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October 13, 2024
9:30AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
Greeters: Garry & Kathy Whitley

Prelude		Dennis Hull
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rachel Whitmer
Worship	<i>Rest On Us</i>	Praise Band
	<i>Flawless</i>	
	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	
Offertory – Missions	<i>Turn, Turn, Turn</i>	Praise Band
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	Rachel Whitmer
Message	God's Timing and Design	Andy Stoner
Response	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band
Sharing Time & Prayer		Cliff Troyer
Benediction		Rachel Whitmer
Closing Song	<i>The Blessing</i>	Praise Band

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Pastor Walter & Nancy are in Michigan for Nancy's High School Reunion.

Monday, 7:00pm	Christmas Cantata Practice
Tuesday, 9:30am	Quilting & Crafting
Tuesday, 6:00pm	DNA ESL Classes
Wednesday, 6:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday, 7:00pm	Finance & Facilities Council Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Walter Campbell will bring a message with scripture from Rev. 3:1-6. The offering will be for the General Fund. Greeters: Loretta Wagler

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22, 9:30am	Quilting & Crafting
October 22, 6:00pm	DNA ESL Classes
October 23, 6:00pm	Bible Study
October 24, 6:00pm	Evening Quilting
October 26, 7:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
October 29, 9:30am	Quilting & Crafting
October 29, 6:00pm	DNA ESL Classes
October 30, 6:00pm	Bible Study

Memorial Garden Fundraiser is beginning to grow towards our goal of 13,000.00. We are looking towards raising this amount by the end of October and ordering the Columbarium unit for our cemetery. Details of how you can give are on the bulletin board along with a chart to watch it grow. **All donations are appreciated.**

The 12th annual Boys Camp Fundraiser will be on November 1, 2024, at the Freeman Schlabach farm (8680 Woods West Ave, Plain City). Dinner is from 5:00-8:00 PM, auction starts at 6:00 PM. We are still accepting quality auction items! To ensure your item is featured in the auction catalog, please bring your items to Beachy Barns during business hours by October 25 or contact us for alternative arrangements. boyscampauction@gmail.com 614-570-4133



Starting TODAY, October 13th to October 19th, Jesus followers all across the Plain City community are gathering to pray nonstop, 24 hours a day for 6 days straight. We are praying for ONE HOPE, the hope of Jesus Christ, for our city.

Here are the details:

Where: Hope Church, 9899 US-42, Plain City (the red barn across from the Cheese House); enter through the front door.

When: starts Sunday 10/13 with a worship service 6-7pm, ends Saturday 10/19 with another worship service 5-6pm.

There will be guided interactive stations you can follow along with, or you can pray on your own. To sign up for a time slot, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2nrxdx7d8>; or just show up at your preferred time.

GOD'S TIMING AND DESIGN

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-15

Ecclesiastes is written in the form of a teacher giving a lecture, explaining about what gives life meaning and significance.

TIMING is a God thing, having to do with the loving design God has in mind for every event in our lives. There is no such thing as 'random' in God's dictionary.

TIME is a human construct, by which we define every event in our lives. This passage gives us an insight into how God arranges them to help forge us into the kinds of persons we become. What does this text reveal to us about God's loving design?

1. GOD'S LOVING DESIGN BRINGS HEALTHY BALANCE TO LIFE v. 1-8

- We need variety/balance to help us maintain emotional/mental/physical stability
- Thankfully, we have this balance, life would be terribly boring if we always had only one thing happening.

2. GOD'S LOVING DESIGN MAKES LIFE A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE v. 11

- Because God is present in all things, at all times, there is beauty in the big picture
- Not every experience can be seen as 'beautiful' or 'pleasant' in itself, but the overall outcome is! (Romans 8:28)

3. GOD'S LOVING DESIGN HELPS US KNOW WE ARE CONSTANTLY LIVING IN GOD'S PRESENCE AND BLESSING **v. 11B**

- The Hebrew word for 'Eternity' or Eternal, has primarily the connotation of experiencing God's blessing and approval in this present life AND forever beyond!
- It is far more seen as a 'Quality' of life, not a 'Quantity.'
- It is impossible for us as humans to comprehend what 'Forever' is, like God is beyond our ability to totally comprehend, yet we have the desire to know and experience God's presence in our life.
- St. John makes many references to Eternal, and in most cases, it enriches the meaning when we consider it a present reality which extends infinitely beyond this life!

4. GOD'S LOVING DESIGN BRINGS US SATISFACTION IN OUR ENDEAVORS **v. 13**

- This sense of satisfaction/contentment is not attained by human means, it is God's gift!
- This satisfaction covers also even the difficult and unpleasant events we experience
- Paul calls this 'Contentment' in Phil. 4:11

5. GOD'S LOVING DESIGN HELPS US TRUST GOD FOR OUR FUTURE BY REFLECTING ON THE WAYS GOD HAS HELPED US IN THE PAST **v. 14-15**

- To 'revere' suggests a sense of trusting devotion in knowing God will care for us, as we remember how God has designed every situation in the past.
- God has a loving intention for everything and its timing, even the difficult/challenging.