

hope **one** God  
 Lord Spirit body  
 faith **family**  
 baptism hope

October 20, 2013

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**Everything Happens for a Reason, Right?**

A terminal disease. The death of a child. A freak accident that takes the life of a loved one or friend. The painful loss of a job. A broken marriage. A fractured friendship. A miscarriage. Bankruptcy. Mental illness. Birth defects. A church split. A stock market crash. A lawsuit.



As people struggle through such difficulties and hardships and seek solace in the midst of life's storms, they will sometimes say (or someone will say to them), "I believe that everything happens for a reason. God is in control. I just have to accept His will in this." As Biblical support for their outlook, they will reference passages like Romans 8:28, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." I fully believe in the truth and power of that verse, but I believe that there are some things that it affirms and some things that it does not.

Scripture does not teach fatalism, determinism, or a micro-managed predestination in which God manipulates outcomes and purposefully moves lives and events around like pieces on a chessboard. Romans 8:28 does not state that "God causes all things." While life and history may be said to unfold within the boundaries of God's "permissive will," that does not mean that every success or failure, victory or defeat is the result of His "explicit will." He permits every man, woman, and child created in His image to make their own choices. He has placed us in a world governed and ordered by natural, physical laws that most often bless us, but have the potential to harm or kill us.

So, Romans 8:28 doesn't teach that everything happens for a reason, or that sense can somehow be made out of senseless events. But what it does affirm is that our sovereign God is so powerful that He can take any single tragedy in our lives or any imaginable combination and succession of tragedies and use them for the purposes of good and blessing, both for ourselves and for others. That is an amazing God! A

**SUNDAY**

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

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lesser god would wield his will like a club, enforce conformity, and only then could he accomplish his purposes. The God of Heaven says, "Give me any set of negative circumstances, whether brought about by yourself, or created by forces and influences beyond your control, and I will find a way for it to result in blessing and the accomplishment of My will for your life."

Joseph is a classic example of such workings of God's providential will. God did not make Joseph's brothers despise him with a jealous hatred. That was wrong. He did not make them sell their own flesh and blood like a common slave. That was unimaginably inhumane. He did not make Potiphar's wife lust for him, repeatedly try to seduce him, and then falsely accuse him of attempted rape. That was entirely sinful. He did not cause Pharaoh's cupbearer to forget about him and leave him in prison for another two years. That was a tragic oversight. God allowed all of those individuals to make their choices and enact their own will, and still He used those events for the blessing of Joseph, the preservation of Jacob's entire family, and the sustaining of life in the entire region of Egypt during seven years of famine. In that sense, Joseph could say to his brothers that, even though they sold him, it was God who had sent him to Egypt (Gen. 45:5). They had "meant it for evil against him, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive" (Gen. 50:20).

Our son Coleman wasn't born with Dubowitz Syndrome and autism for some "reason" or just so that some "greater good" could be served. Yet, God has graciously brought about incalculable good and innumerable blessings for him, us, and a whole multitude of people throughout his life. God hasn't done this so that we would now understand the reason "why." There is no such reason. Our loving Father simply took something that was broken and made it beautiful. He took a circumstance that was senseless and gave it meaning and significance. Such is the power and grace of our God!

by Tim Pyles

**upcoming**  
work dinners  
**events** fellowship meetings  
retreats picnics games parties

**Saturday, October 26th**

Fall Get Together (wiener roast) at Burcham's home

**Wednesday, Oct 30th**

5th Wednesday, regular class schedule - no singing

**Saturday, November 2nd**

Time Changes (turn clocks backward)

**Sunday, November 10th**

Elder's & Deacon's meeting **2:30** --bring your budget proposals--

**Saturday, November 16th**

Youth Service Dinner

**Wednesday, November 27th**

Wednesday evening service moved to Tuesday evening

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Rosalie O'Neal's daughter Julie Minnick, is in the Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. Doctors have not been able to determine the cause of her severe pain.
- Barbara Vaughan is having respiratory issues.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Leola Harmon (stroke); Jean Lovett (cancer); Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Eddie Morgan (cancer); Jennifer Dunn (thyroid cancer); Linda Patterson (stroke); Rita Chalakee (lung cancer); Beverly Wooley (shoulder surgery); Dolores Scherman; many others.
- **Service men and women:** Ron Wilson; Jenna Sullivan.

