

Worship, Part 4

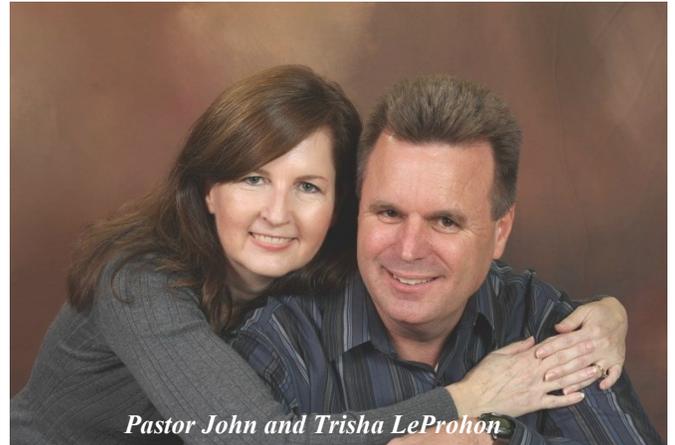
from the desk of Pastor John

Genuine worship is all about responding to who God is and what He has done. Since genuine worship is all about God, it must never be about one's personal preferences and desires. Genuine worship is not at all concerned with how the act of worshipping God fulfills the desires or expectations of the worshipper. In other words, we don't worship God because it makes us feel good or pumps us up. We worship God because it is the natural response to who He is!

This is the point of **Psalm 99**. The Psalm is ultimately about the holiness of God and it is that holiness that is to be the motivation for our worship. The Psalm can be divided into three sections. Each section describes an attribute of God, followed by the command to worship Him and the declaration that He is holy. It is the holiness of God that prompts the worship.

The first section (vv. 1–3) speaks of God's sovereignty over all the earth. He reigns, He is enthroned above the angels, and He is great. For that reason, all people are commanded to praise Him. The second section (vv. 4–5) speaks of God's justice. He executes justice and establishes equity. Therefore, we are to worship at His footstool. The third section (vv. 6–9) speaks of God's graciousness to sinners. For that reason, we are to exalt and worship Him.

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Pastor John and Trisha LeProhon

As mentioned above, each section ends with the declaration that God is holy. Three times the psalmist emphasizes the holiness of God and relates it to the motive for worship. We tend to think of the holiness of God in terms of human righteousness. We are inclined to think of it as simply moral perfection. Although holiness involves moral purity to be sure, it is more than that. It also means to be set apart. To speak of the holiness of God is to refer to the very nature of God that distinguishes Him from all other parts of His creation. God is not like His creation; He is different from it.

Though He is intimately involved within His creation, He is completely superior in every way to that which He created, and He is to be treated as such.

This is the reason that idolatry is so repulsive to God. To worship the creature rather than the Creator is to ignore the true holiness of God and is to give preference to that which is unholy.

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Isaiah 42:8 says, “I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.” Clearly, God does not respond well to idolatry.

Worship must be our response to who God is and what He has done. If our motive for worship is something other than the person of God, it is not worship. If you think that worship is about how you feel, or about how you want to be made to feel, you have greatly missed the point. When worship is about what you can get out of it, your worship is worse than meaningless—it is actually idolatrous. To put it simply, when you think of worship in terms of how it makes you feel, it is no longer a response to

who God is and what He has done. God is no longer the object of your worship—you are. That is idolatry!

If our worship is to be acceptable to God it must be motivated by His holiness. The ultimate expression of God’s holiness is the coming of Jesus Christ, who would die as a substitutionary sacrifice in order to pay for our sin and to clothe us in His righteousness. When we call out to Christ in faith, His grace forgives our sin and declares us holy, enabling us to finally worship God as He deserves. Then our worship is all we are responding to all that He is.

So, what motivates you to worship?

Register Early and Save!

