

Editorial Thought...

GOD AS OUR LIFE PARTNER...

*"For this God is our God for ever and ever;
He will be our guide even to the end."*

(Psalm 48:14- NIV)



Daniel Seay

In LIFE, if we doubt that God is truly wise, we will be tempted to despair when things go wrong. On the other hand, understanding God's wisdom helps us to trust Him and be secure in any situation. It leads us to desire Him as our *Life Partner*. Notice some areas where we can see God's wisdom demonstrated, more than qualifying Him to be our *Life Partner*.

Creation – Past and Present

"By wisdom the Lord founded the earth; by understanding He created the heavens". (Proverbs 3:19). From the distant galaxies to the tiniest insect, everything we see is a product of God's perfect design, not random chance. Every area of human knowledge, from mathematics to physics to biology, is just a tiny sliver of God's great wisdom. All of our study in these and other fields is an attempt to discover more of the wonders of His creation. **"The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display His craftsmanship."** (Psalm 19:1)

Some people believe that God created the world, then left us to fend for ourselves. But **Colossians 1:17** says this about Jesus: **"He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together"**. Now that's a GOD with whom you can partner your life.

Human History

If the presence of evil rulers bothers you, think of Pharaoh, who was cruel and oppressive to God's people. Yet, **"For the Scriptures say that God told Pharaoh, 'I have appointed you for the very purpose of displaying My power in you and to spread My fame throughout the earth'."** (Romans 9:17). Yes, even Pharaoh, the wicked oppressor of Israel, was appointed by God to bring glory to Himself. And so it continues with today's kings and kingdoms. God is still in control.

Our Relationship to God

One of the most *"foolish"* things to many people is the idea that God came to earth in human form, and then willingly allowed Himself to be killed for the salvation of all mankind. Yet **1st Corinthians 1:25** says that God's *"foolishness"* is greater than human wisdom. In His infinite wisdom, God sent Jesus to die for all our sins. All God's children should take great comfort from this. Those who have not yet decided to follow Him should realize that His plan of salvation, strange or even foolish as it may seem, is true and is intended for them – for all of us. We each need to humbly accept that God is infinitely great and wise, and seek to make Him our *Life's Partner*. Today, make God your *Life Partner* and enjoy a more *Spiritual* 2016. Anything else would just be foolishness.

News And Notes

Our Prayer List

Rob Harris, Susie Moore, Austin Clark, Gwen Gann, LouAnn Gann, Josh Wallace, Josh Werner, Billye Werner, June Brant, Donna Spader, Alice Jones, Diana Nordin, Peggy Tucker's granddaughter Ashley Kiister, Jeannette Pope, Betsy Pippin, Our Elected Officials and all World Leaders.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."
[James 5:16b]

Statistics

For The Week Of January 24th, 2016

Sun3ay Class	10
Sunday AM	18
Sunday PM	dnm
Wednesday PM	6
Contribution	\$622.00
YTD Budget (4 x \$735)	\$2940.00
Difference Year-To-Date	-\$477.00
Savings Account Balance	\$2,027.69

2nd Corinthians 9:12 – 'Your generosity is doing great things'

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday: Alice Jones (19)

Anniversaries: Edgett (12), A-McCollam (23)

COMING EVENTS

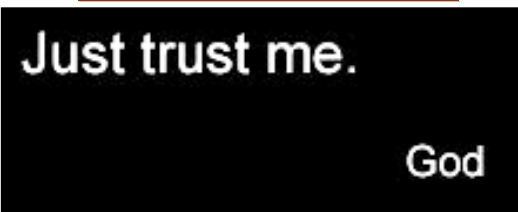
February Fellowship – February 13th, 2016

- 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Room –

- No 1pm Service On February 14th -

Let's Replenish Our Pantry

- Let's Be Ready For The Next Children's Home -



"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord Himself, is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation." - Isaiah 12:2 (NIV)

Agenda For Sunday, January 31st, 2016

Theme:

START WITH GOD

Today's Topic:

"Life Partners"

AM Class: *Christian Responsibility*
Teacher: Chase Harris / *In The Blue Room*

10:30 am: **Make God Your Life Partner**

Text: 2nd Corinthians 6:14-18

1 pm: - **Devotional**

- Text: Amos 6:1-7

Wed. 7pm: *Class Study*

Wade McCallie, Teaching

Special Prayer Requests

Pray Special And Specific Intercessory Prayers For:

June Brant	Gwen Gann
Jeannette Pope	Alice Jones
Diana Nordin	Allen Sullivan
Billye Werner	Tim & Chandra Stebbins
Janice Seay	Earline Henson
Chris Folster	Roy Bays
Ann Davidson	Paul Apprill
Willie Whitaker	Jozie Thompson
Josh Werner	Jeanie McDonald
Susie Moore	Vickie McCallie

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jozie Thompson needs your specific, heart-felt prayers for a miracle recovery. His condition is grave. His wife Christina is distraught and needs our prayers, as well.

Also, Peggy Tucker has asked us to pray for her daughter Ashely Kiister's family in the loss of **Ron Kiister** (age 47) due to cancer. Pray for God to comfort this family.

Also, Wade McCallie has asked for prayer for **Seth Evans**, 22 year old son of Brenda Evans. Seth has an illness that appears to be terminal. He and Brenda will be at the Mayo Clinic this week to seek answers. Pray for the Evans family.