

Upcoming Events

Pat Hart

Birthday 04/10/2021

Sharon Kochik

Birthday 04/14/2021

Nancy Cobia

Birthday 04/22/2021

LaChasta White

Birthday 04/22/2021

Kay Painter Dubose

Birthday 04/23/2021

Brenda Domingus

Birthday 04/24/2021

Contributions

For those able to attend worship services at the building please leave your contribution in the box at the rear of the auditorium.

For those who give by check and are meeting by Zoom, you can simply mail your check to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

Contribution last week

\$6,365

Bible classes returned to building April 4

Schedule of Services: The schedule of services will be as follows:

9:00 AM Sunday Adult Bible Study; Bill In Auditorium and ZOOM

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classrooms

10:00 AM Sunday morning worship In Auditorium and ZOOM

5:00 PM (ZOOM ONLY) - Praise & Harmony singing before and after Bill Robinson's sermon. Followed by all group ZOOM

6:30 PM Wednesday Bible study with Bill in the auditorium and zoom

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classroom

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Discovering Purpose in Life



Even with all of the negatives of lockdowns, sickness, and death caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been some unforeseen positives.

Stories abound of neighbors helping neighbors. Relationships being rekindled. Families spending more time together. Preachers and pastors finding new and innovative ways to minister. An increase in people reading the Bible and spiritual material. And people becoming Christians

Apparently, according to a new [Lifeway Reachsearch survey](#), Americans have been thinking more about the meaning of life during the pandemic. 57% of adults, a number that had increased in just one year, said they ponder the question "How can I find more meaning and purpose in my life" at least once a month.

"A large majority still lean toward there being an ultimate purpose for a person's life," said Scott McConnell, executive director of Lifeway Research. "During Covid-19, many experiences, pleasures, and metrics of success became irrelevant overnight," McConnell added. "It is not surprising that more people thought about their purpose and what matters in life."

As people ponder and pursue the ultimate purpose in life, let me suggest that the Bible offers definite and concrete answers.

First of all, life's purpose begins with God.

It's not about you. Too often we start at the wrong place asking selfish questions that center around my dreams, my goals, my ambitions, my life, and my future. *Continued inside*



PRAYER LIST - AS OF
04/04/2021

Matthew Bruce deployed until end-April 2021.

Barbara Smith recovering from her fall.

Brenda Domingus' sister Mary was at worship Sunday

Vaughn Thayer - Started Chemo April

9. Needs our prayers

Johnny Mae White - GI Tract issues - kidney issues.

Sawyer Burch- serious rare genetic digestive problem (Trifunctional Protein Deficiency) (TFP).

Sundee Mahone asks prayers to protect Tillman who is away at school.

Thomas Brewer's mother now home from rehab. Keep in your prayers.

All Hart family - Jess and Pat at home

Janis has serious eye concerns following Shingles.
Pray for Gary, Janis & Janie as they care for Jess & Pat.
Pray for Janie Brewer who assists Gary & Janis.

John Demas' mother, Janice Lindner- Janice began first of five radiation treatments on Feb. 8.

Grace Meyers - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia.

Marsha Williamson - Parkinson's - Still evaluating best pump placement.

Beth Beasley (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, final stages of COPD, Hospice

Agnes Kochik (Ron's mother) home now.

Susan Kochik - (Ron's niece) - therapy working.

Please pray for all our Bible Correspondence Course students (about 55)

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“Every living creature is in the hands of God,” Job asserted. To the Athenians, Paul affirmed that we live, breathe, and are daily sustained by God Himself, our Creator ([Ax. 17:25-28](#)). Thus, it’s reasonable to assume that we’re created for a higher, nobler purpose than self-absorbed pursuits and pleasures.

Secondly, we have a source that reveals the purpose.

In 1988 Hugh S. Moorheard released a book entitled “The Meaning of Life According to Our Century’s Greatest Writers and Thinkers.” He wrote to 250 well-respected scientists, authors, and intellectuals asking them, What is the meaning of life?” The book reveals their answers.

One Amazon reviewer correctly concluded that the book was just a collection of opinions and while interesting and entertaining, fell short to have real meaning.

Fortunately, we have a reliable source. [The Bible. God’s Word.](#)

For seekers, I often recommend they begin by reading Luke’s treatise to Theophilus, and then his second book, The Acts of the Apostles. Follow this with Paul’s letter to Ephesians and you will learn about God’s eternal plan and purpose before the world began.

Sometimes, even Christians take for granted and forget that “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence” (2 Pet. 1:3).

Thirdly, we have a person that exemplified God’s purpose for us.

Jesus-Christ. The God-man.

He came to make known the will of the Father (Jn. 5:30; 12:48-50). He left us an example that we should [follow in His footsteps](#) (1 Pet. 2:21-25). And He consummated the Divine plan for our salvation from sin through His death on the cross, and His victorious resurrection ([Eph. 1:1-23](#)).

Thus, Paul could confidently affirm that by the power of God, “(He) saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began” (2 Tim. 1:9).

As we come to know God through Christ and the revelation of His Word, we discover our true identity and find our purpose in life in a greater purpose that God has designed for all of mankind.

When we live purposefully according to the Divine plan, like King David, we can go to our grave knowing that we served God’s purpose in our own generation (Ax. 11:33). –Ken Weliever, The Preacherman