



The Baptist Bulletin

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The Will of God

The Will of God is a very unique and often controversial topic within the Christian Church. One of the most common questions I am asked is how can we know the Will of God. We want to know God's will so that way we can make sure we honor Him with our lives. The reason this is such a common question is because it is something that we often lack a definitive understanding of or, at times, even a definition of a will. The word "will" is especially confusing in the English language for we have it as a verb and a noun. In the case of the Will of God we are referring to the word "will" as a noun. The Meriam-Webster defines the noun "will" as "the desire, inclination, or choice of a person or group".

That is a pretty straightforward definition. Yet, the issue in understanding the Will of God comes when we attempt to put it in human standards. We have a major problem. Our desires, inclinations and choices change often. Even the foods that we enjoy consuming change regularly. When we attempt to understand the Will of God in our own terms the answer always fails because God is not like us. He does not change (Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8).

We must turn to Scripture to have the definition of the Will of God. The Apostle John recorded: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:40). This is God's will. That everyone comes to know the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and believes. Through belief in Jesus, eternal is the result. Salvation through the truth of the gospel.

So, what is the will of God? The will of God is that every person knows Jesus, loves Jesus, trusts Jesus and shares Jesus. To know Jesus is to truly understand and accept the gospel. The redemptive work of Jesus. That He lived for us, died for us, conquered the grave and redeems all who trust Him as Lord and Savior. To know Jesus and understand His grace is to love Jesus. When we know and love Jesus we trust Him. We trust Him with our lives, our families and our eternity. To know, love and trust Jesus will lead us to the place in which we desire to share Him with everyone we encounter because we know the true value of the gospel.

The Will of God is for eternity and not for the temporal. Knowing His will is bigger than any temporal decision we will every make because it has eternal ramifications.

Missionary of the Month ~ Paul & Janet Harkness

I/we have conducted three Awana Club visits, made an Awana presentation at a church considering starting Awana in the fall, conducted our Understanding Kids training, had a display at the Berean Conference in Mitchell, Nebraska, and gave the morning and evening messages at a church.

Miles driven from January 15 through February 15 - 4,500. Nine churches in their territory started Awana this year reaching 500 more kids!



Janet was in Iowa with daughter for 3 weeks caring for the grandchildren while Lucretia was confined with pregnancy issues.



Paul Harkness
Serving Nebraska, South Dakota, SE Wyoming, & SW Minnesota

The first command in Ephesians 5 tells us to be imitators of God by reflecting the way he loves us. Our love for others flows out of our sense of being deeply loved. Instead of constantly looking for the right person, God tells us to become the right person. Instead of looking for love, God tells us to realize that love has already found us! God loves us as no one else ever can.

Chip Ingram



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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

March 2 Women's Council - 1:30 pm
March 5 Christian Education—12 pm
March 12 DST begins
March 12 Potluck / Annual meeting
March 13 Management Finance—6:30
March 13 Elder Board—7:00 pm
March 19 Worship Watchcare—12 pm
March 26 Fellowship Outreach—12
March 26 AWANA Sunday

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun. Worship Service—9:45 am
 Sunday School—11:00 am
 Youth Gathering—6:00 pm
Mon Moms in Prayer—9:00 am
 Ladies Bible Study - (1Peter) 6:30 pm
Wed. Men's Bible Study—6 am at Hospital
 Ladies Bible Study (1 Peter) 1:30 pm
 Sparks (K-2nd grades) - 6:30 pm

Potluck /Annual Meeting March 12th

Annual Reports are available to review before the meeting.

An all church Potluck will be held at Noon followed by the Annual Meeting for members to review the reports and vote on a budget for the new fiscal year.

Those elected in February will be installed to their office.

AWANA Sunday Sunday, March 26th



We are nearing the end of the club year and want to invite the kids who have attended club this year along with their families to join us for our morning worship service.

The clubbers will lead us in worship by sharing some of their songs during a segment of the service.