

**IT IS FINISHED**



**John 19:30**



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### *Prayer Support Groups*

**Prayer Support**  
Monday, April 4  
6:30 PM at office  
Please Join Us

**River Oaks Church**  
Clemmons, NC  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
at 6:30 pm  
Room #4  
Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

### *Ladies Bible Study*

**Each Tuesday**  
at On Wings Office  
from 12:30 - 2:00

**We are studying**  
**Made to Crave**  
By Lysa Terkeurst



## *What Is Your Purpose in Life?*

And this, so that I may know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers], and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being continually conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did] Phillipians 3:10 Amplified

The key passage is the one I chose for my life verses back in the year 2000. It is no secret to those close to me that God's Word is the most important book in my life. Paul says his determined purpose was to know Him and be more intimately acquainted with Him. He also says he wants to share in Christ's sufferings so as to be conformed to His likeness. We can't really know Him without being in His Word and spending quality time with Him.

Paul was an exhorter which is the spiritual gift I have discovered I fall up under. No wonder I admire Paul so much. His passion was to receive from God and communicate Him to others. Look at 1 Corinthians 11:23. As I reread the attributes of the exhorter it says, "God has designed the exhorter to know him and to make him known, to reveal to the world facets of God's nature that are not seen in other ways". Isn't that exactly what Paul has expressed in his writings to all who read them? His goal is to make God known and it definitely should be our goal as well.

Examine yourself today. What is your purpose in life? What do you live for each day? Retirement, making money, climbing the ladder of success, making a name for yourself, fulfilling your bucket list, or building a dream home? Do you have any goals in life that will have eternal value?

God gives us life for His specific purposes. It is not to make our life easier or more fun filled. Society tells us a different story as they tell us life is for our pleasure, or to have the highest position at our place of employment, to have the newest car or to wear the latest style of clothes.

Read 1 Samuel 16: 6-13. It says the Lord does not look at the things people look at but he looks at our heart. Ask Him to examine your heart. I have Psalm 139:23-24 written on a card and I pray it often. Search me, O God, and know my heart----show me any evil or wicked way and cleanse me. I have found this to be a lifelong need in my life. I pray this passage often.

I believe if we like Paul make it our determined purpose to know God we will discover our purpose. You know He has a plan and purpose for us all because He says it in His Word. If you haven't found your purpose in life, seek Him today and He will show you. It is an amazing journey to walk in His purpose for your life.

- ~ Suggestions to discover His purpose for your life:
- ~ Seek Him in prayer
- ~ Read His Word
- ~ Find out your spiritual gifts and live them out
- ~ What are you passionate about?
- ~ Take a personal retreat with God and journal what He shares with you
- ~ Obey what He tells you step by step.

*~ Sandra*





# Prayer Thoughts

## WILLING TO WAIT

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

James 5:7

Waiting can be a culprit in stealing our peace. According to computer scientist Ramesh Sitaraman, few things "inspire universal frustration and ire" in internet users as waiting for a sluggish web browser to load. His research says that we're willing to wait an average of two seconds for an online video to load. After five seconds, the abandonment rate is about twenty-five percent, and after ten seconds, half of the users desert their efforts. We're certainly an impatient bunch!

James encouraged believers in Jesus to not abandon Him while they were waiting for His second coming. Christ's return would motivate them to stand firm in the face of suffering and to love and honor one another (James 5:7-10). James used the example of the farmer to make his point. Like the farmer, who waited patiently for "autumn and spring rains" (v. 7) and for the land to yield its valuable crop, James encouraged believers to be patient under oppression until Jesus returned. And when He returned, He would right every wrong and bring shalom, peace. Sometimes, we're tempted to forsake Jesus while we wait for Him. But as we wait, let's "keep watch" (Matthew 24:42), remain faithful (25:14-30), and live out His character and ways (Colossians 3:12). Though we don't know when Jesus will return, let's wait patiently for Him, as long as it takes.

Taken From Our Daily Bread March 2022

Kathy's Korner



## April Showers

"As the rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return there without saturating the Earth and making it germinate and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat, so My Word that comes forth from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do."

- Isaiah 55: 10-11

This has long been one of my favorite passages, quickly brought to mind when I see snow and rain.

It is easy to relate to the importance of rain to bring about plant growth. Though we may till the soil and plant the seeds, we are dependent on God to provide the rain to water the Earth and to cause the growth that follows. So it is when we share God's Word with others. We can (and must!) share of God's goodness and speak the Truth of His Word; it is God who will use His Word to accomplish His purposes and His will. He assures us that His Word does not return to Him empty. His Word gives life, and He always accomplishes His plans and His purposes.

I am often comforted in remembering the Bible stories my children heard, the Bible songs they sang and the Scripture verses they (reluctantly) memorized. When they seem to be heading down a wrong path in life, when things seem out of control, I remember with confidence that our faithful God will use His Word, in His timing, to accomplish His will in their hearts and lives

April showers bring May flowers. I trust in the ability of rain to bring forth Spring blooms, and I trust in the Word of God to be active, purposeful, impactful – and to bring forth flourishing life in people.





We were gifted with a covered trailer last month which will allow us to pick up items donated to us and help us take our supplies to the outreaches in the community. Presently, it is loaded with furniture donations for our Women's House which opens in April. What a blessing it is!



Our second resident Jeremy Crawford moved in on March 1st. He has recently accepted Christ as his personal Savior. PLEASE PRAY FOR HIM!



*“Men of Galilee,”*

they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Acts 1:11



# LADIES SPRING RETREAT

## Crossing The Threshold

APRIL 29 - MAY 1

CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER

Speaker Dawn Bray  
Worship Leader Elizabeth Trogdon

THE LORD YOUR GOD IN YOUR MIDST, THE MIGHTY ONE, WILL SAVE;  
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS, HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE,  
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SINGING.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

HE ALSO BROUGHT ME OUT INTO A  
BROAD PLACE. HE DELIVERED ME BECAUSE HE DELIGHTED IN ME.

PSALM 18:19

### THE BAREFOOT MILE

WALK A MILE  
IN SOLIDARITY WITH  
IMPOVERISHED AND  
TRAFFICKED CHILDREN

SATURDAY  
APRIL 2, 2022

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM  
WALK BEGINS AT 10 AM

WINSTON SQUARE PARK  
310 N. Marshall Street  
Winston Salem, NC 27101

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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

BENEFITTING:



He is not here;  
for He is risen,  
as He said.  
Come, see the  
place where the  
Lord lay.

Matthew 28:6

