### 2023

#### SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE

### **Solomon's Observations**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

God's
God's total control of the
(Ecc. 1:13; 2:24; 2:26)
Nothing happens without the
of God. (Matt. 10:29; Col. 1:15-16)
<ul> <li>Not everything occurs according to</li> </ul>
(Ecc. 9:11)
• "Time and chance happen to"
God has established a proper to the
universe. (Gen. 8:22)
God has given to man.
(Gen. 1:5; 1:14; Psa. 90:12; Eph. 5:15-16)
"He has made everything
in its time." (Ecc. 3:11)
• All things serve the of God!
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## SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages

6:30 p.m.

## **ELDERS AND STAFF**

#### **Elders**

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### The Elders meet on Sunday morning before services

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# Opportunities to Serve

Bible Hour Shawn B Johnson

ELDER for February LADIES COMMITTEE for February Dale Donaghe Sharon Donaghe





# February 26th 2023

### **Order Of Worship**

Song Leader: Ryan Bliss

Welcome......Dale Donaghe

349 Enter Into His Gates 308 I Have Found A Friend In Jesus

Prayer.....Jerry Hopkins

872 I Am Crucified With Christ

Lord's Supper.....Mike Cottam

438 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Offering......Russell Capshaw

421 Love Lifted Me

Scripture Reading.....Dale Brandt

Morning Service....."Solomon's Observation "
Roy Senior

763 Why Keep Jesus Waiting 610 Take My Hand Precious Lord

Closing Prayer.....Bob Donald

PM Message.....How To Become A Better Person.. @ 5 PM

	WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK
Feb. 26th	Morning Class @ 9:30 AM
	Worship @ 10:30 AM
Mar. 1st	Prayer Service @ 6:30 PM
3rd	National Caregiver Appreciation Day
4th	Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30

### NICE NOTES

We have received several cards back as a result of our Prayer Gram ministry. They are posted in the foyer for all to enjoy!



### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

### SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be the sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

### ~Luke 6:35

### PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- **-Alora Cottam** came forward Sunday morning asking for prayers. She is really struggling with the loss of her son Rick. Please keep her in your prayers.
- -Please keep **Bob & Robin Murray** in your prayers. They missed Wednesday night due to colds & back issues. Also, please keep **Robin's** sister **Kristi** in your prayers as her cancer has returned & she has opted out of further treatments.
- -Please keep **Mike Cottam** in your prayers as he has contracted COVID. Keep **Shannon** in your prayers as well as she cares for him.
- **-Eric & Cheryl Bliss** asked for prayers for **Cheryl & Dave's** dad **Tom** & his ongoing health issues. He had an appointment this past Thursday with a cardiologist. Please keep **Kay** in your prayers as well as the extended family.
- **-Jimmy Williams** asked that we keep his sister **Bari** & her knee pain in prayers. Pray she finds resolution soon.
- -Please keep **Rita Timmons's** sister **Emily** in your prayers. She is dealing with kidney stones & is in a lot of pain.
- **-Sharon Donaghe** asked for prayers for her father, **Robert Summers.** He continues to struggle with health issues.
- **-Ann Thompson** asked for prayers for both **Glenn & Kevin** as they struggle with back issues. **Glenn** is dealing with a foot issue also. She also asked for prayers for **Kevin** as he is due to have shoulder surgery in the future & is seeking a 2nd opinion before locking in. Please keep them all in your prayers.
- **-Jan Hayes** asked for prayers on behalf of her granddaughter **Kara**. Things are very tenuous for her right now. Also, prayers of thanksgiving for **Shawna** as her cold is much better. Praise God!
- -Prayers of thanksgiving for the **Christian movement** happening at the **Asbury University in Kentucky**. The students are bringing God and his principles to the forefront of daily life. God is good!
- -Please continue to keep **Carol Quesnel** & the family in your prayers as adjusts to CCC once again.
- **-Loretta Bower** is still in Pennsylvania making arrangements for her sister's care. She comes home mid-week. Please keep her & the family in your prayers.
- **-Laura Crownover** is traveling back from LA with her sister **Ruth** for a couple of days. **Laura's** sister **Linda** is doing some better & will start PT soon. Please keep the family in your prayers.

#### ENCOURAGING WORDS

### In All Things!

Most of us are familiar with Murphy's Law and have experienced it many times. There are many versions, but the basic notion of Murphy's Law is this: "If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong". Any Saturday mechanic, weekend repairman, or home owning handyman will have to admit that this Murphy, whoever he was, had pretty good insight. Skinned knuckles, stripped threads, broken parts, missing pieces, and malfunctioning equipment are a continuing testimony to the apparent accuracy of Murphy's pessimistic view.

However, there's one realm where this 'law' is clearly not true. Paul wrote, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.* 

(Romans 8:28) This is a wonderful promise, and a great blessing. But note; it is only for "them that love God", and we know that love for God must be demonstrated by humble obedience. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments."

(1 John 5:3) Those who will not fully surrender to Him need not expect this outcome in their lives.

But wait! Are we to believe that the life of a faithful Christian will be all roses, no troubles? No. Paul writes again, *In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,* 

(2 Tim. 3:12). Persecution takes many forms and is never a pleasant thing, but those who serve God are told to expect it. So, how can we reconcile these two statements from Paul?

The answer lies in our perspective; whether we view things temporally or eternally. Only when we are able to see the events of this life in relation to death, judgment, and eternity will we be ready to agree that "all things work together for good". Ultimately, anything that makes us more like God wants us to be — anything that prepares us for a home in heaven — is a good thing!

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