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how to know the will of God for your life

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GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

"What does God want me to do with my life?"

"How can I make this important decision that I am facing?"

Perhaps you have burning questions like these. You may be in the midst of a crucial decision, or you may be seeking God for some specific direction in your life. I have good news for you! God is concerned about the decisions that you make. He wants you to know his will - both in the long term issues and the little details of life.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."

(Psalm 32:8)

This verse gives you God's promise. He promises to guide you and reveal his will to you personally as your Instructor and Counselor. He is constantly watching over you for that very purpose. But he is also looking for a response from you. The next verse says:

"Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by the bit and bridle or they will not come to you." (Psalm 32:9)

God wants you to be open-hearted and responsive to him. He doesn't want you to be guided simply by external restraints like a horse or a mule that stubbornly resists every

prod and pull. He has given you a new nature that is born of God. The Holy Spirit lives within you to reveal God's will to you and he enables you joyfully to fulfill it.

It is possible to know God so personally that you become intimately acquainted with his will and his ways. His will can cease to be something alien to you, but in the mysterious working of God's Spirit within you, you can come to love his will and his ways, your nature conforming to his.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will

is - his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2)

God's will is good and pleasing - not harsh exclusion from that which is enjoyable. He invites you to approve it! He is inviting you to taste and see that the Lord is good and that his will is best. Just taste his will for you and you will be sure to approve it. We have all tasted the fruit of our own will and have proved how devastating it can be. What a contrast to God's plan for us!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 19:11)

Do you not long to know God's will for you in every detail? God, the creator of all things, is never short of ideas. He has had plans for you from the beginning of the world. The apostle Paul said:

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

This verse tells us two things. First of all, God has prepared you for good works which only you can do. Secondly, this verse teaches that God has prepared good works for you to do, just as he has prepared you for good works. This means your special will for your life is tailor-made.

Don't you long to find God's perfect will for you and begin to fulfil it? I wonder, have you ever sat down and earnestly asked God what he wants you to do with your life? If not, or if you need his direction in any other way, why not ask him now? God promises to answer if you sincerely ask him in faith.

"If any of you lacks wisdom,

he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5)

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3)

HOW GOD GUIDES YOU

The question now is: "How does God guide me? How will he show me his plan?" There are many explanations of how to find the will of God, but one stands out from the others. That is the three "W's" :

- God's **W**ord - the Bible
- God's **W**ill - his specific plan for you
- God's **W**ay - the way in which his plan is to be fulfilled

These are like three traffic lights. All three must be green before you can proceed on life's highway. They must all check out before you can be sure that a particular direction or course of action is from the Lord. You must be determined to find it and be sure to follow it. You will need to go patiently, being careful not to rush on to the next test before you have properly checked out the previous one.



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campus news

northside campus

Jesus' Birthday celebration on December 25th was a joyous, happy time at Northside. Children spontaneously danced in the front of the church, blew bubbles, everyone used their noisemakers, and many said they'd never before been to a Christmas service quite like that one! Isabel Bickle baked a beautiful birthday cake to honor Jesus, plus lots of cupcakes.

Early in January, a number of people shared words that they felt to be particularly meaningful for Northside during the new year. Some of them were "unity" "change" "beckoned" "joy" "peace" "friendships" "order" "reach out" "responsibility" "nurture" "fellowship" "diligent" and "adventure."

About twelve men attended the first men's breakfast at Northside in January. The next breakfast will take place on the **2nd Saturday of February**.

silvertown campus

High Waters!

We had a little extra water on Thursday, January 19, 2012. The river spilled over the banks at the Silvertown Campus and made its way to the playground, but then receded the next day! Thank you Lord. In 1996 the river came as far as the front door but never made it's way in. Our Silvertown Campus could not be used as a shelter because of the threatening water. However, we had several members from Silver Creek Fellowship go out into the community and use their Red Cross training in various ways. Brenda Geiger worked in the Aumsville Shelter for one day. Chris Tipton was the shelter manager in Turner one night and helped with some bulk distribution in the area. Lindsey Tipton worked in staffing gathering volunteers and taking messages from victims. She also did some Damage Assessment



in Turner. Kirsten Barnes was the lead for Disaster Assessment for this situation. She did preliminary assessments in Turner, Salem, Keizer, and Scio. Then fielded teams to do door to door damage assessment and put together this information for caseworkers, cities, and the state. Counties reported their information to her and she made sure all information matched up and create spreadsheets that were sent to Portland and the National Office.

Christmas Day Celebration



On January 22nd Northside had a huge and varied potluck after church, followed by a church Family Meeting. Some of the leaders from Silver Creek were there, too. Rob challenged us for 2012: To attempt great things for God, and to expect great things from God. Our goal is to have ten new families added to Northside during this year, which will also likely result in two new home groups. This will happen when everyone works to extend personal invitations to family, friends and neighbors. We will concentrate on some outreach events.

