

Things are going to God's plan..... live his way & you won't get frustrated at all



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Tim Says

I don't know about you, but I like things to go to plan! Sadly life is rarely that straightforward and we have to learn to deal with frustrations, disappointments and our unmet desires. If you look frustration up in a good concordance, you'll find a couple of texts (in the NIV at least!) Ecclesiastes 5: 13 - 17 talks about the frustration that comes from following a materialistic mindset that can never be properly fulfilling;

and Romans 8: 18-25 talks about the creator frustrating the entire creation to make it ready for the liberation that will come when Christ rules over his renewed Kingdom. Here are two points that God has been reminding me of: Firstly, our hope has to be in God and his power alone. If we don't turn to God to seek him for the right way, or to help us get back onto the right way we will be frustrated! Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. Can I ask you... are you really trusting in the Lord?

Do you believe that he will bless your obedience to him? Are you looking to him & his power alone to rescue you? Secondly, are you preparing yourself for the return of Jesus Christ to this world? If we follow news reports with one eye on the Bible, surely we must be convinced that this return is almost upon us. Do we live our lives in this expectation? 2 Peter 3:11 (JB Phillips translation) ...what sort of people ought you to be? Surely men (& women) of good and holy character, who live expecting and earnestly longing for the coming of the day of God. Things ARE going to plan... God's plan! So live his way and you won't get frustrated at all!

Text for the Month:

Isaiah 55: 6-7 (NLT) Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

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October Events

1st: George Miller Mission - Tenbury
2nd: 10.30am Go with the flow - Dave Lines responsible
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4th: 10am-4pm Quiet Day.... Please come & support as we wait on God for what He has to say to us
4th: 7:30pm - Bob Lillyman - The Great Commission Part 3
9th: 10.30am - Bob Lillyman - The Great Commission Pt 4
10th: Prayer for Israel - please see Kathy Boulton
10th: 7:30pm Men meeting in kitchen area
11th: 7:30pm We have a speaker (Peter Burnett) coming to talk to us about Islam & how as Christians we approach contact with them & pray for them.
15th: 7.30 pm Garage Praise - see Jean Dancy
16th: 10:30am we have Gary Gibbs, Elim's evangelistic director with us, & we will have a bring & share lunch after church down stairs.
16th 12.30pm Bring & Share lunch
18th: 7:30pm - Mike Fawdrey & his wife from MAF
23rd: 10:30am Tim speaking
25th: 7:30pm Quiz Night - teams of 4, use the opportunity to make up a team of folks who wouldn't normally come to church. A prize for the winning team!
30th: 10:30am Gil Bond speaking
31st: Prayer for worldwide persecuted church at Carol & Moss's home

Dates for the future:

Ray Graham has been asked to arrange a healing meeting in Ludlow or the Borders for early November when Kul Bal (pronounced Kool Bal) comes to the UK for the FGB. Kul Bal has a tremendous testimony and healing ministry which FGB National Director, Clive Addison, witnessed in Ireland last year and as a consequence he is the main speaker at the FGB Nation Convention in Mid October.

Tuesday 29th NOVEMBER will be our AGM.
If you have a question you wish answered please submit it in writing by November 13th

10th Dec - Garage Praise in Cardingmill Valley cafe

THIS MONTHS EVENTS

Gary Gibbs - On Sunday 16th October we have Gary Gibbs, Elim's Evangelism director coming to speak to us. We will also have a 'bring & share lunch' that day. PLEASE plan to come and to learn together and share in fellowship over a meal.

Quiz Night:

We are intending to hold a quiz night on Tuesday 25th October. Why not get a team of 4 together, inviting some 'not-yet-christians' along. It will be a fun evening, the questions will be "not too hard" and there will be refreshments as well !!