From January 7 through January 28, 2019, you can save 50% on your Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference registration! The registration fee will be just \$175 per *couple* (normally \$175 per *person*). The conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Bellevue April

12–14 and is filled with informative group sessions and alone-time with your

spouse. Individually, couples complete special projects designed to reignite the spark and keep the flame burning. Timeless biblical principles provide the tools to help all relationships. You will hear from expert couples who practice what they preach. They are dynamic, fun presenters who teach biblically-centered concepts. Ninety-six percent of couples who attend

say the conference greatly improved their marriage. FamilyLife says, “You heard us right...we have a 100% satisfaction guarantee. If you don’t love it, we’ll refund your money.” On average, couples say their marriage went “from a 4 to an 8 in just one weekend!” The special room rate

of \$155 per night is available until March 29.

To take advantage of the

50% discount on registration during this special two-week promotion, use the group code: KentWTR. For more information, check out the website at <https://www.familylife.com/weekend> or call 800-FL-TODAY. Brochures are also available at the counseling table in the foyer.



Borrow a Book, Keep the Ideas

Have you checked out (pun intended) the Eastridge library lately? Next time you have a few minutes on a Sunday morning, head over to the top floor of Building B—you'll quickly see the shelves of books and DVDs lining the walls of the foyer. There are both fiction and non-fiction resources and all are available for self-checkout. Instructions for borrowing and returning items are on the shelf.

New books are added to the library frequently based on recommendation by a pastor or through donations from people like you. Before donated books are added to the library, they are reviewed by a pastor to ensure the content is biblically accurate.

Four new books have been placed on the "Featured Books" shelf: *Gospel Treason*, *Killing Sin Habits*, *Respectable Sins*, and *Side By Side*.

To learn more about these titles you can read Pastor

Ryan's "Good Reads" article in the December issue of the Eastridge Communicator newsletter (this can be found on our website at eastridgebaptist.org under the Resources menu). In addition, several books have been added to the shelves: *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer; *The Vanishing Conscience: Drawing the Line in a No-fault, Guilt free World* by John MacArthur; *Biblical Counseling: A Basic Guide to the Principles and Practice of Counseling* by John MacArthur & Wayne Mack. Of special note is a book called *Theological Word Book of the Old Testament* edited by Harris, Archer & Waltke. This reference work is essentially a Hebrew Lexicon, designed especially for those less at home in the Hebrew language.

If you would like to be kept informed about what's happening at the Eastridge library, including information on new resources and a list of all available books and DVDs in the library (coming soon), join the Realm group called "EBC Library."

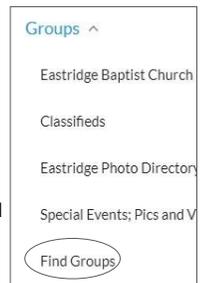
To join the group:

1. Log into your Realm account
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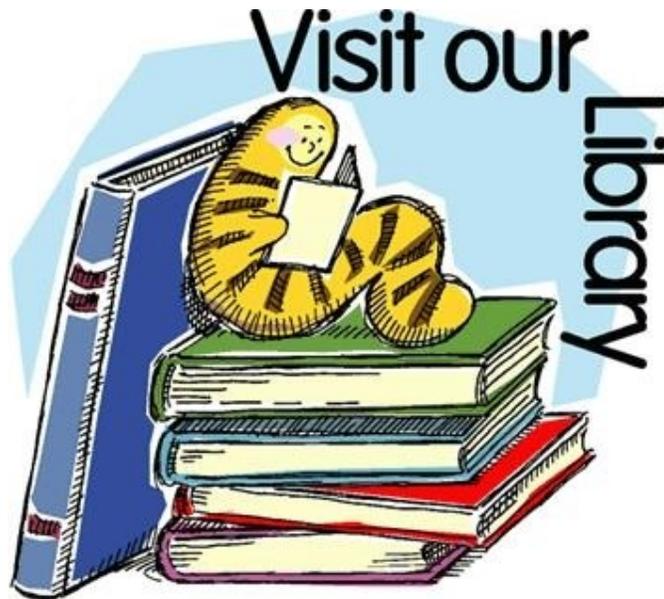
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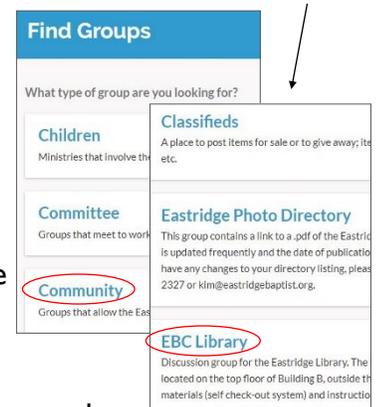
link at the bottom of the list of groups you belong to



