



### LIFE WITH A PURPOSE

Our life upon this earth is of few days and full of trouble. Some days are the best of times; some days are the worst of times. There are moments that look like the spring of hope; others look like the winter of despair. Through it all we need to live a life with purpose and meaning. We all seek happiness as the world lashes about us.

**Something to Do.** Paul wrote, "...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). Paul says he was pressing toward the mark. He was pressing on with contentment. He had learned in whatsoever state he was in to be content (Phil. 4:11). To be happy in life we all need something to do; we need a mission to fill. Let us stand for the right and not lose sight of our duty to serve the Lord, do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

**Someone to Love.** "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). It brings happiness to love God. We are to love the Lord with all our heart. He first loved us and we should return our love. We also need our family and friends to love. To visit with friends and enjoy good times together brings sunshine into our days.

**Something to Hope For.** "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2). The hope of heaven keeps us going through sickness, pain, disappointment, suffering and hardship. In fact, these present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed. God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes; and there shall be no more death, sorrow, crying, nor pain. On that fair shore we shall serve the Lord with perfect bliss. There we shall be with and know our loved ones whom we have known in our life (1 Thess. 2:19).

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"Begin to weave and God will provide the thread." — German Proverb

### News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** *Sunday:* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. *Wednesday:* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED:** By request of our Elders, for **EVERYONE** in **ALL** of our assemblies regardless of where seated.

**SYMPATHY:** To **Ed Wiersbicki**, his sons, and Peggy Linger & family at the passing of Linda Wiersbicki. Linda was a kind, gentle Christian lady and will certainly be missed. Ed also recently lost his sister, Patricia Weirsbicki -Church. Also to **Scharlotte Jones** at the recent passing of her brother, Leonard Roberts in Florida. May God comfort these families.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Each **Tuesday** at **7:00 p.m.**

**PANTRY:** Pancake mix and syrup.

**PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS:** Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:** **Lori Rowand** (John Sprout's niece), Stage 4 lung cancer. Her address: 305 Bentley Ave., Newell, WV 26050.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** *At Home:* Twila Adamson, Kevin Richmond, Tim Adkins, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Jim & Linda Hall (members at Southern Hills).

### CLASSIFY YOURSELF

The apostle Paul told the Christians at Corinth to "examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith" (2 Cor. 13:5). What sort of Christians are we?

**DEAD CHRISTIANS?** Their activities for the Lord have ceased and are in danger of being overcome again (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

**LUKEWARM CHRISTIANS?** Pride, worldly mindedness, concern for pleasures of this life; riches take too much of their time and thinking, therefore are not fruitful unto God. See Rev. 3:16.

**DEDICATED CHRISTIANS?** Working and bearing fruit. Heaven will assuredly be their home (1 Cor. 15:58)!

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### THE CROSS SPEAKS

According to *Romans 5:6-10*, the cross says:

1. God Had a Plan (5:6)
2. Man is Sinful (5:6)
3. Man Cannot Save Himself (5:6)
4. Man is Condemned (5:9)
5. Man is Separated from God (5:10)
6. God Loves Man (5:8-9)
7. There is Reconciliation Because of Christ (5:10-11)



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