

Blessings

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Patricia and Joe Kent with their grandchildren Briana and Logan.

The most misinterpreted verse about faith in the Bible

by Paul David Tripp

This verse about faith is often misinterpreted.

I enjoy a comfortable, predictable and pleasurable life. How about you? If I could experience a life free from difficulty, pain, inconvenience and struggle...sign me up!

This includes silly, unrealistic wishes, like wanting to drive on roads paid for by other citizens who choose not to use them. Or chocolate at ready reach, without the consequence of weight gain.

It also includes hard-hitting realities: a life-altering illness, a tragic accident, the death of a loved one, the breakdown of a relationship or the collapse of a lifelong dream.

In many ways, these are God-honoring desires. The Creator invented pleasure for us to enjoy, and prior to The Fall, there was no pain, suffering or loss.

But we have to be careful. There's a false theology out there preaching that if you have faith in God, life will go well for you. If you read Romans 8:28 out of context, it makes sense: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good."

To protect our hearts and minds, we have to read Scripture in its proper context, and we also have to use Scripture to interpret Scripture. In its proper context, Romans 8 is discussing "the good" of our spiritual redemption, not our physical comfort. But what I really want to write about today is how Hebrews 11 properly interprets this verse.

At the end of this famous passage about faith, we're presented with a list of Christians who had to endure hardship, suffering and loss: and they were commended for their faith in God.

We must reject a theology that teaches that Christianity is an automatic ticket to a comfortable, predictable, pleasurable, healthy and wealthy life.

That's the easy part, at least intellectually with our mind. What's harder is not judging God in our hearts when he doesn't deliver your definition of "the good life."

We must remember that our vision is sometimes short-sighted, and our desires sometimes selfish. So what God deems as good, we may view as bad.

You see, God never makes a mistake, nor does he ever get a wrong address. He'll do whatever he wants to us and through us to get glory, and to redeem us.

Sometimes redemption will come through tremendous victory. Other times redemption will come through tremendous hardship. Or, a combination of the two.

Whatever season you're in, or whatever unwanted trajectory your life has taken, know this: There's no safer place than to be in God's best plan for your life. What you're experiencing is God's Plan A, even though at times you may want to grade it an F. There is no Plan B.

I love the end of Hebrews 11 because it reminds us that faith in God doesn't always mean comfort and victory, in worldly terms. But it always means you will be given the grace you need to endure.

Best of all, ten thousand years into eternity, the victories and hardship of this life won't compare to the glory that we're experiencing, as fully redeemed children of the King!

—ChurchLeaders.com



Have you noticed the changes at the pastorium? It has gotten a significant face lift with new paint inside and outside along with some much needed repairs, and new flooring will be installed soon.



Congratulations

to Sharon Thompson and Clint Powell who were married July 25.



**It's time to
PRAY
for the
Nominating
Committee**

Perry Fountain, Steven Lamberth, Brenda Lockerman, Jimmy Lockerman, Ansley Scarborough, and Debbie Thompson request your prayers as they seek people to do God's work in and through Byromville Baptist Church for the coming church year. Please pray also that God will lead YOU to volunteer and/or agree to do whatever He is calling you to do.

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your prayers and support to help us reach countless children for Jesus each year! The Mailbox Club reaps significant outcomes with the finances entrusted to them. The following calculations summarize TMC's 2018 ministry.

- ◆3,878,908 students taking lessons in 2018
- ◆1,559,321 salvations reported

Again, thank you for helping make this possible! Please continue to pray for and support our efforts to disciple children around the world.

God bless you,
John Mark Eager
TMC Executive Director



TMC's mission statement is "To win children and young people of the world to Christ, and help nurture them into spiritual maturity through Bible study courses and into local churches. For more information about TMC visit www.mailboxclub.org or read a their 2019 Annual Report attached to the bulletin board across from the nursery.

Part of the offerings received from our children during Wiggler In The Word during the 11am worship each Sunday goes to TMC.

Seasoned Saints leave for Senoia August 10

The church van will pull out at 9:30 a.m. for Senoia and arrive in time for the Seasoned Saints to tour downtown where *Walking Dead* has been filmed. For lunch pick from one of the many eating places on Main Street, however, Nic and Norman's, is rated the highest. As usual, please let Elaine Phelps (433-2035) know if you plan to go.

Remember to remember to
PRAY
for our pastor search!



Birthdays

8-1 Keagan Cavanah
Brooke Thompson
8-2 Sue Thompson
8-3 Julie Humphries
Kim Golden
Jesse Raper
8-4 Alex Blankenship
Marley Collier
Larry Crutchfield
Gage Roney
Tammy Smith
Sharon Powell
Jeffrey Witmer
8-5 Cheryl Foster
8-8 Betty Barrett
Cameron Bodrey
Mendy Bodrey

8-8 Kelly Woodruff
Ed Youngblood
8-9 Brittney Kidd
Dale Raper
Jeremy Wilkes
Brandi Witmer
8-12 Andy Boyd
David Thompson
Garrett Wright
8-13 Abby Dorsett
Paula McKinley
8-14 Daniel Brown
Rhonda Youngblood
8-17 Martha Sellars
8-18 Jeff Overton
8-20 Jeff Lockerman
8-24 Bragan Gambrell

8-24 Ronnie Hatcher
8-26 Paula Pece
8-27 Bob Latimer
Fisher Neal
8-28 Laura Lamberth
Darlene Stephenson
Jeff Witmer
8-29 Daniel Thompson
8-30 Kristi Brunel
9-4 Rusty Wilkes
9-5 Ed Sandefur
9-6 Jamie Gauthier
Terri Gregory

Please pray for these folks
on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10AM
Worship 11AM
Worship 6PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7PM

Nursery for all services.
Children's Church for
Sunday 11AM Worship.

August Volunteers (Please arrange coverage if you are unable to serve on your scheduled day.)				
Date	Nursery AM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Offering Bearers
Aug. 4	Mandy/Paula Smith	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Arthur Roney	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Aug. 11	Mark/Robin Peavy	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Joe Kent	Joe Kent Taylor Willingham
Aug. 18	Sharon Powell Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Jenn/John John Averill	Arthur Roney	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth
Aug. 25	Briana/Tricia Kent	Joanna/Clay Vaughan	Joe Kent	Steven Lamberth George Massey

July Sunday School Stats

Senior adults	4
FBIC	13
CIA	5
Young adults	4
Youth	0
Older children	2
Young children	4
Older preschoolers	4
Younger preschoolers	5
Nursery	1
Other	3
TOTAL	45

June Financial Summary

June receipts

General offerings	12,094.11
Georgia Baptist Children's Homes	520.00
VBS offerirngs	264.63
Mailbox Club/Pregnancy CC offerings.	40.25
TOTAL	12,918.99

June disbursements

General expenses	4,719.93
Georgia Baptist Children's Homes	285.00
The Mailbox Club	135.33
Houston Baptist Association	264.71
Cooperative Program	756.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,161.27

Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	63,032.18	56,880.00	+6,152.18
Disbursements	47,250.02	56,880.00	-9,629.98

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp





Tucker Ellis In Concert August 4 @ 6pm

BBC members, please bring plenty of finger foods for the fellowship time in Saliba Hall after the concert. We hope to have lots of guests.

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