4. Click on the **Community** group title, and then on the **EBC Library** title

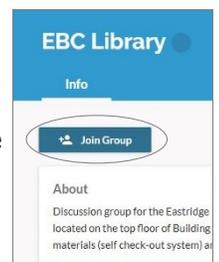


5. Click on the **Join Group** button at the top of the page

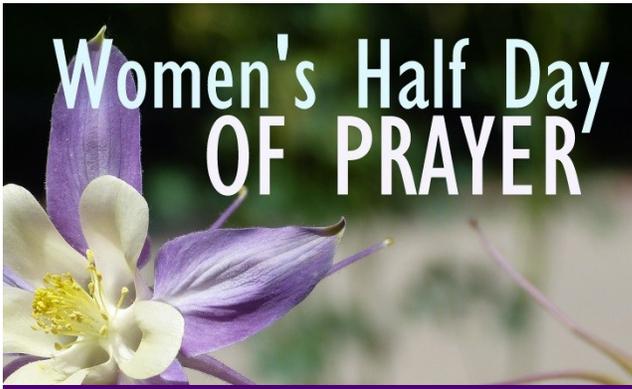


6. Once the librarian (Pat Hazelton) has accepted your request to join the group, you will be notified via email.

To donate resources to the Eastridge library, please contact Pat Hazelton. Pat can be reached at 253-852-4388 or pathazelton@earthlink.net.



Precious Time With the Lord in Prayer



Saturday, January 12, 2019
9:00am to 12:30pm
Eastridge Baptist Church

Ladies, start off 2019 in a wonderful way by joining us at the church on **Saturday, January 12 from 9:00am to 12:30pm** for the annual **Women's Half of Prayer and Planning**. We will spend time alone and with others in praying and planning for the new year. Bring your Bible, a calendar, devotional book, blanket, pillow, or other items to make it a productive morning. Also bring a sack lunch with you; we will eat together and share what God taught us throughout the morning. If you can't make it for the whole morning, come for as long as you can.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Pieczonka at 253-630-0401 or eandcpie@hotmail.com.

Family News



Congratulations to Berend and Natalia Oldenburger on the birth of a baby boy, Emmanuel Berend Oldenburger, on Monday, December 3 at approximately 8:00am. Baby Emmanuel was 10 lb. 1 oz. and 21 in. long. This is the Oldenburger's second child; they have a toddler named Emily. Natalia is the sister of Eastridge attender Nicolae Panfil.

Curtis and Anna Blake welcomed their second child into their family on Saturday, December 15 at 3:01pm. Esther Jane Blake was a healthy 8 lb. 7.2 oz. and 19.75 in. long. Both Mom and baby are doing well! Esther is a baby sister to two-year-old Eleanor.

Congratulations, Curtis and Anna!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Pastor Ryan Trzeciak who received his Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) in Biblical Counseling from Southern Theological Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY! Dr. Trzeciak and his family drove to Louisville in early December in time for him to receive his diploma at the commencement ceremony. Pastor Ryan is the Youth Pastor and head of our Biblical Counseling department at Eastridge.



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Charles Spurgeon's (1834-1892) preaching and writing cut to the truth in an instant. Author Michael Reeves captures Spurgeon's teaching and theology in his book, *Spurgeon on the Christian Life: Alive in Christ* (Crossway, 2018), often letting Spurgeon do most of the talking. I hope you enjoy a sampling of Spurgeon's Christ-filled ministry as much as I have.

