



February 4, 2018

**Sunday:**

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm

Bible Classes: 9:30 am

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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## First Things First, Understanding and Seeking True Happiness

True happiness, joy and life-long peace only come when you have the forgiveness of God. When you know that you are His child, and that He is your heavenly Father. When you have received the Holy Spirit, as you are baptized (going completely under water) into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And, by the way, don't let anyone convince you that you do not need to be baptized. The Bible makes it clear that you do. And, that you do so of your own volition once you have heard the gospel (Good News) of Jesus, and believe! *He (Jesus) said to them (the disciples), "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15-16)*

Let me also put it like this. I grew up with an incorrect understanding about life. I thought that the goal of my life was to live a happy life. I was wrong. There are many reasons which led to my misunderstanding. The concept begins early with many of us. We hear things and we are subjected to many worldly concepts and views. We read and hear stories when we are little. Very often they end with the phrase, "And they lived happily ever after." So, the myth takes root.

I want to help you develop the correct mindset and understanding about happiness, before you go too far in the wrong direction. Therefore, understand that the erroneous goal of living a happy life comes from the world. It is a worldly worldview. Just think about it. You have probably heard people say, "As long as it makes you happy, it's okay." So, families are crushed by extramarital affairs. People are led down paths of pain and destruction, in their quest for happiness. Satan encourages and incites people to make decisions about doing things based on their ability to bring about their own happiness, and what they perceive will make them happy. This is not what God desires for you. God has a different focus in mind for you. The apostle Peter wrote about this. *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)*

Herein lies the issue. God desires for you to be Holy. God desires for you to be pure. God desires for you to be set apart for His use and His glory. God desires for you to be like Him.

With Love, In Christ,



Brother Ian Drucker, Minister of the Gospel

*Excerpt From: Death, Life and The Things That Matter!*

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# Order of Worship

Order of Worship		Leaders	Location	Time
<p><b>8:00 AM:</b></p> <p>Song Leader: Carl Wamble</p> <p><b>598 Standing on the Promises</b></p> <p>Call to Worship: Paul Wharton</p> <p><b>191 God Will Take Care of You</b>  <b>190 Great is Thy Faithfulness</b>  <b>621 Ten Thousand Angels</b></p> <p>Assistant 1: John Jones            Giving: DuBois Murphy            Bread: Steve Brosey            Fruit of the Vine: John Birus            Assistant 2: Phillip Cummings            Assistant 3: Marty Findley</p> <p><b>197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord</b></p> <p>Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:8-18            Irston Hair</p> <p><b>819 I Shall Not Be Moved</b></p> <p>Sermon: Ricky Cook</p> <p><b>798 Yield Not to Temptation</b></p> <p>Prayer Requests/Announcements</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Sterling Saunders</p> <p>Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM:</b></p> <p>Song Leader: Bruce Robins</p> <p><b>449 Thy Word</b>  <b>57 Great is Thy Faithfulness</b></p> <p>Call to Worship: Allen Pratt</p> <p><b>452 Standing on the Promises</b>  <b>18 Faithful Love</b></p> <p>Assistant 1: Jason Blankenship            Assistant 2: Teddy Williams            Giving: Calvin Hunt            Bread: Wayne Dellinger            Fruit of the Vine: Zane Huckabey            Assistant 3: Del Meadows            Assistant 4: Neal Wilkins            Assistant 5: Leroy Bell</p> <p><b>457 How Firm a Foundation</b></p> <p>Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:8-18            Jeff Ray</p> <p><b>469 Faith is the Victory</b></p> <p>Sermon: Ricky Cook</p> <p><b>479 Peace, Perfect Peace</b></p> <p>Prayer Requests/Announcements</p> <p><b>557 Rise Up, O Church of God</b></p> <p>Closing Prayer: Steve Thornton</p> <p>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.</p>			
		Brandon Porter, Jason Kane & Chuck Morris	Church Building	1:30 PM
		Del Meadows & Joe Ford	Blankenship 13804 Brown Branch Rd Laurel, 20707	1:30 PM
		Farin Crone	Church Building	6 PM
		Bren White & Allen Pratt	Panera Bread Laurel Town Center	1 PM
		Ricky Cook	Church Building	12:30 PM
		Paul Wharton (No Kids)	TBA	
		Steve Brosey & Marty Findley	TBA	11:30 AM
		Teens	Church Building	1:30 PM
		Brent Smith & Jack Birus (No Kids)	White 6417 Anderson Ave. Hanover, 21076	5 PM
		Ben Anglin & Jonathan Anglin	Ben Anglin 1686 Gemini Dr. Sykesville, 21784	5 PM
		Calvin Mitchell, John Jones & A.J. Johnson	Jones 3501 Lottford Vista Rd. Bowie, 20721	3 PM
<b>Others Serving this morning:</b>	<b>Others Serving this morning:</b>			
Ushers: (1) Jonathan Anglin, (2) Ben Anglin	Ushers: (1) Darius Alexis, (2) Ian Huckabey			
 <p>Where Faith Meets Life!</p>	<b>Wednesday, February 7th</b>			
	<b>Devotional</b>	Jody Venkatesan		
	<b>Singing</b>	Kwesi Asiedu		
	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Michael Wilkins		
	 <p>Please remember to turn off, mute or set to vibrate all cell phones and electronic devices during services.</p>			