



The Planter

"The seed is the word of God", Luke 8:11



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Be A Follower of His Plan

Dick Brant

No matter what the game everyone knows there are rules to be followed. You can't play football and follow the rules of baseball. You can't play chess and follow the rules for a game of checkers. You get the point, I am sure, you must follow the rules of the game you are playing.

In the workplace, it would be similar. While electronic equipment may be similar, each piece would be different in some way and operate just a little differently. So, to get the most from each piece, you must follow the manual.

Here is one more thought. It could be that a person likes working with children as a caregiver, and that is great, but in comparison, the big money is working as a pediatric specialist. So, this good person works all week at the children's care center, then goes to the Doctors Hospital Accounting Center, and asks to be paid for the week, at the pediatric specialist rate. You know that's not going to work.

Now as we think about eternal life and a home in heaven, make no mistake we cannot earn our reward in heaven, but there is a plan to be followed.

In a study of the Old Testament, you will note over 600 laws. There were things to do and things not to do. Quite a system, but in a study of the New Testament, someone has counted over 1000.

Of course, some items may be stated more than once, but still, the point is God has given us a plan. A plan for everyday life and a plan for forgiveness. A

plan for every aspect of the church, for its members, and for its leadership.

Now, you know as well as I do, today there are many, many, religious groups having many different forms of worship, teaching, and leadership based on their own teaching found in the books they have written promising eternal life to their followers.

The problem as I see it is this: they are trying to promise the same heaven God has promised His followers. To me it seems natural that God gets to determine who will be with Him in eternity. This plan is outlined in His Word, and it is clear that only those that follow His Word will get the reward.

Consider how clearly Jesus states it in, Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

So again, it is clear, just as the caregiver provided an excellent service and enjoyed her work, at the end of the week there was no paycheck waiting for her at the Doctors Hospital Accounting Center. In the eternal plan of things, only the ones that do the will of the Father, who is in heaven, will enter into heaven.

Remember, it was His Son that died to save us, it is His heaven; it is His plan. Be a follower of Him, and we can be there together.

November 30, 2025

Sunday Morning
Opening Prayer Jeff Duncan
Closing Prayer Eldon Alexander

Scripture Reading Steve Fletcher

Sunday Evening
Opening Prayer Carter Logan
Closing Prayer Jim Warnock

Remember in prayer:

Amanda Fletcher (radiation treatments).
Luke Keller, Jill Spears, Wally Booker, Joan Henry,
Norene and Ronnie O'Kelly, Heidi Street, Don
Duncan, Randall Glaze, Joe Chambers, Bill and Billie
Nolen, Stefan Hoglund.

Oak View Nursing Home: Betty Floyd.
Home: Rachel Taylor.

Tim York will preach tonight.

Adam Cordell will preach next Sunday night.

Remember: Today's Fifth Sunday contribution
surplus will be sent to the **International Gospel
Hour**.

The Men's Holiday Dinner will be in the Fellowship
Room this Thursday at 6:30 pm. Please sign the list if
you haven't already.

The Ladies Holiday Dinner will be this Friday night
at Rhonda Willingham's at 6:30 pm. Please sign the
list if you haven't already.

The Kid's Holiday Party will be next Sunday after
the morning services. Pizza at the building, then
Bowling in Rome. Parents need to attend.

Our **Congregational Holiday Meal** will be December
14th following our morning services, followed by our
singing and devotional at 1:00 pm.

Worship Assignments for December

Announcements: Steve Fletcher
Lord's Table: Justin Glaze (weeks 1 & 2); Tim Hester
(weeks 3 & 4)
Assisting: Joseph Tucker, Dallas York, Jeff Duncan\

Record for the week of November 23, 2025
10 am 11 am 5 pm Wed Contribution
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Would You Be Missed?

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation by William Randolph Hearst, the publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer because of two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my news column for six months it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might not affect the circulation of the newspaper."

Mr. Brisbane's answer was profound. In view of his answer, let us ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed? Would the Lord's work suffer or would there be no difference whatsoever?" As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in the Lord's work and in building up the body of Christ – Ephesians 4:11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16; 1 Corinthians 14:26; 2 Corinthians 12:19. We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibilities to the Lord – Galatians 6:4, 5, 6; Romans 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:8. We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time He has blessed us with. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he writes to the Ephesians brethren, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15, 16).

Brethren, let us resolve from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord's work, "And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision and resources. Let us be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause, "while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

-- The Pillar, Cave City, AR

Elders:

Steve Fletcher, Hugh Glaze, Dan Logan, Tim York

Deacons: Justin Glaze, Carter Logan, Adam Morgan, Jerry Reaves

Minister: Hugh Glaze

Song Leader: Adam Morgan