The Cross:

"He wore my crown, the crown of thorns; I wear his crown, the crown of glory. He wore my dress, nay, rather, he wore my nakedness when he died upon the cross; I wear his robes, the royal robes of the King of kings. He bore my shame; I bear his honour. He endured my sufferings to this end that my joy may be full, and that his joy may be fulfilled in me. He laid in the grave that I might rise from the dead and that I may dwell in him." (120)

"[Sinners] are held back by love of sin; but the cross will make them hate the sin that crucified the Saviour." (118)

Our Sin:

"We cannot conceive it possible that you are broken in heart if the pleasures of the world are your delight." (110)

"Since man fell in the garden, he has too often sought for his enjoyments where the serpent finds his." (137)

"Do you think Jesus Christ is only for little sinners? Is he a doctor that only heals finger-aches? Beloved, it is no faith to trust Christ when I have not any sin, but it is true faith when I am foul, and black, and filthy; when during the day I have tripped up and fallen, and done serious damage to my joy and peace, to go back again to that dear fountain and say, 'Lord, I never loved washing so much before as I do tonight, for today I have made a fool of myself; I have said and done what I ought not to have done, and I am ashamed and full of confusion, but I believe Christ can save me,

even me, and I will rest in him still.'" (173)

Preaching Christ:

"If a man can preach one sermon without mentioning Christ's name in it, it ought to be his last, certainly the last that any Christian ought to go hear him preach." (72)

"If you would preach sinners to Christ, you must preach Christ to sinners, for nothing so attracts the hearts of men as Jesus himself. The best argument to bring sinners to believe in Jesus is Jesus." (95)

"We have only to preach the living gospel, and the whole of it, to meet the whole of the evils of the times. The gospel, if it were fully received through the whole earth, would purge away all slavery, end all war, and put down all drunkenness and all social evils; in fact you cannot conceive a moral curse which it would not remove, and even physical evils, since many of them arise incidentally from sin, would be greatly mitigated and some of them for ever abolished." (67)

The Christian life:

"Now the tempter will whisper, 'Do not pray just now; your heart is not in a fit condition for it.' My dear brother, you will not become fit for prayer by keeping away from the mercy-seat, but to lie groaning or breathing at its foot is the best preparation for pleading before the Lord....If I feel myself disinclined to pray, then is the time when I need to pray more than ever." (152)

"A Christian sluggard! Is there such a being? A Christian man on half time? A Christian man working not at all for his Lord; how shall I speak of him? *Time* does not tarry, DEATH does not tarry; Satan is not lazy, all the powers of darkness are busy: how is that you and I can be sluggish, if the Master has put us into his vineyard? (160, emphasis original)

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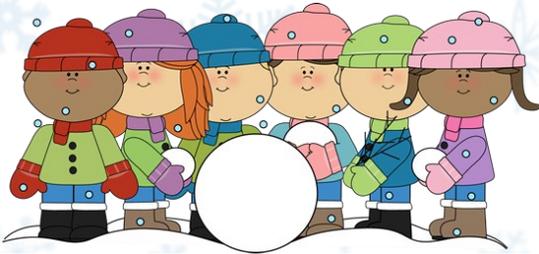
January 2—Happy New Year Games. During game time we'll introduce some "new" games for this new year.

January 9—Livin' Lightly. Wear white tonight (even your shoes and socks) and glow under the black light!

January 16—Hold 'Em Tightly. Hold on tight tonight as we play some wacky games.

January 23—Go Left. The games will be tricky tonight as you go in one direction only—left!

January 30—Cover the Cranium. Wear your wackiest head gear tonight. Be creative and make your own "hat."



A NEW CREATION



The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.



Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

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SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
QWCDREYATMIOCNHFASWCOR
MEGTHWE OFLDXHASSGZONL
ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

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The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



**Saturday,
February 2, 2019
Eastridge Baptist
Church**

- ◇ Weigh-in/check-in begins at 11:30am on race day
- ◇ Awana clubbers and adults can enter a car!
- ◇ Prizes (clubbers only) for design and speed
- ◇ Car kits go on sale in the foyer in January

As we begin a new year, I'd like to propose a challenge to you. I challenge you to read from the book of Psalms every day this year. It may sound daunting at first; after all, it is the largest book in the Bible and also contains the longest chapter! However, it's not as intimidating as it may sound. You could spend 10 minutes a day reading an average of 5 Psalms, and you would read through the whole book in a month. That means we could read all 150 Psalms at least twelve times each in 2019! But why spend so much time in this one book? There are many important reasons why each Christian should spend significant time in the Psalms:

1. The Psalms show us the importance of saturating our minds with the things of the Lord.

You don't have to look long before you see this theme in the Psalms. Psalm 1 describes a godly person as one who "delights in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night" (v. 2). When we take time each day to study Scripture we immerse our hearts and minds in the character of God, what He desires for us, and what He delights in. The Psalms declare God's character and invite us to delight in Him and treasure His Word.

