



Tallapoosa church of Christ

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us!

Prayer Requests

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Bonnie Godwin
The Wilkersons
(Alan's mother - Kim)
Jodie Willis
Alison Benefield
Kenny and Edith Laminack
Harel Otwell
Joyce Combs
Shelley Vick
Pam Garrett

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June
Nathan Hotalen 6
Sammie Cole 6
Brenda Cash 8
Jodie Willis 11
Kim Wilkerson 17
Brandon Estvanko 23
Edith Laminack 27

Joe and Amy 13
Alan and Kim 16
Kenny and Edith 30

"GUIDE, GUARD, AND DIRECT US"

It is remarkable how often we use the same phrases as we pray. There is nothing wrong with repetition, as long as it is not vain repetition (Matt. 6:7). Over the years, I have heard others pray that the preacher might "have a happy recollection of the things he has studied." I heard it for years, but was unable to know what a happy recollection was. I sometimes wondered if the person praying those words knew what he was saying. Another phrase I heard as a youth (it often preceded the words about asking all this in the name of Jesus) was that God would "guide, guard and direct us." It is very possible that those who said these words thought God would whisper in their ears or give them "holy hunches" about whether to turn left or right at the next intersection.

We do need to rely on God to direct our paths, but not in the way many think. One passage which helped me to understand how God "guides, guards and directs us" is found in the book of Proverbs. It appears that Solomon

God's Plan of Salvation

James 1:22

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only...”

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful (Christian living (1 Peter 2:11-12; Rev. 2:10)

This Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Harel Otwell
Scripture	
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Camp Mallory
Table	Joe Mallory
Assisting	Kenny Laminack
Closing Prayer	Carlos Payne

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer/Table	Joe Mallory
Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory

Next Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Scripture	
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer	Camp Mallory
Table	Harel Otwell
Assisting	Kenny Laminack
Closing Prayer	Kelly Cauthen

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Harel Otwell
Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

literally has his children in mind as he writes this book. The phrase “my son” is found 21 times in this book. It is found 15 times in the first seven chapters. The wise king is trying to impart wisdom to his son.

In chapter six, he tells his son to remember his father’s commandments and his mother’s law. He uses the words “lead” and “keep to” in the way many once prayed using the words “guide, guard and direct.” “When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee...for the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light” (Prov. 6:22-23).

Think of how these words about listening to the father apply to us listening to our Father. We ask our Father to guide, guard and direct us, and His commandments become a lamp and a law to direct our paths.

Now note one other admonition Solomon gave his son regarding his teachings. “Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them upon thy neck.” The father’s words can never guide, guard and direct the son if the son does not remember. Wherever the son went, he took his father’s words with him to lead him in the right way.

Reminders:

V.B.S. at Carrollton for all ages! June 12 - 17th

V.B.S. at Villa Rica for all ages! June 27-30th

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 5 PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister

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Isn't this a beautiful picture of how God can guide us and lead us in the paths of righteousness. "The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple...the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psa. 19:7-8). So, as you ask God to help you walk close to Him, realize that when we bind His words on our hearts and tie them around our neck these very words become a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Letting Him guide, guard and direct demands Bible study.

- Dan Jenkins