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Mobilise 2012

On the 13th of January over 100 young adults from all over the region converged on St. Louis, MO for Mobilise USA. This annual event seeks to inspire students to pursue all that God has in store. It is a time of meeting with God, of God through spirit filled teaching, and equipping the next generation for our mission to reach the earth with the Gospel. Silver Creek Fellowship sent five representatives representing both campuses. The theme was "Push Back the Darkness."

The main speaker was Jonathan from Frontline Church in Oklahoma. He is an inspiring, passionate speaker who spoke on "pushing back the darkness in me" and "pushing back the darkness through me" with the ultimate goal of seeing the light of Jesus in this world. Other speakers



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Noonan who spoke on being "Daniels" for Christ and Bryan Mowrey closed the conference with a talk about choosing a path through life in light of what we had learned and experienced over the weekend. As well as exceptional teaching we had awesome worship sessions where we really met with the presence of God and saw his spirit manifest through healings, prophetic words, and powerful times of ministry.

I think it's safe to say that each one of us met with God in powerful and new ways. Personally, God met with me in a awesome way during worship, filling me anew with his spirit and bringing me deeper into relationship with him in a fresh way. I was inspired and challenged throughout the weekend to live my life for Christ and his purposes of pushing back the darkness in the world through the empowerment of his spirit. Overall this was a great weekend of fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ and pursuing God as a generation ready to impact the Kingdom with Jesus' light.

Northside Family Meeting 2012



A minute with . . .

Jeff Davidson

1. Who has shaped your life?

Certainly my mom and dad both of whom were and are always tremendously loving and supportive. Besides them, I hope lots of people have.

2. What do you do to relax?

I enjoy reading, doing DIY projects and watching college football. I am an avid Michigan football fan so any Saturday between September and January that's where I'll be.

3. What sort of books do you read?

Historical fiction.

4. What do you feel most passionate about?

The Church and God's Kingdom and helping folks discover and function therein.

5. What do you expect to be doing in 10 years?

Helping folks discover and function therein.

6. What is your favorite quote?

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law.

7. Who is your favorite Bible character?

It depends on what day it is.

8. Currently, what is your favorite album?

I like most anything Matt Redman or Hillsong has done.

9. What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?

Having been in as many different places as I've been I think a don't ask, don't tell policy is best.

10. Where were you born?

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

upcoming events



NW Men's Conference

February 3-4, 2012

Canby Grove Conference Center

Cost: \$55

It's not too late to register! You can still go on-line to register or sign up in the entryway after church if you need help. Please don't let money be an issue. Speak with Gerry Alden in Silverton or Steve Tipton or Tyler Coxen at Northside if you need financial assistance or to work out a payment plan.

We're back at Canby Grove Conference Center for the Northwest Men's Conference. Come and join us as we worship, pray, receive great teaching, fellowship, and eat together. Carl Herrington is the guest speaker this year. He serves as the lead elder at Jubilee Church in Marietta, Georgia. He also serves as a member of the Newfrontiers USA Apostolic team.

To register go to silvercreekfellowship.org/men. Payments can be mailed to our Silverton Campus office: PO Box 626, Silverton, OR 97381 or given to Tyler Coxen at the Northside campus or Rick Geiger at the Silverton Campus. **Please do NOT put your payment in the offering.**



Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

Friday and Saturday Evenings

February 10 - 11, 2012, 7:00 pm

Silverton Campus

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage is designed with an element of humor that appeals to couples, but is especially well-received by men. By making our event fun and non-threatening, more men are open to attending and both husband and wife end up having a fantastic time. However, while this event is fun, it is anything but light and ineffective.

Mark's great content and unique approach to troubled marriages has yielded one of the highest success rates in the country.

Unlike many traditional marriage seminars that tend to be overly serious, technical and emotionally taxing, the Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage seminar is different because it helps couples deal with tough issues in a way that is fun and non-threatening. Through the two-day seminar, couples will laugh, learn and be able to make real positive changes to their marriage.

Alpha Marriage

Starts February 21, 2012! The Marriage Course is for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether you have been together 1 or 61 years and whether you have a strong relationship or are struggling.

The Marriage Course consists of a seven session course (Tuesday nights) set in a fantastic atmosphere. You will be served with a candlelit meal and/or coffee, tea and dessert at a romantic table for two while listening to practical Marriage Course talks that are informative and fun.

There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner.

Sign up now!



Fiesta! Youth Group Dinner/Auction

February 25, 2012
6:00 pm

The theme this year is Fiesta! This night includes a Mexican dinner, a silent auction, and an oral auction of some great themed baskets.

Silent Auction: We need donations for the Silent Auction! Bring your new and slightly used items to the Conference Room at the Silverton Campus and to the Prayer Room at the Northside Campus.

