

**ARE YOU REALLY IN CONTROL?**

I read a statement the other day that is so true. "Stormy weather is what man needs from time to time to remind him he's not in charge of everything." However, we like to think that we are in control at least part of our lives. Isn't it amazing how often the smallest things, or things not so small, can throw us off course? It has been a year since everything in my life changed. What happened on June 5<sup>th</sup> was life changer for me. It was not all bad. It gave me a lot of time to think and to take another look at life.

As humans, we tend to resent and fight against what comes into our lives and changes our plans. We can gain so much from the experiences of life if we would just acknowledge what has happened can really be a blessing and help us depend on God.

As weak as we are, we need God's help and depend on Him when our plans change. He promised that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5). He promises that He is with us even to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20). He promises that all things work together for good to them that love Him, who are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28). He has promised that He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psa. 46:1).

Just remember this, you are not as much in charge as you think you are!

--Floyd

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**THE REMINDER**

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**June 3, 2018**  
**MINISTERS**  
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

**Bible Class..... 10:00 A. M.**

**Worship..... 11:00 A. M.**

**Afternoon..... 1:30 A. M.**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Ladies' Bible Class..... 11:00 A.M.**

**THURSDAY**

**Bible Class..... 6:30 P. M.**

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**YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME**  
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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor's card so we will have a record of your visit.

PRAYER LIST: Ryan (Jessica's son – neurofibromatosis, Kyle and Brad Young-health issues, Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael - health issues, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart issues and cancer, also John and Dorothy Callahan their care giver, Rita Blair, JoAnn Robertson, Dub Holland, Sarah Hickman, Dick Clark.

PRAY for our congregation and the efforts to reach the lost.

Let us all work together to make the church the best it can be, and remember to pray for our fall meeting (September 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) with Mike Bonner.

SPECIAL DAYS:

June 17<sup>th</sup>, presentation of church's Disaster Relief Effort.

July 8<sup>th</sup>, presentation on World Bible School.

July 16<sup>th</sup>, NM Children's Home truck. (Need paper towels).

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JUST FOR THE RECORD Last Week Last Year

SUNDAY:

Bible Class 14 12

Worship 25 21

Evening 8 10

THURSDAY EVENING 11 7

Bible Study

CONTRIBUTION \$847.00 \$1042.00

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed—easy to get into and hard to get out of.

Wearing your halo too tight also gives others a headache.

THE VALUE OF AFFLICTIONS

There is a story about a grandfather clock that stood in a corner for three generations, faithfully ticking off the minutes, hours and days—its means of operation was a heavy weight suspended by a double chain. One of its new owners, believing that an old clock should not bear such a load, released the weight. Immediately the ticking stopped. According to legend, the clock asked, "Why did you do that?" The owner replied, "I wanted to lighten your burden." "Please put my weight back," replied the clock. "That is what keeps me going."

All too frequently we try to remove the very things that keep us going, that makes us worthy of the air we breathe and the space we occupy. But as we take a backward glance, we must confess that much of what has contributed to our character was achieved through conflict; that much of what has contributed to our character was achieved through conflict; that much of what people admire in us, even praise us for, came through the double doors of opposition and frustration. In simpler words, we are strangely like that grandfather clock: life's weights keep us ticking!

--John D. Jess

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DO YOUR SHOES HURT YOUR FEET?

One day a little boy complained that his new shoes were hurting his feet. I looked down at his feet. No wonder they hurt. His shoes were on the wrong feet. When I changed them he felt much better and was soon off playing with his friends.

Sometimes our lives seem all sour and stale. We find fault with everyone around us. We need to stop and take a good look at our feet. If we were wearing the same shoes the other fellow wears would we be happier? Would we measure up as well as he? It might be good, if we could just be in that other fellow's shoes for a while!

--Amy Bolding