



GRACE HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

The world in which we live continues to change and sadly, for the worst. I have borrowed an article from David Jeremiah as he addresses the race that is set before us and what we can expect as God's children and church.

If you are a follower of NASCAR, you know that drivers don't just zoom around in circles like hamsters in a cage. Each of the major speedways is unique, having its own turns, curves, and idiosyncrasies. To be a NASCAR driver, you've got to memorize every linear foot of the track, knowing the paving surface, understanding the grooves, practicing the turns, and taking advantage of the straightaways.

To run a good race, you have to know what to expect.

The same is true for Christians. We don't know every specific twist and turn in advance; but the Bible is an indispensable road map, containing God's infallible version of future events. The One who knows the future as well as the past doesn't want us to be ignorant or unprepared for the road ahead.

Turn One: Painful Problems

Sometimes the turn of events in our lives is unwelcome. Jesus warned, "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Perhaps you are having a hard time, a heartache has come into your life that you didn't cause but couldn't prevent. But our Lord's foreknowledge is comprehensive and complete, and He knows every problem before it arrives. He gives grace sufficient for every trial, peace that passes all understanding, and joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Turn Two: Perilous Times

The Bible also warns that in the last days perilous times will come, days filled with love of self, love of money, pride, blasphemy, disrespect for parents, lack of self-control, and

forms of godliness that deny the true power of God (2 Timothy 3:1-5). Sounds like an evening in front of the tube, doesn't it? Someone said that spending a night watching television is like touring the sewer in a glass-bottomed boat.

We need to pray for revival; but even if it doesn't come as we hope, we must still be blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in a crooked and perverse generation, among whom we shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:15).

Turn Three: Providential Care

When the Lord is involved, however, there's always a turn for the better. He has a way of working all things for our good. His providential care and overruling control of our lives is like an invisible hand constantly on our shoulder.



On February 26, 1844, the Princeton, one of the Navy's greatest ships, was sailing the Potomac near Washington, carrying the President of the United States, members of Congress, the Secretary of State, and other dignitaries. For entertainment, a great gun called "The Peacemaker" was fired. The gun exploded, killing several people, including Secretary of State Abel Upshur. Missouri Senator Thomas Benton had been standing near the gun; but moments before it exploded, a friend had laid his hand on his shoulder and drawn him aside. The Secretary of the Navy, who took his place, was among the dead. Benton later told Daniel Webster, "It seemed to me, Mr. Webster, as if that touch on my shoulder was the hand of the Almighty ... today I feel that I am a different man."

Building Together

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"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

For the Christian, we have the touch of an invisible hand on our shoulders. We hear a word behind us, directing us in the way to go. We enjoy a protective escort through life, and we travel a predestined course. The Lord surrounds us as a shield, and His overarching grace causes all things to work together for His glory.

The Straightaway: The Promised Return

And soon we're going to hit the straightaway of His promised return. The dead in Christ shall be raised, and we who are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. We don't always know what's up ahead, but we know Who's up ahead; He goes behind us and before us and encompasses all our ways. He is near us, with us, and in us; and He knows all the twists and turns and curves and bumps of life. He has a perfect track record.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Wilma Davidson
Jack and Julie Lindsey
John Klock

Carol Sarver
Rita Brewer

Pursuing Christ Together

Saturday, August 29
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

This Virtual Women's Conference features nationally recognized speakers Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer and others. This one-day conference will encourage and strengthen your faith! \$40 for the day includes the conference and a catered lunch, drinks and snacks. RSVP by Friday, August 21, to Jayne Warner via email (jaynewarner37@gmail.com), text (717-495-5444), or a note in Jayne's church mailbox. Sr High Ladies are welcome to join us! A minimum of 10 participants will be required to hold this event. Please RSVP today!

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Sunday:	9:00	Contemporary Worship
	9:30	Kids' Sunday School via Facebook
	10:45	Traditional Worship (also live via Facebook)
	6:30	Evening Worship Service / Against the Flow Youth
Wednesday:	7:00	Bible Study & Prayer for Adults (also live via Facebook) Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner

Pastor

COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, August 16
During Both Morning Services



DROP OFF DATES

Mondays—August 3, 10 and 17
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stuffed animals, pillows, etc. and
unlaundered or uncleaned items
cannot be accepted for sale

Contact Brenda Apple

When life gets too hard to stand, KNEEL!

PROMOTION AND CE STAFF RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday School Promotion and CE Staff Recognition Sunday has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 30. In the past, everyone met in the sanctuary with their current classroom and each child was then promoted to the next grade level. This year will look different as we will be following the guidelines set forth by the state for York County. We will share the details of this as the date draws near.

CE Staff members are always recognized with a small gift of appreciation. Gifts this year will be placed in church mailboxes at the end of August if Sunday School is not held.

Promotion certificates for students being promoted to the next grade level class (nursery to preschool ages 2-5 to K-grade 1 to grades 2-3 to grades 4-5 to Jr. High to Sr. High) will also be placed in their family's mailbox near the end of August. If your child was missed in determining promotions this year, please contact the church office.