAY P.M.

May 2 - David Moore
May 9 - David Queen
May 16 - Steve Tesh
May 23 - Mark Minor
May 30 - Randy Warner

WEDNESDAY

May 5 - Gene Southern
May 12 - Johnny Spillman
May 19 - Clayton Workman
May 26 - Mike Glenn

SECURITY AND GREETING: RJ LANDRY AND JIM HARRISON

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE" at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury