

2023
SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE

Living Life in Purpose

Purpose- the reason for which something exists or is done, made, used, etc.

Alice asked Cheshire Cat, "Would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the cat. "I don't much care where," said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the cat.

1. Living life on purpose
 - a. Proof- you came here this morning.
 - b. Purpose is powerful!
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2. What if we could live life in His purpose?
 - a. Proof- Esther
 - b. Esther 4:11-16
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3. End goal
 - a. Philippians 3:7-14
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SCHEDULE

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| 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

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| Elders | | Deacons | |
| Eric Bliss | (805) 757-6338 | Bob Murray | (805) 717-9150 |
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| <i>The Elders meet on Sunday evenings before services</i> | | | |
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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| Bible Hour Cheryl Bliss |
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| ELDER for Sept. | Eric Bliss |
| LADIES COMMITTEE for Sept. | Cheryl Bliss/ Shelli Donald |



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Order Of Worship

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| Song Leader: Mike Cottam | |
| Welcome..... | Eric Bliss |
| 274 I Have Found A Friend In Jesus 680 There's Not A Friend | |
| Prayer..... | Russell Capshaw |
| 454 Nothing But The Blood | |
| Lord's Supper..... | Dale Donaghe |
| 842 A Common Love | |
| Offering..... | Bob Murray |
| 784 Why Id My Savior Come To Earth | |
| Scripture Reading..... | Shawn Johnson |
| Morning Service..... | "Living Life In Purpose" with David House |
| 745 Where Could I Go 826 I'll Be Listening | |
| Closing Prayer..... | Buzz House |

| WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK | |
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| Sept 3rd | Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Worship @ 10:30 AM Prayer & Song Service @ 5 PM Men's Retreat Concludes Loretta Bower's birthday |
| 4th | Labor Day |
| 6th | Prayer Service @ 6:30 PM Eric Bliss's birthday |
| 8th | Polly Baldwin's birthday |
| 9th | Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM |

MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

The Men's Annual Retreat concludes this morning. Please keep those traveling home in your prayers for safe travels.



SEPTEMBER CALENDARS & THOSE WHO SERVE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Don't compromise yourself.
Your integrity is more important than personal gain.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may abide in Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works rightness, and speaks truth in his heart. ~ Psalm 15:1-2

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- Please keep **Linda Hoefler, Glenn Thompson's** daughter, in your prayers as she was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Please keep **Karen Weldon, Shannon Cottam's** mother, in your prayers as she continues to battle life long issues. Keep **Shannon** & her sister **Cassie** in your prayers as well as this is extremely hard on them.
- Please keep **Shawn B. Johnson** in your prayers as she is dealing with neck issues & feet issues. May the doctors find the cause & get her some relief soon.
- Please keep **Jan Hayes** in your prayers. She recently learned that she has extremely high blood pressure. However, she did get the results from her MRI. Prayers of thanksgiving! All is well, no brain bleed!
- Please keep **Debbie T Nelson** in your prayers. She had a stem cell treatment for her eyes & it seems to be helping.
- Laura Crownover** has a prayer of thanksgiving for her sister **Ruthie**. She was excused from her jury summons for the LA area. Also, remember **Joe** & his cancer treatments as well, that they may go better.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Brenda Horton**. The treatment she received seems to have given her some relief of pain.
- Please continue to keep **Danny Donaghe** in your prayers. He will be up in the bay area a couple more months. Please continue to keep **Dale & Sharon** in your prayers as they travel back & forth to see him as well as look after **Sharon's** dad **Robert**.
- Continued prayers for **Tracy Bower** & her pursuit of a visa to go abroad. Pray all goes well with the many hoops she is jumping through to make this happen.
- Please keep the **preacher in Grover Beach** in your prayers as he recovers from a heart attack. Prayers for his family as well.
- Janice Weidman** would like to thank everyone for the prayer grams she received. She reads them often & is encouraged by their kindness.
- Shelli Donald** would like to offer a big thank you for the prayer grams she received. Such kind words of encouragement.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

Calling All Priests!

The worship and service of God's priests revealed at Mt. Sinai set the stage for a marvelous revelation of the place of priests who serve Him in the New Testament.

For one to be a priest in the Old Testament, he had to be of the tribe of Levi. Men (not women) who served at the temple had to be physically perfect (**Lev. 21:18**). They had to be of certain age, beginning at age thirty and ending at age fifty (**Num. 4:3**).

However, Christianity changed all of that! Every Christian is part of the priesthood. Peter described the church as being "a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (**1 Pet. 2:5**). The church is described as "a kingdom of priests" (**Rev. 1:6**).

We can all be priests—male and female; young and old; from every tribe and even those crippled and infirmed. No longer is worship and service limited to a select few. It includes you and me!

What an honor to be a priest, yet what a responsibility. The primary thing in his life had to be the work he offered as a priest. When it was his appointed time to come before God, nothing else mattered! He prepared himself and then came before God. And yet, how often do we priests of today treat it as a secondary matter. Out of town company, Super Bowl Sundays, recreational activities, favorite TV shows and social events can so easily take us away from honoring Him who has honored us to be His priests. Being a priest is an honor, but it inherently makes us responsible to serve at **all times**.

So, my fellow priest, let's accept the honor and fulfill the responsibility every chance we have. Not just on Sunday mornings, but Sunday and Wednesday nights as well! Nothing can be more important than our priestly duties!

R. Senior