## BUILDING PROGRAM

As you can see we have a foundation poured for our new auditorium. We ask you to please stay off of the new cement and out of the fenced in area. Thank you so much.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEACHERS

Wednesday, October 30th is our 5th Wednesday of the month, but we will **NOT** have our singing night - it will be a regular class night. We will move the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to Tuesday night and have a service with everyone in the auditorium.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you know of a family the church can help with a basket of food, please give their name and the number in the household to Keith Riggs by Nov. 1st. After we know how many families we will be collecting for, a list will be posted for the needed items. Those items will need to be at the church building by Nov 17th.



- **Lydia Jones** Can say the first verse in the Bible - Genesis 1:1. Good Work!

## WONDERFUL NEWS

The following students of Bill Hamrick was baptized Saturday, October 12th: Stacie Beesley, Michelle Higareda, Amber Long, Amy Melson, Amanda Crofts and Angela Maddox. We welcome them to the Lord's church and wish them a long life in his service.

## FALL PARTY

Mark your calendars for our Fall Party on Saturday, Oct 26th at the Burcham's home at 5 pm.

- Buns, wieners and drinks will be provided
- Please bring your lawn chairs.
- There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board for additional items.
- Children are invited to dress up.
- If you would like to decorate your vehicle for 'Trunk-n-treat' you are welcome to. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.
- Maps will be available.

## Funnies:

The preacher's 5 year old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dillon Myrick, Oct 21	Edna Jones, Oct 27	Nick White, Nov 2
Chris Bennett, Oct 22	Keith & Nancy Riggs, Oct 27	Evan Bain, Nov 4
Eddie Whitchurch, Oct 24	Steve Rucquoy, Oct 28	Kaylee Whitchurch, Nov 5
Darrell & Cathy Burcham, Oct 25	Autumn Caldwell, Oct 29	Lilia Rothell, Nov 9
Bert Shelby, Oct 26	Jackson Wadkins, Oct 29th	Darrell Burcham, Nov 12

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes  
Sunday AM Worship  
Sunday PM Worship  
Wednesday Bible Classes

## Contribution

117 Sunday Contribution \$4,147.19  
152 Budget \$3,732.25  
87 Over Budget \$3,956.22  
86 Building Fund \$301,537.68

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bill Path  
Opening Prayer Jesse Byers  
Closing Prayer Jeff Bullinger  
Scripture Reading Matt Hamilton  
Lord's Table Dalton Path  
Jerry Buller  
Larry Potter  
Keith Riggs

### Ushers

Chris Patterson  
Bob Simmons

### Greeter

Steve Rucquoy

### Lock Building

Jack Myrick; Jim Yeager

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader James Hamilton  
Opening Prayer Randy Crawford  
Closing Prayer Mike O'Neal  
Lord's Table Dalton Path  
Jerry Buller

### Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer James Hamilton  
Closing Prayer Keith Riggs  
Song Leader Matt Caldwell

## Communion Preparation

10/6 Marilyn Pulliam  
10/13 Steph Bullinger  
10/20 Janice O'Shields  
10/27 Shirley Hill  
11/3 Selene Williams  
11/10 Renee Witchurch  
11/17 Susan Yeager  
11/24 Barbara Girod

## Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, December 1st  
3:30 pm

## EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

10/20 Jer 1; Ps 103; Acts 28  
10/21 Jer 2-3; Ps 104; Rom 1  
10/22 Jer 4-5; Ps 105:1-25; Rom 2  
10/23 Jer 6-7; Ps 105:26-45; Rm 3-4  
10/24 Jer 8-9; Ps 106:1-23; Rm 5-6  
10/25 Jer 10-12; Ps 106:24-48; Rm 7  
10/26 Jer 13-14; Ps 107:1-22; Rm 8



### Search Programs:

Oct 20 - Overcoming Hurts  
Oct 27 - Building Intimacy

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB  
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

## Sunday Morning Sermon

The Creator's Hope  
Isaiah 55:10-11

## Sunday Evening Class

How to Study the Bible  
Benjamin J. Williams