

Editorial Thought...

How To Embrace God...

“Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I’ve dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by Him.” (Philippians 3:8)

It is interesting to note that if we are to be relevant and successful in this life for Jesus, then we have to make the decision to follow God and surrender all of our lives to Him.

How do we do that, you ask? Excellent question; let me take a stab at an explanation.

When you want to get to a particular location that is unknown to you (let’s say, for example, you want to get somewhere in Kansas City that you’ve never been to before), you have to follow certain directions to get there. Some people like to use a GPS Navigation System which will tell them roads and turns to take. They can not create their own roadmap to get there. They can not say, *“Well, let’s see. The GPS says to make a left turn but I’m going to make a right turn instead”*. Will they get to their destination? Probably not. They need to **obey** the directions given to them or they will never get to where they are wanting to go.

They also have to **trust** their GPS. They can not say, *“I’m not going to trust this GPS. It’s taking me in the wrong direction. I’ll do it my way”*. They may try and rely on themselves, but the likelihood is that they will never get to where they are wanting to go. They may have doubts about the GPS, but it is important that they learn to **trust** it and **surrender** to its will.

It’s the same thing with God. Either we follow God’s plan for our lives and embrace His GPS direction for our lives or we will never get to the place where we want to be with God. Our need is to **embrace God’s roadmap** for our life. If we feel that He wants us to do something, then we need to do it. If He doesn’t want us to do something, then we need to avoid doing that. We are also in need of learning to **trust** the guidebook God has provided. The Word of God must become our Spiritual GPS. We must remember that, in the same way that we are not the GPS system, God is God and we are not even close to being Him. We might not see the *“how to get there”* on His GPS, but we **trust** in it through faith that it will lead us to where we need to go. And guess what! We will get there. We might not always see God’s whole picture for our life perfectly and clearly, but we **trust** Him to get us there. That trust is cognitive (of the mind), not emotional. We *understand* something of God and *trust* in Him.

We might say, *“It’s hard to find that kind of faith and trust. I’m afraid that it might not work the way I want it to”*. I know it’s hard, but we need to learn to let go. Simply let go and let God lead. *“Let Go! and Let God!”*, as the saying goes.

When we do that, everything will work out according to His plan. When we *trust* Him completely, our life’s plan (mission) is played out as it should be – in honor and glorification of Him. As always, God has our best interest in mind in all things and at all times. **Let GOD.**



Daniel Seay

News And Notes

Our Prayer List

Rob Harris, Family of Bud Daniel, Austin Clark, Gwen Gann, LouAnn Gann, Josh Wallace, Josh Werner, Billye Werner, June Brant, Donna Spader, Alice Jones, Daker Elessor Diana Nordin, Dick Cox, Barbara Shank, Gary Scoggins, Andy Huffman, Jeannette Pope, Betsy Pippin, The Moore family 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 July 19th, 2015

Sun3ay Class	14
Sunday AM	25
Sunday PM	8
Wednesday PM	6
Contribution	\$565.00
YTD Budget (29)	\$21,315.00
Difference Year-To-Date	-\$779.85
Savings Account Balance	\$3,027.69

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday: Wesley Beard (1), Richard Hoose (12)
Anniversary: -None

COMING EVENTS

Next Fellowship Lunch – August 16th @ 1pm

- This Will Be A Part Of Our Planning Weekend -

Annual Kickoff Sunday: September 13th

- New Classes And Monthly Themes Begin -

- Fellowship Lunch At Noon -

PLEASE MARK AUGUST 16TH

Please mark August 16th on your calendars now for our 12th Annual Planning Day. We will introduce the Yearly Theme for 2015-16 along with Themes for each Month of the year. There will be a fellowship lunch at noon to celebrate our work for the Lord.

ANNUAL KICKOFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2015

MARK THIS DATE!

Agenda For Sunday, July 26th, 2015

Theme:

SEEK WITH ALL YOUR MIND

Today’s Topic:

“How To Embrace God”

AM Class: *“CHURCH ISSUES”* – Moderated By Chase Harris / *In The Blue Room*

10:30 am: **Trust And Obey**

Text: Luke 15:11-32

1 pm: **Take Hold Of God**

Text: Philippians 3:12-16

Wed. 7pm: *Visitation and/or Maintenance Work*
Wade McCallie, Coordinating

Special Prayer Requests

Pray Special And Specific Intercessory Prayers For:

June Brant	Gwen Gann
Jeannette Pope	Ruth Kinnick
Diana Nordin	Allen Sullivan
Billye Werner	Rob Harris
Janice Seay	Andy Huffman
Austin Clark	Roy Bays
Ray and Imogene Hearn	The Family Of Robin Wilson
Rosalyn Boggs	Sophia Cannady
Josh Werner	Jeanie McDonald
Betsy Pippin	Norman Gann family

NEITHER
HEIGHT *nor* depth
nor anything else
in **CREATION**
will be able to
SEPERATE
us from the
Love of God.
-Romans 8:39