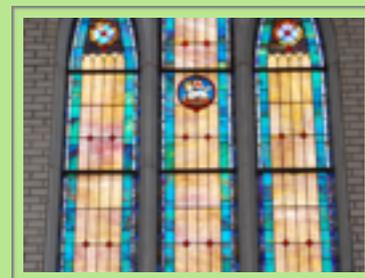


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The Sovereignty of God in Personal Life - Chapter 9

by John Reisinger

(For the full chapter go to, <http://www.sogncm.org/pages/the-grace-of-our-sovereign-god-chapter-9-the-sovereignty-of-god-in-personal-life/>)

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. (Rom 8:28, KJV)

“I read somewhere (I think it was in Spurgeon) of a grandpa who took his grandson to church. The preacher graphically depicted the awful things people did to Jesus at the cross. On the way home, the little boy started to cry, and his grandpa asked him why he was crying. The little boy said, “I was thinking about all the wicked things those men did to Jesus.” He bit his lip and said defiantly, “I bet if God would have been there, they would never have done those things to our Savior.” Then his grandpa started to cry, as he said, “God was there. He was the one who allowed all those things to happen!” My dear reader, God is always there. In your darkest hour and in your deepest need, he is there. He knows all about it and has it all under control. He is at work in his potter’s shop, and you can rest assured that you will come forth as gold—tried and refined by sovereign grace. God has provided Romans 8:28 to give us the grace we need to kiss his hands now, while we are in the fire. We do not have to wait to bless him until the day of our full redemption. Texts such as Romans 8:28 enable us to joyfully sing hymns such as the following; one of my favorites.”

What-e’er my God ordains is right:
His Holy will abideth;
I will be still what-e’er He doth,
And follow where He guideth:
He is my God; though dark my road,
He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

What-e’er my God ordains is right:

He never will deceive me;

He leads me by the proper path;

I know He will not leave me:

I take, content, what He hath sent;

His hand can turn my griefs away,

And patiently I wait His day.

What-e’er my God ordains is right:

Though now this cup, in drinking,

May bitter seem to my faint heart,

I take it, all unshrinking:

My God is true; each morn anew

Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,

And pain and sorrow shall depart.

What-e’er my God ordains is right:

Here shall my stand be taken;

Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,

Yet am I not forsaken;

My Father’s care is round me there;

He holds me that I shall not fall:

And so to Him I leave it all.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family of W.D. Yarbrough who passed away June 13, 2014.

PASTORAL NEEDS

Our pastor will be away from June 9-21 for General Synod (our annual denominational meeting) and study leave. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact one of the elders.

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MISSION MOMENTS

Fathers' Day is celebrated each year in our country. Their role in the life of a child is crucial for normal development as the long road to maturity unfolds. Unfortunately in our society today an alarming percentage of men choose to abandon that responsibility once conception has occurred. Here in Alamance County we have an agency that addresses this issue by providing supportive care for the women and children involved. ALAMANCE PREGNANCY CENTER is located in a wing of the Piedmont Rescue Mission on Mebane Street. Counseling is available to prevent abortion, give encouragement during pregnancy, provide equipment and clothing for newborns. Our Mission Budget provides \$500 annually for this. No longer used cribs, clothing and diapers are continually needed. Our prayers will support the staff and clients in this ministry.

MISSIONAL LUNCH

Please join us after church on June 29 for another missional lunch. We will discuss some practical ways to live out our faith in the community. Please bring a dish to share with others. Hope to see you there!

G.I.R.L. Time

We will have a Bible study on July 6; time and place to be announced.

ARP WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUMMER SCHEDULE

Save the Date: July 27-28. There will be a women's gathering and concert at Bonclarken to kick off the Family Bible Conference. We would like to take a group of women. Please contact Jessie Richardson if you are interested in attending. Her new email address is: richardson.jessica83@gmail.com.

YOUNG AT HEART

We had a wonderful year of food, fellowship, fun, and involvement with several local ministries. We are looking forward to resuming for the 2014-2015 year. See you in September!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jim and Lola Knox celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Christy Gregory	7/1
Tom Childrey	7/2
Whitney Mullen	7/3
Emily Orr	7/3
Lynne Causey	7/5
Jamie Terry	7/8
Joshua Gregory	7/11
Liam Hutelmyer	7/11
Isaac Spencer	7/11
Owen Constable	7/13
McKenna Constable	7/14
Chris Hutelmyer	7/14
Kathryn Richardson	7/15
Erik Ensley	7/16
Jondeen Terry	7/16
Ferald Mann	7/18
Laurie Isley	7/30
Clay McPherson	7/30
Kevin Limon	7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Betty Bessette (42)	7/1
Dick & Lillian Fuller (64)	7/1
Bill & Ellen Huffman (65)	7/23
George & Mary Lou McKinney (50)	7/26
Donald & Sandy Childrey (25)	7/29

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Nursery:

June 22: Nicole Newton
Kristen Carter
June 29: Karen Jones
Isaac Spencer

Children's Church:

June 22: Lynn Limon
Stephen Robinson
June 29: Jan Burwell
Macon Baird

Counter:

June 22: None Scheduled
June 29: Jim Knox

Deacon Duty:

June 22: Mark Vestal
June 29: David Newton

Elder Greeter:

June 22: Gene Parks
June 29: None Scheduled