

# SOVEREIGN GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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*"A Church Seeking To Please God In Prayer, Song, Preaching, And Worship."*

## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Wendell Henderson, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Pastor G. L. Burr, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas and grandson Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## ***The Pastors Thinking:***

### **What are all things?**

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."* Romans 8:28

Albert Barnes has this thought, "All things - All our afflictions and trials; all the persecutions and calamities to which we are exposed. Though they are numerous and long-continued yet they are among the means that are appointed for our welfare."

If you listen to people talk, even Christians you hear them speak very blessed of God when good things happen, and they should, but what about the "bad times"? our persecutions and trials in life are also a blessing from God, we just do not recognize them as such. We are finite, so therefore we have many limits, and those limits causes us to be ignorant of so many things. We sometimes find ourselves laboring in our bad time when we ought to praise God in them and recognize His Sovereignty in everything that happens in our life. Most Christians don't even know about the Sovereignty of God because they are not taught about it. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:18 "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;" So God has said, "we know that all things work together for good", because "all things are of God,". Since all things are of God and God has promised that all things work together for the good, then shouldn't we praise God for every event in our life whether good or bad? Believing in God as the Sovereign Being that He is helps with this, because His Sovereignty puts Him in control of everything. Let us use this example: Let's say you must be in a certain location that was a must being there, and you missed your flight, this might seem like a life disaster, until you heard the plane crashed, was missing the flight a blessing? As a finite people we are limited to thought and understanding, therefore we cannot balance the blessings of God with the happenings of life. Only God is infinite, therefore having all knowledge and understanding, because He has ordained everything to be, it is called "PREDESTINATION". "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," Ephesians 1:5 Everything in our life is "ORDAINED" of God before the world was ever created and is manifested in due time. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1 even our birth and death are ordained of God, "A

time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;" Ecclesiastes 3:2 If Believer's are not taught these things then they will never understand them and life will be more difficult because we fail to know that, "...know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Now, for a true blessing and a greater understanding of this, read the rest of Romans 8 that is verses 28 – 39 and pay special attention to verses 28 – 30. Folks, God is in control of everything and nothing is out of His control, because He has ordained everything in your life to be, even death. Therefore, we have reason to praise God for every event in our life, even in sickness and death. To understand God is to understand His workings, His salvation, and the blessings of death. While many things in life may be thought of as disastrous, God has it in His control and in some way there is good in it, even in death. Remember God's promise to us, "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord...(For we walk by faith, not by sight)... We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:6 – 8

***"Sinner Friend, Trust In Jesus" By Sister Kathryn Parrish***

Sinner friend, please tell me — I really want to know,  
Do you ever think of eternity, through this life you go?  
Do you think of a holy God and that great judgment day,  
When you'll learn that, for your sins, forever you must pay?

Oh, do you know the meaning that the second death implies?  
It means that you will then be cast into the lake of fire,  
Separated forever from the God of love and light;  
Why did you treat the Son of God with rejection and respite?

Alone, forlorn, forsaken - Oh, how awful it must be,  
To be forsaken by God throughout eternity;  
Never to know the blessings which His love and mercy bring,  
Never to know the joy comfort of even the smallest things.

Never to see the passing seasons, each dressed in splendid array,  
Nor to awake in anticipation of another lovely day;  
No more to feel the cooing breeze or see the sunshine bright,  
No pale moon-glow or twinkling stars to lighten the black, dark night.

Helpless, hopeless, fearful, will be the destiny,  
Of those rejecting Jesus and the blood of Calvary;  
No crystal, flowing water to cool the burning brow,  
Not even a single drop of that, which they take for granted now.

Oh, sinner, trust in Jesus while you still have life and breath;  
Jesus is the only way you'll escape the second death;  
He is the only way given whereby men must be saved;  
Behold, how much He loved, for His life He freely gave!

Suffering, bleeding, dying, in shame and agony,  
Jesus paid my sin-debt as He hung upon the tree;  
As I recall that awful scene and see Him hanging there,  
I realize He loved me with a love beyond compare !

***Church Notices:***

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3. Be sure to set your clocks **BACK** one hour.