2. The Psalms teach us how to pray and worship.

The book of Psalms is sometimes called the "Hebrew Hymnal," but it is far more than that. It is a collection of the prayers of God's people. The majority of the Psalms are directed to God. We can pray along with the psalmists, "O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You" (Psalm 63:1); "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Of the Psalms which are not directly addressed to God, the majority of those are directed at God's

people, commanding them to praise the Lord. They give directions on *how* we ought to praise the Lord, and more reasons *why* we ought to praise Him: "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above heaven and earth" (Psalm 148:13); "Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake His saints" (Psalm 37:27-28).

3. The Psalms give poetic language and expression to our faith and to every spiritual condition.

Poetry and music uniquely capture our attention because they can give voice to our deepest, strongest emotions. That is evident in the Psalms. They show us ways to express praise to God (Psalm 8), and conversely, ways to cry out to God in anguish and exas-

peration (Psalm 13). The Psalms span the wide range of human emotions and circumstances. Whether you are at a spiritual "high point," or feel as though God has abandoned you, the Psalms address your situation.



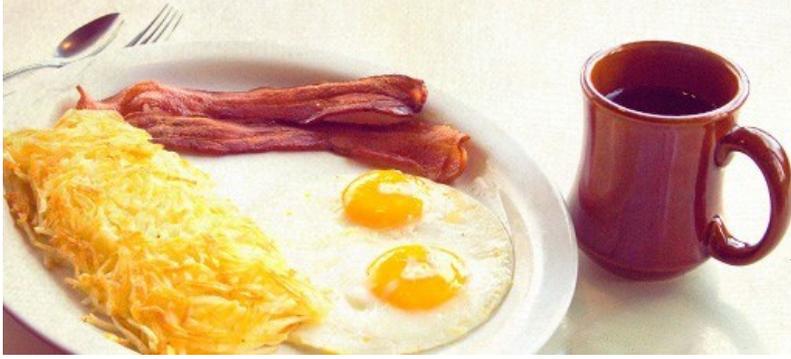
4. The Psalms continually point to Christ.

Did you know that the book of Psalms is the book of the Old Testament that is most often quoted in the New Testament? Jesus Himself showed from the Psalms how He fulfilled Messianic prophecies (see Luke 24:44). The psalmists were all faithful Israelites who desired with all their hearts to serve the Lord. They longed to see their salvation fulfilled in the coming Savior, though they all died before Christ came (1 Peter 1:10-12, Hebrews 11:13-16). Dr. William Varner wrote, "We need the Psalms because they point us to Jesus, who is the source of our salvation" (*Awake O Harp*, p. 2).

Do you see why the Psalms are so important? Will you join me in this challenge? Let's take this year to meditate on the Psalms, beholding the character of

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Eastridge Baptist Church
Men's Ministry



MEN'S Breakfast

Saturday, January 19, 2019
7:30am at the church

A delicious breakfast, a time of worship, and a short message

Year in Psalms *(cont'd from pg. 7)*

our God, learning how we ought to pray to Him and worship Him, and seeing the promises of salvation that have been fulfilled in Christ.

The Psalms were originally composed to be sung. Music helps to express the emotion and poetry found in the Psalms. Many different musical artists have created their own interpretations of certain Psalms, and I've created a playlist on Spotify of many different Psalm arrangements that may be helpful for you as you study them this year. Happy listening!