Newsletters by email

If you are on email, could we send newsletter to you electronically to save on paper, printing and postage. Please let Linda Brant know your email address on linda.brant@hotmail.co.uk

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George Miller Outreach

George Miller Outreach Wed Sept 28th - Sun Oct 2nd

Evangelist George Miller will be in our area from Sep 29th - Oct 2nd. The organisers have deliberately tried to put on events that will appeal to both church folks & non-believers so that the Gospel can be presented in a fun, low-key way as well as in a more traditional format. Please pray NOW about who you could invite to come along to the events:-

Please plan to bring unsaved people along and befriend them and pray about them now.

Thursday 29th Sep: a meal at the Lion Hotel Leintwardine. George will be introduced at the start, and will then move around the tables meeting people (a spare chair will be left at each table for this purpose) engaging them in conversation. There will be no formal "preach" or "appeal" so that no one will be coerced or feel uncomfortable. Tickets are £15 and are available now from Tim or through Bernard Morgan (01584 819971)

Friday 30th Sep: a Jazz concert at Ludlow Methodist church. A professional Christian Jazz band from London will feature, and will begin with secular style jazz, slowly moving to more Christian based songs. George will give a short message but the emphasis will be on enjoying the music & people enquiring to know more. Refreshments are included in the ticket price of £8 (£4 for someone who is not a Christian). Seats are un-reserved, so first there will get the best seats. Tickets available from Tim/Bernard

Sat 1st October: Go-Karting & breakfast at Herefordshire Raceway, Weobley. Bacon butties from 9am & George will tell his testimony as we eat, then a morning of racing with trophies for the winners. Tickets are £35 (£20 for your non-christian friend). We expect this to be a popular event, and we can take only 36 people max. All equipment including race suit & helmet is provided & the event will run whatever the weather. Tickets from Tim/Bernard.

Sat 1st Oct 7pm: At St. Mary's church Tenbury Wells. Praise & Worship, preaching from George, and prayers for the sick. No entry charge but an offering will be taken.

Sun 2nd Oct 4pm: At St. Mary's church Tenbury Wells. Praise & Worship, preaching from George, and prayers for the sick. No entry charge but an offering will be taken.

There is something in that list that will appeal to us all & will enable us to invite our non-christian friends to. The prices have been kept as keen as possible, so please use these events to invite unchurched people.

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Poem

My name is "I am"

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.

Suddenly, my Lord was speaking:

"My name is I am."

When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there.

My name is not "I was".

When you live in the future with all its problems and fears, it's hard.

I am not there.

My name is not "I will be".

When you live in this moment it is not hard.

I am here

My name is I am."

Things for Mums & Tots.....

Little Squiggles meets on a Thursday morning. See Louise Bromley for more details 01584 856747

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray

- ★ For Elders and Team Leaders as they seek the Lord. Pray for continued vision, guidance, wisdom and unity as they work and pray towards the implementation of the vision.
- ★ Pray for healing for Sue Garrett, for Paul Broad and for Trevor Poole's sister Tina Hughes in her battle against cancer.
- ★ Pray for David Smith's health.
- ★ Pray for Jackie Shaw's daughters:- Alana who is undergoing further investigations and Elizabeth recovering from an operation
- ★ Please pray about the people you are intending to bring to the George Miller outreach
- ★ Pray for Rachael as she begins a 3 year degree course at Regents College
- ★ Pray for Jackie, Henrique & Siobhan as they return to Regents College
- ★ Pray for Sarah as she settles into 6th form boarding & Matthew back at Oxford for flight simulator training
- ★ Pray for the baptismal candidates
- ★ Please pray, pray, pray

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And Finally.....

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity -- I enjoy every minute of it!
3. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
4. Don't take life too seriously -- no one gets out alive.
5. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
6. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
7. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
8. I'm not a compete idiot -- some parts are missing!
9. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
10. God must love stupid people -- He made so many!
11. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
12. Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.
13. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
14. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it.
15. Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
16. Procrastinate now!
17. I have a degree in Liberal Arts -- do you want fries with that?
18. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
19. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

YOUR contribution could be in this newsletter.....

Send it (preferably by e-mail) by Oct 18th to

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Linda Brant (linda.brant@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you!

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