



FAITH NOTES

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Church Family and Friends,

How many times have you heard the phrase, "that (it, he/she) just doesn't make me happy anymore"? Perhaps you have uttered those very words as you sought satisfaction from something or someone that was unable to fulfill that role in your life. We long to be happy, so we seek people and things that help accomplish that goal. Yet over and over again we find that seeking satisfaction in...whatever it may be... most likely will end in disappointment.

Author Paul Tripp writes, In one of the biggest ironies of life, we find that when we give our heart to seeking satisfaction, satisfaction will be the one thing we will never find. Our hearts will never be satisfied in things. If you seek happiness, happiness will elude you. In fact, whenever we name something in creation as the 'thing' that will satisfy, we are really asking that 'thing' to act as our personal savior.

Whether that 'thing' is a spouse, a job, a hobby, a friend, a relationship, an accomplishment, an ideal, a lifestyle...we will ultimately, at some point, be let down by that 'thing'. The spouse doesn't quite live up to the expectation, the job with its perks cannot fulfill your inmost desires, that dream vacation brings momentary bliss but after leaves your heart longing, unfulfilled.

It is true: the physical, created world was designed by God to be glorious and can bring happiness and joy to our lives. There are great things and people numbered among God's special treasures of this earth. But these great things and people are also part of this fallen world. They are full of flaws and failures and yet as great as they can be, they are never able to live up to our inmost expectations. No, all created things are merely signposts that point us to the only glory that will ever satisfy, the only place true and unadulterated happiness can be found. Our hearts will truly only find satisfaction with the Giver of all things. If we will seek God, if our rest is found in Him, if His peace guides your life, if you put your heart in His hands, He will satisfy as nothing else can. We were made by Him and for Him. Our hearts, our joy, our peace are inextricably linked to the One who made us. In Him alone will we find true happiness.

Therefore, any relationship we have, any hobby that drives us, any job that defines us, must be rooted and grounded in our relationship with God before joy can be found in them. All other things must become secondary and complimentary to our Father who is the Giver of life. This is how one can still find joy in the midst of pain, still find peace in the midst of sorrow, still find satisfaction even in failure. My favorite hymn resounds this sentiment, "It is well with my soul".

Is all well with your soul today? Are you happy, satisfied, and at peace? If not, perhaps it is time to re-evaluate where you are seeking your satisfaction from. "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near" (Isa. 55:6) and "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

In Christ,
Rev. Daniel



PRAYER REQUEST

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS

(This list will be purged every two to three weeks, unless indicated otherwise in your prayer request.)

- ♦ Linda Sue Warren
- ♦ Anne Batie
- ♦ Sheila Yarbrough
- ♦ Annette Bissinger
- ♦ Carly Willis
- ♦ Jane Creel
- ♦ David Moyer
- ♦ Barbara Watson
- ♦ David Payne



OUR ASSISTED LIVING

Milton Roe — *Piedmont Health Care Center*
 Ann Corley — *Cherokee Village in Centre, AL*
 Nell Hall — *Alzheimer's Care Home in Gadsden*

NOTE: *This information is current at time of printing. Weekly updates are printed in the Sunday bulletin.*

LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS

- *Jerry & Carol Stombaugh
- *Ginny Acton
- *Michael Moyer
- *Betty Jo Ponce
- *Walter Westbrook
- *Marie Hendricks
- *Charlotte Davis
- *Janice Spivey
- *Elaine Ray
- *Nell Hall
- *Dale Mayo
- *Sonny Brady
- *Larry Gramling
- *Greg & Jennifer Dobbins
- *Aimee Collier
- *Wesley Lyons
- *Ava Gallahair
- *Carson McGraw
- *Wanda Bobo
- *Joanne Kelley



- *Our military personnel, police, fire, and rescue
- *The children & families of The Children's Home



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