

The Proclaimer

APRIL

Pierce Park Baptist Church

2016

Dear Pierce Park Family,

I have people ask me the following questions all the time. How do I know God's will for my job? How do I choose my spouse? Where will I serve? What is His will for my life? We all want answers to these questions, we want to be in God's will. I want to share this article I read recently by Jim Richards. I hope it will help you strive to be in God's will for your life. God bless!

The foundational principle in finding God's will is the Bible.

Every Bible text has a primary interpretation and a practical application. Some Bible texts have a prophetic revelation. The following questions are important to ask to find the primary interpretation. Who is speaking? Who is the audience? What is the time frame? What is the occasion for the writing? What is the subject matter? Answering these questions correctly will give you the understanding of the historical context. Even the verses intended for ancient Israel or the early church have a practical application for us today. Not every text is to us, but every text is for us. God can speak from His Word directly into your current situation. Without allegorizing, you can find the answer you need. The psalmist said, "Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105).

Living inside every believer is the Holy Spirit to guide the child of God in truth (John 16:13).

Some might dismiss the inexplicable voice of the Spirit speaking to our hearts. The Holy Spirit will not reveal any new truth but He will confirm revealed truth. The Spirit of God never leads a person to do something that is contrary to the Word of God. Confirm the Holy Spirit's voice by the written Word of God. Listen to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit.

Seek out godly counsel (Proverbs 11:14).

Let longstanding believers who have lived a consistently faithful life for Jesus speak into your life. Spiritually mature believers will have experienced life's challenges and can help you avoid pitfalls. Too much counsel can be confusing. Two or three people who love Jesus and love you are enough. God uses people to help us know God's will.

Listen to God's Word being preached or taught by a trusted source.

When a speaker brings out something obviously personal, you can sense God using the words spoken to help you make your decision. Divine appointments are possible when we have a listening ear. Serendipitous encounters can produce confirmation of God's will.

Finally, circumstances play a part in finding God's will.

A person might think that he should be on a seminary faculty, for example, but circumstances might prohibit him from doing so. He does not have a terminal academic degree. He is not credentialed in the proper field of study. There are no teaching positions open. Any one of a hundred different roadblocks could be in the path regardless of how strongly someone feels he should be in the position. Open doors are opportunities that arise out of circumstances when we walk in the Spirit. This does not mean we are immune to conflict. Anytime we are doing God's will, the evil one will oppose us. Yet, God is able to work through circumstances and place you where you need to be.

There is no singular tool to finding God's will when you are making major life decisions. Thankfully, we have several principles that enable us to seek out His perfect plan.

Ultimately, we must be willing to do whatever God tells us. He will not reveal His will to us out of our curiosity. He wants us to know Him and to know His will (John 7:17). We must put our "yes" on the table. When our will is submitted to His will, He will show us the proper path.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bill



The Prayer Team
meets on Wednesday
at 5:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome
to join us.

PRAYER TEAM

Pierce Park is blessed with an awesome Prayer Team! If you would like to be added to the email prayer list, Lori Young needs your email address. We would also love to have you join the group that meets on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to pray in silence or out loud over the requests that are submitted and other known needs. If you have a prayer concern and would like to have the team pray for you, please contact:

John Hotchkiss 208-336-5620 w7cnl@yahoo.com

Lori Young 208-863-7382 lyoung9463@hotmail.com

LADIES APRIL BRUNCH



Date: April 2nd

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Marie Callender's
8574 W. Fairview Ave., Boise

For more information contact Laura Johnson or Gail Mullin.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY



Sunday, April 17th is PPBC Volunteer Appreciation Sunday.

We want those who work so faithfully in their volunteer positions to know they are truly appreciated. Volunteers, please be sure to attend the 17th so we can recognize you for your service to the Lord.

I'VE LEARNED...

I've learned...That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned...That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned...That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned...That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned...That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned...That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned...That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned...That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned...That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned...That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned...That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

THE AMAZING RACE

We are almost to the end! Praise the Lord! Thanks to all who have been giving. God will bless you for it. The balance of our church loan was \$5,268.38 on March 27th. We can pay this off before the end of May if we all work together. If you have a question as to which team you are on or if you aren't on a team and would like to be included, please see Shirley Tinstman, Fred O'Brien or Chris Johnson.

The April business meeting will be on Sunday, April 17th following the morning worship service.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Date: Saturday, April 9th
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Where: PPBC
 Sign up at the Welcome Center.

IRONMEN-MEN'S GROUP



IronMen-Men's Group meets every other Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. Join us at The Original Pancake House 5900 W. Fairview Ave., Boise. Mark your calendar for the April dates: 4/12 & 4/26 We meet for a devotional, fellowship and breakfast.

APRIL POTLUCK



Our monthly potluck will be on Sunday, April 24th following the worship service. Last names beginning with A - H, please bring a main dish. Last names beginning with I - P, please bring a side dish or salad. Last names beginning with Q - Z, please bring a dessert. Volunteers needed for set-up and clean up. Please contact Kevin Chipman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

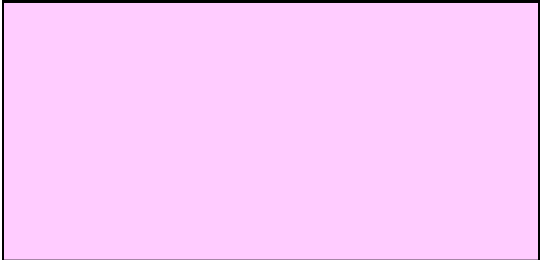


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| 4/3 | Howard Brown | 4/13 | Bill Wall |
| 4/6 | Frances Sheneberger | 4/15 | John Hotchkiss |
| 4/8 | Dee Wilson | 4/25 | Debby Kennedy |
| 4/13 | Hazel Hibbard | 4/25 | Sandy Scholler |

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Love God. Love People. Bring the Joy.

PPBC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 am Worship Team
9:30 am Fellowship Time
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday

6:30 am IronMen-Men's Group
Every other week we meet at:
The Original Pancake House
5900 W. Fairview Ave., Boise

Wednesday

5:00 pm Dinner
5:30 pm Prayer Time
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice
6:15 pm Pioneer Clubs (K-6th Grade)
6:15 pm Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)
6:30 pm Groundwork with Pastor Bill

Thursday

10:30 am Ladies-"Coffee & Conversation"