

# THE MESSENGER

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"Leading others to know Jesus Christ"

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## Treasuring His Word...

### From the Pastor's Heart:

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but the counsel of the Lord, it will stand" (Proverbs 19:21).

Many thanks go to Bro. Jimmy, the adult choir, the orchestra, and technical crew for such a wonderful expression of our Lord's great sacrifice for us! Certainly, we must remember what He has done on our behalf! As we mentioned following the music, we need to remember His payment (His life), His purchase (us), and His pardon (all our sin)! And we must remember to praise Him, to pursue His holiness, and to plan with His will as our purpose.

Most of us live with various plans in our hearts. We have in mind things in the near future we would like to do, to accomplish, to experience, to complete, and to attain. What generally happens as life unfolds, those plans are changed, or halted, or hindered in some form or fashion. Quite often, our plans do not work out in the way we desired or had in mind. One of the reasons why so many people stay frustrated is that they are building their lives on those very plans they have made, and when those plans fail or are interrupted, they get irritated and disturbed (sometimes embittered or angry).

If you would like a more solid foundation for a life pursuit, one that has certain success, build your life on the counsel of the Lord. When we follow the Lord's way and will, we find that our lives are founded upon that which is eternally firm. Circumstances don't rule us nor ruin us, for we stand on that which abides forever. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

One may ask, "What is the counsel of the Lord?" Well, it is quite often different than what we have in mind. Since His thoughts are not our thoughts, and since His ways are as higher than our ways as the heavens are above the earth (Isaiah 55:8-9), we should never just assume, "God must be thinking the same thing that I am thinking." Spend time seeking His face in all matters by examining the Scriptures in the Bible. His Holy Spirit will speak to your heart if you are open and willing. Being "hard-headed" will only assure you that your plans will end in disappointment. Yield your plans to His! You'll be glad you did!

## Discipleship

Those of you who participated in "Becoming a Disciple-Maker", please turn in your Blue commitment forms so we will know how to connect you in the future with others to take them through "A Call to Joy." Some of you will continue with your one-on-one partner and work through "A Call to Growth". If you did not get to participate, but would like to, please let a staff member know. Some groups may decide to continue together and work through "A Call to Growth". Let me or a staff member know if you need any materials. There are some materials in the back right room of the church library.



Starting Sunday, September 9th  
@ 6:00 p.m. in Room 309

(Children's Sunday School Department) we are inviting any child Kindergarten-5th grade to be a part of our new **PraiseMakerz Children's Choir**. We will be learning about worship and using all of our talents to glorify God in all we do through song, crafts, mission projects and more! If you are interested in helping on a weekly basis, please contact Liv Meany. We will have a meeting Sunday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 309 for all potential workers.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

8:15 A.M. - ORCHESTRA PRACTICE  
9:15 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M. - MORNING WORSHIP  
6:00 P.M. - EVENING SERVICE  
7:00 P.M. - SNAC

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018

5:00 P.M. - FAMILY SUPPER  
5:30 P.M. - AWANA  
5:45 P.M. - PRAYER MEETING  
6:30 P.M. - CHOIR PRACTICE  
6:30 P.M. - E3 STUDENT MINISTRIES

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018

6:30 P.M. - STITCH 'N PRAY



Peace by Piece meet every 1st and 3rd Friday @ 9:00 a.m. in the Campbell Bldg.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK:

BILL MADDOX, JIM PITTS

CHURCH SECURITY:

JUDSON AKIN'S TEAM