Home Groups start thinking about a Themed basket for the Oral Auction. Contact Renee Almquist when you know what you are doing.

Table Hostesses: We need table hostesses for each table of 8. You can sign up for a round table or a rectangular table. Table hostesses are responsible for providing plates, cups, napkins and decorations for their table. Sign up sheets are available.

Tickets on sale TODAY! Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets will be on sale every Sunday after the worship service, or you can call the church office at 503.873.7353, or find a youth group member! This is a great time to invite a friend.

Save the Date

Northside Men's Breakfast

February 11, 2012

Men, join us for breakfast at 8:00 am at the Northside Campus.

Spring Break Away

March 30-April 1
The River Center, Lebanon, OR

This is a weekend get away for Junior High and High School age youth. It will be held in Lebanon, OR and youth will be spending the night at the River Center. The cost will be \$25 each. Registration begins Feb. 8, 2012 on-line at silvercreekfellowship.org/breakaway. The theme is Team Building and finding your place to serve. John Meek will be the guest speaker.

Northside Talent Show

Friday, April 20, 2012
7:00 pm

You are invited to show off your talent at the annual Northside Talent Show and Dessert Auction. We are looking for acts from both campuses and desserts. Some will be sold at a Silent Auction and some larger desserts for the Oral Auction. If you have a song, skit, or talent you would like to share or a dessert please contact Grace Fudge or sign up after worship on Sundays.

SCF Youth Getaway

April 27-28, 2012.

Junior High and High School youth will be gathering to view and discuss the Sex, Dating & Relating - Mark Gungor DVD Series. This will be an overnight retreat. More information to come.



A minute with . . . Kim Visser

1. Who has shaped your life?

My grandma Wold shaped my early life because she always believed in me and loved me no matter what. She passed away the same year I met Bruce. I believe she passed that baton to Bruce because his belief and love for me is very much like hers. My Christian life has been most influenced by Sibyl Barnes who has "raised" me spiritually as my spiritual mother.

2. What do you do to relax?

Exercise, mainly running and riding my bike. I also make jewelry.

3. What sort of books do you read?

My "Bible in a Year" (I'm on my 2nd year). I read spiritual and inspirational books. When I want to go on a "reading vacation" I read from the love inspired series.

4. What do you feel passionate about?

Growing a generation of worshipers who love the Lord and have a solid foundation of biblical truth. I am equally passionate about bringing my sisters in Christ together in Fellowship.

5. What do you expect to be doing in 10 years?

Serving in whatever capacity the Lord directs. Most likely I will still be a physical therapist as this is my life's ministry.

6. What is your favorite quote?

Happy wife, happy life.

7. Who is your favorite Bible character?

David. I love his heart for the Lord, his love of music, and how "real" he was.

8. Currently, what is your favorite album?

Margaret Becker's Air

weekly meetings

weekly meetings at silverton

Sunday

Prayer - 9:00 am
 Celebration Service - 10:00 am
 Home Groups - 5 pm (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Monday

Literacy - 6:30 pm

Tuesday

High School Focus Group - 6:45 am (Gear Up)
 Literacy (GED) - 6:30 pm (By appointment)

Wednesday

Jr. High Focus Group - 6:45 am (Gear Up)
 Family Night - 6:30 pm

Thursday

Prayer - 6:30 am
 Literacy - 6:30 pm
 Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm (at Gear Up)

Saturday

Mission of Hope - 1st, 3rd and Last Saturdays

weekly meetings at northside

Sunday

Prayer - 9:00 am
 Celebration Service - 10:00 am
 Home Groups - 5 pm (2nd & 4th Sundays)

FINANCIAL REPORT - December 2011

Expenses	Projected	Dec. '11 Actual	2011 Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date % of Projected
Tithes	360,000.00	26,440.52	336,885.13	94%
Jubilee Cyrus Ministries	12,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00	100%
Northside Distribution	13,500.00	0.00	12,730.59	94%
Total Receipts	385,500.00	27,440.52	361,615.72	94%
Newfrontiers (10%)	36,000.00	2,644.06	33,688.52	94%
Church Office	23,000.00	2,431.29	23,359.07	102%
Church Properties	102,201.00	12,945.34	104,261.83	102%
Fellowship	4,500.00	1,031.44	5,635.42	125%
Lay Ministry	4,330.00	501.63	4,945.18	114%
Outreach	59,700.00	7,100.00	57,879.52	97%
Personnel	146,145.00	17,021.33	150,657.18	103%
Public Relations	4,624.00	927.78	4,839.82	105%
Youth & Education	5,000.00	824.04	6,316.22	126%
Total Expenses	385,500.00	45,526.91	391,582.76	102%
Over/Under		-17,986.39	-29,967.04	

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