<https://spoti.fi/2STSzua>

Family News *(cont'd from pg. 4)*

Eastridge would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

John Stahlschmidt
Brock and Sarah Burlando

If you are interested in becoming a member of Eastridge, check out the membership requirements and download the necessary membership documents on our website at www.eastridgebaptist.org. Go to the **About** menu and select **Become a Member**.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Lydia Kusack 1/1 | Samuel Watson 1/11 | Daniel Emme 1/21 |
| Ray Steward 1/3 | Carl Moore 1/12 | Jon Watson 1/22 |
| Rick Aitkins 1/3 | Molly Small 1/15 | Heidi Guthrie 1/22 |
| Asher Elliott 1/4 | Aiden Carlton 1/16 | Archie Tibbetts 1/23 |
| Lynnette Emme 1/5 | Isaiah Kearney 1/16 | Ana Belén Elliott 1/23 |
| Alanna Lopez 1/7 | Mike McCafferty 1/17 | Tony Teeler 1/24 |
| Randy Mayes 1/7 | Barbara Bonar 1/18 | Veronica Aitkins 1/28 |
| Obadiah Diehl 1/8 | Kris Adams 1/20 | Jon Knipp 1/30 |
| Lisa Horne 1/9 | Paul Mickelson 1/21 | Reese Goheen 1/31 |
| Ron Heusser 1/10 | Jennifer Trzeciak 1/21 | |

Anniversaries

Mike and Amanda Miranda
1/4

Andrew and Sara
Hayward 1/9

Jim and Alice Hunter 1/9

Curtis and Anna Blake 1/12

Johnathan and Michaela
Rutherford 1/16

Bill and Cheryl Boston 1/26

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | 1 New Year's Day Happy New Year! | 2 6:30pm 128 Student Ministries 6:30pm Awana Clubs | 3 5:00–6:45pm Youth Bible Quizzing (Youth Center) 7:00pm College/Career Study 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | 4 5:30am Watchmen Men's Discipleship (Youth Center) | 5 |
| 6 1:00pm New Attenders' Luncheon 6:00pm Monthly Prayer Meeting | 7 2:00pm Ladies' Bible Study (Large Portable) 6:30pm Ladies' Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study | 8 10:30am Missions Prayer Ministry 5:00–8:30pm TaeKwonDo 7:00pm Young Marrieds Bible Study (Youth Rm) 6:30pm Elder Mtg | 9 6:30pm 128 Student Ministries 6:30pm Awana Clubs | 10 9:30am Ladies' Bible Studies 5:00–6:45pm Youth Bible Quizzing (Youth Center) 7:00pm College/Career Study 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | 11 5:30am Watchmen Men's Discipleship (Youth Center) | 12 9:00am–12:30pm Women's Half Day of Prayer |
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| 20 Baby Dedications (both services) 1:00pm College/Career Women's Fellowship Lunch & Study (@ Mickelson's) | 21 2:00pm Ladies' Bible Study (Large Portable) 6:30pm Ladies' Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study | 22 5:00–8:30pm TaeKwonDo 6:30–8:00pm Apologetics Group 7:00pm Young Marrieds Bible Study (Youth Rm) | 23 6:30pm 128 Student Ministries 6:30pm Awana Clubs | 24 9:30am Ladies' Bible Studies 5:00–6:45pm Youth Bible Quizzing (Youth Center) 7:00pm College/Career Study 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | 25 5:30am Watchmen Men's Discipleship (Youth Center) | 26 |
| 27 Communion 1:00pm Eastridge 101 (Auditorium) | 28 2:00pm Ladies' Bible Study (Large Portable) 6:30pm Ladies' Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study | 29 5:00–8:30pm TaeKwonDo 6:30–8:00pm Apologetics Group 7:00pm Young Marrieds Bible Study (Youth Rm) | 30 6:30pm 128 Student Ministries 6:30pm Awana Clubs | 31 9:30am Ladies' Bible Studies 5:00–6:45pm Youth Bible Quizzing (Youth Center) 7:00pm College/Career Study 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | | |

Upcoming Events at Eastridge

February 2019

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| Saturday, February 2 | Awana Grand Prix | Racing begins at noon |
| Sunday, February 10* | Monthly Prayer Meeting | 6:00pm (Auditorium) |
| Tuesday, February 12 | Missions Prayer Ministry | 10:30am @ Alaire Irish's |
| Saturday, February 16 | Men's Breakfast | 7:30am |
| Sunday, February 17 – Tuesday, February 19 | Youth Winter Camp | TBD |

