

"Please God" (no comma)

"He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

The Christian life appears at times to be a numbing maze of doctrines, denominations, rituals, and requirements. True, we do have a great variety of religious expressions, and each has its own value and history. But when we try to get to the basics, what God really wants for us, we find an astonishing simplicity.

Micah is not the only prophet to provide this distilled version of God's will for your life. Isaiah and Jeremiah have similar directives. They illustrate a vitally important aspect of God's character and goal. Though He is infinitely complex and far beyond us, pleasing Him is your goal, and this goal is very accessible. We find this simplicity many times in scripture: the ten commandments, the two greatest commandments, or doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly before Him. Simple. Straightforward.

Let me suggest to you an illustration from Leonard Sweet, a noted author and preacher. He said that he had spent most of his life treating God like Santa Claus, asking Him for various blessings each day. Please, God do this for me. Please, God do

that for me. The prayers were not bad, you understand. It's perfectly all right to ask God about personal concerns.

But if we alter punctuation slightly we get a new insight. Sweet said he took out the comma. *Please, God* became *Please God*. He said that he realized that his main goal in life should not be to receive things from God, but to please God through obedience and service. His chief ambition became to *Please God*. No comma. It's a simple imperative.

This week you will be pulled and tugged constantly, tempted to compromise your faith, its practice, and your witness. The struggle will appear hopelessly complicated. It is not. You are here to give yourself in service to Christ. You are here to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly. Not complex. Make your goal today and every day to please God.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

ADULTS

Daylight Savings Time Sunday, March 8

Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour!

Forum Sunday, March 8 5:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Ellis in the small dining room as he facilitates a group discussion entitled, *Thinking About God*, a survey of basic theology.

Preschool Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 11 5:00 p.m.

Writer's Workshop March 17 1:30 p.m.

Church Work Day Jobs to be done:

Clean gym floor and kitchen, power wash kitchen carts, prime 2nd floor ceilings, install new ballasts & bulbs, replace bulbs in Sanctuary, and clean leaves from roof and other areas. If you have ladders, outdoor equipment or tools, please bring them. The church will provide the cleaning supplies. If you have any questions, please call Tracey at 927-5454. Thank you!

Lost & Found

There is a table in the church office reception area with lost and found items. If you may have lost something, come take a look! Examples of items found: reading glasses and cases, shirts, sweaters, keys, jackets, jewelry, children's shoes, umbrella, ball cap, lace tablecloth.

Deacon Dinner Sunday, March 22 6:00 p.m.

Church Activities Hall
Please RSVP in the church office.

Holy Week Activities

Wednesday, April 1
No Dinner or Activities

Thursday, April 2
6 pm Dinner and Maundy
Thursday Service, Communion
Reservations Requested

Friday, April 3
6:30 pm Tennebrae Service

Saturday, April 4
11 am-1 pm Spring Picnic
Perkins Road Park

Easter Sunday, April 5
8:15 am Flowers at the Cross
8:30 am Service at the Cross
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sage Rehab Ruth Phelps

Thank You

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:

Dean Dewees
Faith Pfrimmer

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to:

Ralph and Marsha Beadle on the death of her father.
Samantha and Dave Oakley on the death of her grandfather.

In Loving Memory

Mr. William "Bill" White united with this church on February 26, 1967 and departed this life on March 2, 2015.



We
Are
So
Proud
Of
You!



It is such a joy to see young people grow up and become blessings to others. Congratulations to Katherine Mullen and Ashley Segalla on being selected to serve as Bible Study leaders at PASSPORT Camps for the summer of 2015. Katherine will serve Passport Missions on a traveling team in Jacksonville, FL and Danville, VA. Ashley will serve Passport Choices in Greensboro, NC. We are proud of these young women as they continue to seek and answer the call of God in their lives. A special thanks also goes to all in this church who have given their time, resources and encouragement to these faithful and courageous ladies. Please say a prayer for them and be sure to tell them thank you for their service and representation of Broadmoor Baptist church.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 5

10:00 A BBQ

Sunday, March 8

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Bible Study

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Carolyn Cate, Jessica, Jennifer, & Matt Robinson, Yvonne Clayton, Circe Bridges

5:00 P Youth Choir
Forum with Dr. Ellis, SDR

5:45 P Belles & Beaux

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 A Yoga

5:30 P First Place for Health

Wednesday, March 11

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

5:00 P Library Opens

Preschool Comm. Mtg.

5:15 P Dinner

6:00 P Children's Choirs

Youth Bible Study

Adult Prayer Time

6:20 P *Fashion Me A People*
Group Discussions

6:40 P Children's Mission Group

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 12

9:00 A LLL Trip departs

10:00 A BBQ

Friday, March 13

5:00 P Bells Retreat

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER March 11

Red Beans & Rice,
Mustard Greens, Salad,
Cobbler

YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21

Youth Service Project

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

6th-8th-Church

9th-12th-Salvation Army

May 17

Youth Olympics with Dr. T

"Paint Edition"

June 21-26

Youth Cue Choir Trip

Washington, DC

July 19-25

Passport Camp

Danville, VA

Register & pay deposit

in church office

CHILDREN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4

Spring Picnic, 11-1

BREC Perkins Road Park

May 29

Day with Dr. T

June 1-July 24

Summer Kid's Camp

PreK4-5th Grade

Register in the church office

June 15-19

Music Camp

"Are We There Yet?"

July 10-11

VBS Weekend

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Memories of Grace

**A special quilt commemorating the
ways God has graced us through
Broadmoor Baptist Church**

You can create your own quilt square.

**Look for instructions in Worship on
Sunday, March 15 and 22, or pick up a
copy of the guidelines in the
church office.**

CHURCH WORK DAY

**Saturday, March 21
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

See inside for details