Kyle's Korner

In difficult situations, we may be encouraged by fellow Christians to pray for God's will. But when we pray for God's will, whatever the situation, are we ready and willing to accept God's will, whatever it may be?

Some will pray for God's will and then complain. The difficulties they are facing are just too difficult for them to overcome. "Why would God do this?" "Why would He allow that?" Sometimes we just don't understand God's logic. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD." (Isaiah 55:8, NKJV)

Jonah was one who didn't understand God's will. He was told to preach to the city of Nineveh. Instead of going there, however, he fled to Tarshish (Jonah 1:3). Once he finally did preach to the city as God commanded him, he was disappointed when they repented (Jonah 4). He was one who had difficulty accepting God's will for Nineveh.

Maybe we pray for "God's will," but it is not done within our preferred time frame. Sarah is a good example. The Lord had promised that Abraham would be the father of a great nation of people (Genesis 12 & 15). When Sarah couldn't bare children, however, she took matters into her own hands, giving Abraham her maidservant, Hagar (Genesis 16), that he might bare children through her instead. God's will was done, eventually, through Sarah, who bore him a son, Isaac. Sarah, however, would have preferred that God's will for them be done sooner.

Do we pray for God's will, but only accept the good, but not the bad? Job's wife did this. When Job was afflicted, she literally told him to, "Curse God and die!" (Job 2:9). In the next verse, however, Job's response was: "Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" We may not always understand God's purpose or reasoning in our lives. Sometimes, God's chastening, or discipline, is so that we will correct our ways and not be condemned in judgment (1 Corinthians 11:32).

Whatever God's will may be, let us accept it with grace, and without complaint or interference.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week of	December 4	December 11
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY		
DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER	Kyle Webb	Joe Geren
ADULT CLASS TEACHER	Kirk Mason	Kirk Mason
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP		
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER	Joe Geren	Kirk Mason
SONG LEADER	Kirk Mason	Kyle Webb
SCRIPTURE READING	Kyle Webb	Kirk Mason
SERMON	Kyle Webb	Kyle Webb
LORD'S SUPPER & CONTRIBUTION	Larry Garland	Joe Geren

PRAYER	Jerry Dunlap	Larry Garland

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Scripture Reading - Hebrews 10:19-25

Today's Sermon:

Welcome Visitors... Make yourself at home! We would appreciate you filling out a Visitors card *(back of the pew in front of you)* for our records. You may drop it in the collection basket or give it to one of our members. Please, visit with us anytime you have the opportunity, and let us know if there is any way we may assist you.

PRAYER LIST

MH MEMBERS: Winford Daniel Cindy Mason

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David Young Jacob Sanders Eli Young Eric Covington (Larry & Vicki's son) Janet Covington (Larry C's mother) Gage Hofecker (Marissa's brother - Military) Clem Torrejon (Shirley's husband) Peggy Whitworth (Kyle's grandmother)

Further updates provided in announcements. A detailed list is on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium (left, as you exit). Please fill in any updates or additions you may have.

Looking Ahead... Sunday, December 11 The Church of Christ is Different Lesson 7: Answering Your Questions about the Church of Christ Please submit your questions or suggestions in the Sermon Suggestion box for next week.



4 FELLOWSHIP MEAL @ MARS HILL

Classes for the Middle TN School of Preaching and Biblical Studies, held at Mars Hill, will resume January 3rd. Classes and speakers TBD.

A <u>GRIEF SHARE</u> program will be hosted by the WALTER HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST in Murfreesboro for those dealing with grief due to the passing of loved ones. They will meet Sundays, JANUARY 8-APRIL 2. More information is posted on the "In Our Area" bulletin board.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS		
12/23	NANCY JOHNSON	
12/24	VICKI COVINGTON	
	DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
12/12	CLEM & SHIRLEY TORREJON	

SERMON NOTES

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS DIFFERENT Membership of the Church

INTRODUCTION

✓ What do denominations require of prospective members, in contrast to the Lord's church?

1. BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH

- What does God require of those wanting to
 become members of His church? (Acts 2:29-39)
- ✓ Who added the members in Acts 2 to the Lord's church (Acts 2:47)? _____

2. BEING A MEMBER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH

- ✓ What does God require of His servants today, and what is our reward? (Revelation 2:10)
- ✓ For what reason should members use their gifts and abilities? (Ephesians 4:11-16)