March 2019

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| Sunday, March 3 | Monthly Prayer Meeting | 6:00pm (Auditorium) |
| Sunday, March 10 | Daylight Saving Time Begins | 2:00am |
| Sunday, March 12 | Missions Prayer Ministry | 10:30am @ Alaire Irish's |
| Saturday, March 16 | Men's Breakfast | 7:30am |

April 2019

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| Saturday, April 6 | Joyful Noise Musical | 6:00pm (Auditorium) |
| Sunday, April 7 | Joyful Noise Musical | 10:00am and 6:00pm |
| Tuesday, April 9 | Missions Prayer Ministry | 10:30am @ Alaire Irish's |
| Sunday, April 14* | Monthly Prayer Meeting | 6:00pm (Auditorium) |
| Saturday, April 20 | Men's Breakfast | 7:30am |
| Sunday, April 21 | Easter Sunday | 8:30 & 10:30am services |

*Note date change

Mark your calendar...



God has a wonderful plan for your life! That's right, the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth has great things in store for you. But there is a problem. Often when we hear that God has a wonderful plan for our lives, we begin to think, "Alright! God is promising me that I'll get the car I want, go to the college I want, marry a great spouse, live in a nice home, have a great job, have good health. Thanks God!" However, when we have these thoughts we make the mistake of assuming that God's plan is our plan and we begin to try and force God to make our plan His plan. The evidence for this is a rise in our anger and frustration, anxiety, or depression because things are not working out the way we want them to. These emotions are good indicators that we want God to follow our plan and we're fighting against God's plan. So God does have a wonderful plan for your life, but often times it is completely different than what we expect.

God's plan begins in Genesis

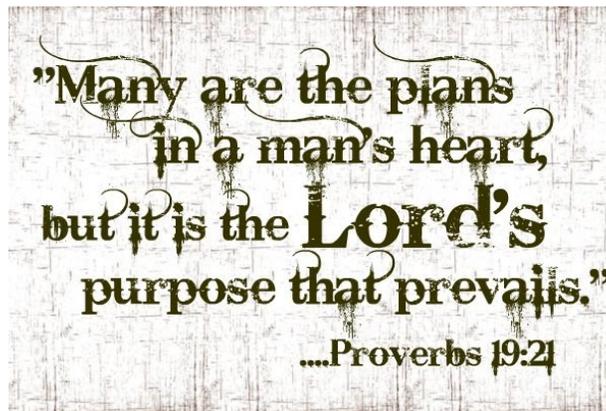
1:27, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Here we see how God created men and women to be His image-bearers. This means that every person possesses intrinsic value. Your significance is not based upon what you do or don't do but on the very fact that you were made to be like God and live for God.

However, in Genesis 3 we read about how man fell into sin and the image of God in man was tainted, marred by sin. Men and women still possess the image of God, as shown in such passages like James 3:9, but we are broken; we are sinful image-bearers who are incapable of doing anything to fix the problem (Rom 3:10-18).

The good news is that God provided the way to fix what sin broke. Colossians 1:15-16 says, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created." In this verse, we find out that Jesus is the physical manifestation of the unseen God. In other words, if we want to know what God is like, we look to Jesus. The author of Hebrews tells us that through His death and resurrection, Jesus destroyed the works of Satan and delivered us from our slavery to sin (Heb 2:14-15). Now that we are free from the power of sin, Paul in Colossians 3:9-10 writes, "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is be-

ing renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator." Paul is explaining the process of change as believers put off sin and put on righteousness. This process causes one to be renewed into the image of the Creator, the image of Christ.

So let's put these pieces together. Men and women were made in the image of God, but that image was marred by sin and we are helpless to remedy the problem. Jesus came to earth as the perfect image of God and provided the way for those who belong to Him by faith to engage in a continual process of being renewed to the image of God as exemplified in Christ. This is God's wonderful plan for your life—to restore the image of God in us by making us more like Jesus. God never promises us riches and wealth, fame and fortune, earthly comfort and happiness. No, God's wonderful plan for us is to become more like Christ, and He works in and through all things in our lives to accomplish this purpose (Rom 8:28). God is committed to His plan, He is continuing His plan, and He will fulfill His plan for our good and for His glory (Phil 1:6-11).



