

From Bro. Chuck's Desk A Little Spirit Lifter

GOD'S PROMISE TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

**“We Know That All Things Work Together
For Good To Those Who Love God.”
Romans 8:28**

Romans 8:28 is perhaps one of the most frequently quoted verses in the Bible—and one of the more misunderstood passages.

What it is not saying: It's not saying all things are good. It's not saying that bad things will somehow become good. And it's not saying our lives will be free of trouble, always filled with good.

What it is saying: God has the power to somehow, in ways we don't understand, take the challenges, the difficulties, the pains of life, and force beautiful results from them. These results can include greater patience, stronger faith, nobler desires, and a more God-centered life.

Bad will still happen. But somehow, somewhere, good things will be drawn out of it. That's God's promise to those who love Him, and God always keeps His promises.

Can you imagine being on the “Shopping Committee” for Moses and the Hebrew children during their 40 years in the desert. This is a list of supplies and stuff needed for the trip.

God supplied all their needs, I am sure He can do the same for me and you.

Moses and the people were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed and feeding 2 or 3 million people requires a lot of food.

According to the Quartermaster General in the Army, it is reported that Moses would have to have had 1500 tons of food each day. Do you know that to bring that much food each day, two freight trains, each a mile long, would be required!

Besides you must remember, they were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day. And just think, they were forty years in transit. And oh yes! They would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day, and a freight train with tank cars, 1800 miles long, just to bring water! And then another thing! They had to get across the Red Sea at night. Now, if they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be a space in the Red Sea, 3 miles wide so that they could walk 5000 abreast to get over in one

night.

But then, there is another problem...each time they camped at the end of the day, a campground two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island was required, or a total of 750 square miles long...think of it! This space just for camping.

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not! You see, Moses believed in God. God took care of these things for him. Now do you think God has any problem taking care of all your needs? I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today, to guide you and protect you as you go along your way. His love is always with you, His promises are true, and when we give Him all our cares, you know He will see us through. So when the road you're traveling on seems difficult at best, just remember I'm praying and God will do the rest.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In His Love,

Bro. Chuck and June Allen

KEEP IN TOUCH MINISTRY

We welcome a new member into our Keeping In Touch Ministry: Mrs. Aletha Chappell. Aletha has been a faithful member of FBCS and attended Judy Smith's Sunday School class. Aletha was employed as an office manager in the office of Dr. Teresa Clark, MD, until her retirement. Aletha has several hobbies, mostly relating to needlework: knitting, crocheting and quilting. She has two daughters and two granddaughters. One granddaughter will be graduating from Annapolis Naval Academy next year with hopes of becoming a helicopter pilot. The other granddaughter is studying nursing with a midwife specialty at the University of Alabama. She hopes to work in third world countries after completing her training. Aletha's address is:

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June Allen
KIT Ministry Team Leader



In December

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| <i>Evelyn Eidson</i> | 12/05 |
| <i>Vivian Millican</i> | 12/22 |
| <i>Kathryn Stedman</i> | 12/26 |
| <i>Peggy Strickland</i> | 12/31 |

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From Your President...

SENIOR ADULT CELEBRATION GOES BACK HOME TO ELLIJAY

As we reported to the LLL membership, the Senior Adult Celebration will return to its original home in October 2012. This program was started many years ago at Ellijay and it is only natural that it will return to them. They now have a new space and feel that they can accommodate the large number of senior adults from all over north and middle Georgia who have enjoyed this special annual event. Many of you have said they were sad that we will not be hosting this program again, but there comes a time that we must move on and encourage others.

I have assured the staff of Ellijay First that we will assist them with records of the churches, names of their contacts, addresses, phone numbers and other resources that may be of assistance to them. We will also send a letter to the churches that have been attending this event over the past seven years informing them of the change.

We are checking on the possibility of providing transportation for our people on a charter bus or our church bus. We will keep you informed as plans are available.

There is no adequate way that we can express our appreciation to all the members of Smyrna First Baptist who have been so willing to make it successful. You volunteered for every task and did it with a warm, sweet, friendly attitude, and believe me, it was noticed.

Thanks,
Richard

BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS WE EXPECT A CAPACITY CROWD AND WE ABSOLUTELY MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS. YOUR GROUP CAPTAIN WILL CALL YOU IF YOU ARE A MEMBER. OTHERWISE, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 8.

December 13, 2011

ATLANTA THEATRE-TO-GO

We welcome Atlanta Theatre-To-Go back again to entertain us with another performance featuring:

All's Well That Ends Well (two comedies).
A museum encounter with a mysterious man transforms a grandmother, Mildred, into queen for a day in "*Heads Will Roll*".
A heated exchange between an irate customer and the phone company leads to a surprise ending in "*Don't Work*".

MENU:

**Party Chicken Breast and Rice
Vegetable Medley
Cranberry Salad
Dinner Roll
Dessert
Tea and Coffee**

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