

Plans for Tomorrow

By Dan Jenkins

It is not wrong to make plans for tomorrow or even for months ahead. Paul's letter to Rome shows just how far ahead he had planned his life. As he was collecting the funds from the Gentile churches, he reveals his plan. It involved: (1) finishing gathering the funds; (2) making sure they were safely delivered to the church in Jerusalem; (3) delivering the gifts in such a way they would be accepted; (4) arriving in Rome for a visit with that church; (5) and, having been encouraged by the Romans and receiving help from them, to take the gospel to Spain where the church did not exist (Rom. 15:22; 1:12).

So how did all this turn out? The funds were gathered and delivered to the saints, but the rest of this plan simply did not happen. Notice his words in verse 31, "...that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe." As he continued his journey, God used prophets in every city as he visited them to continually reveal what lay ahead. "And see, now, I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the thing that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me" (Acts 20:22-23). Yet, he still made plans to visit both Rome and Spain. It is not wrong to make plans for our lives, but there is one matter to be remembered.

Paul even mentions this one thing in his letter. He said, "That I may come to you with joy by the will of God." He said, "by the will of God." Think of Jesus in Gethsemane. He prayed about the future, knowing that there was no way to escape the cross. In every prayer there He said, "Not as I will, but as You will" (Matt. 26:39).

See that important exception in James chapter four. He does not say we should never say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit." This planning ahead was not wrong. What should we say? "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this..." (Jas. 4:13, 15).

There is no master plan, which we sometimes think when we say, "if the Lord wills." His master plan for Jesus was fixed, but such a plan does not exist for us. His master plan is to use you in such a way to help you grow in Christ and arrive in heaven. We have the freedom to make choices as to where and how He uses us. However, as we make plans of any kind, our hearts need to remember to make those plans realizing that we really do not know what awaits on the morrow.

Making plans is not wrong. The Bible is filled with examples of those who did this. Making plans and leaving God out is wrong.

Things you should know about!

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laura McGiffin 9/29 Tom Muter 9/29
 Jackson Allen 10/5 Time Bang 10/5

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Please join us after morning service for our Potluck.

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Door Knocking Campaign September 24th - 10am-12pm

Please let John know if you are willing to help.

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Tipp City's Gospel meeting is September 11-14 with Phil Greer speaking.
 Our Gospel Meeting will be October 2-5 with Bob Vincent speaking.

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Mark your calendar's for our Fall Gathering at the Thompson's!
 October 14th - 5pm (weather permitting)
 More information to come.

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Men's meeting - October 15th @ 9am

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Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	September 11, 2022	September 18, 2022
Announcements	Jerry Thompson	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Greeter/Usher	Jason Bang (L)	Tim Bang (L)
Lord's Supper Comments	Tom Muter	Duane Kemp
Scripture Reading	Owen Whittington	Chris McGiffin
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher	Chris McGiffin (R)	Jerry Thompson (R)

Bible Verse of the Week

“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.” Luke 9:24
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Lord’s Supper Reflection

They Shouted back
 “So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!”” Mark 15:13

Offering Meditation

Have the correct attitude. Give out of your love for Christ; because it is commanded; to help others; to spread the Gospel. Do NOT expect things in return. Obedience is the ONLY way to receive the gift of salvation.
 “But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!”” Acts 8:20

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - asked for prayers for his Parkinson’s
- *Evelyn Lam - having surgery to remove a skin cancer spot on her nose on 9/16
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell’s nephew) - dealing with health issues
- *Debbie Brayfield (Alena Brown’s aunt) - is in a Rehab facility recovering from surgery from kidney stones and being in the hospital
- *Family and friends of Judy Haguewood (Steven Haguewood’s mom) grieving her passing

- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson’s dad) - is having hip surgery
- *Sharon Thomson (Jerry Thompson’s mom) - has an upcoming knee surgery
- *Pamela Knapke (Sherrill Butt’s daughter) - has injuries from being in a motorcycle accident
- *Eric, a gentleman from the fair booth that is doing a Bible study.

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, September 4	Wednesday, September 7
Bible Classes 40	Bible Classes 24
AM Attendance 40	
PM Attendance 18	Contribution \$1,189.10

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



September 11, 2022

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
 If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.