It is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
What ever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

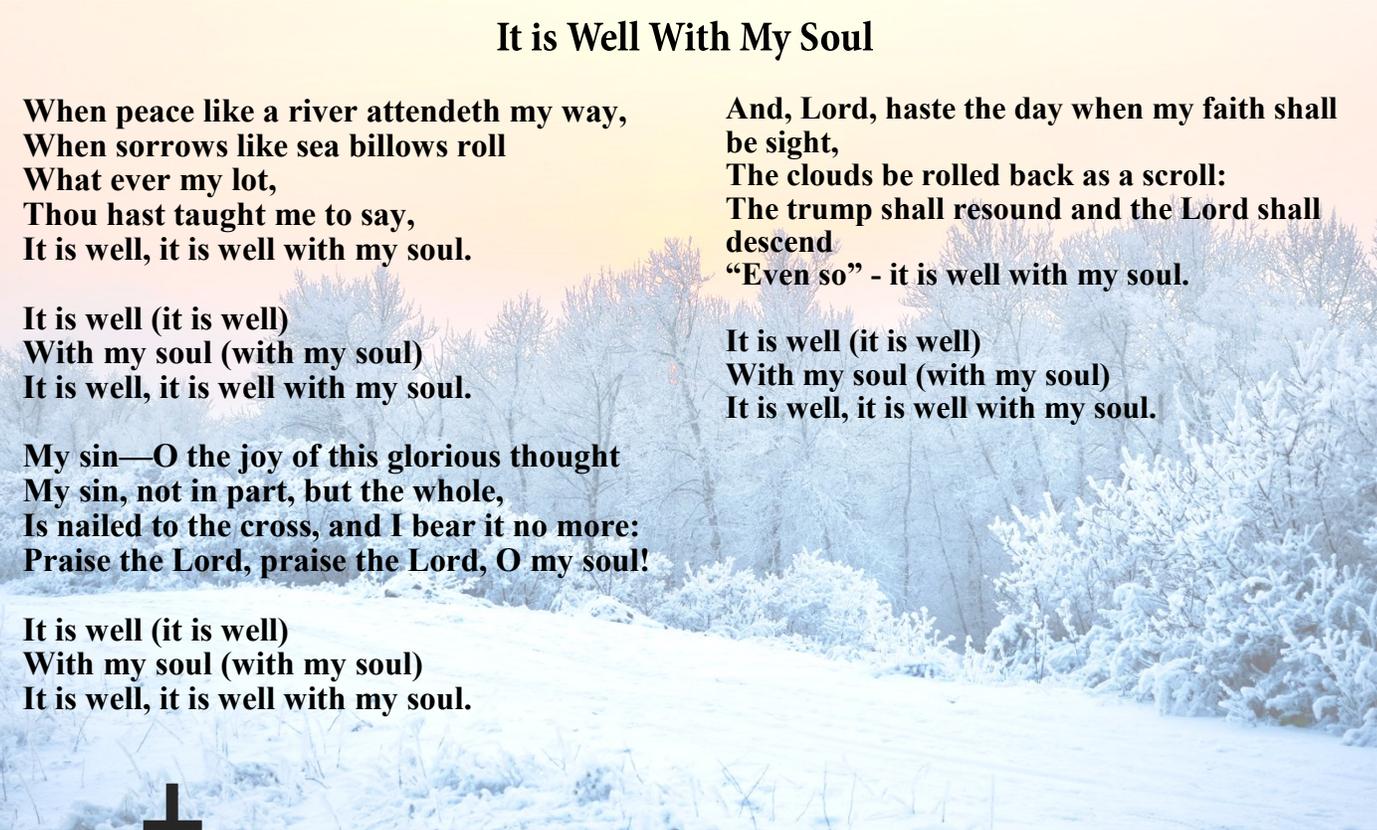
It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the joy of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall
be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall
descend
“Even so” - it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.



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