

Message Notes

MAY 26, 2019

9:30 & 11:00am

Pastor Bill Ehmann

"LIFE WITH CHRIST DOES NOT JUST HAPPEN — IT IS PLANNED"

Philippians 1:12-19

From the time that Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus to the end of his life, he believed that whatever experiences came to him were from God. His priority was to tell Jesus' Story – in his words, "advance the Gospel." As he writes from prison, he is confident that it is where he was supposed to be at the time.

Philippians was written to committed followers of Jesus. The principles are for people who share Paul's commitment to Him. To apply these ideas to an unbeliever's life would not make sense. The outlook of a Christian is different from a person who does not know Christ.

1. The relationship of sovereignty to personal choice.
2. The confidence of personal faith. v 12
3. The influence of positive perspective. vs 13-14
4. The reality of misguided people. vs 15-17
5. Big-picture thinking facilitates rejoicing. vs 18-19

Things Don't Just Happen

Things don't just happen to us who love God,
They're planned by His own dear hand.
Then molded, and shaped, and timed by His clock,
Things don't just happen; they're planned.

We don't just guess on the issues of life;
We Christians just rest in the Lord.
We are directed by His sovereign will,
In the light of His holy Word.

We who love Jesus are walking by faith,
Not seeing one step that's ahead,
Not doubting one moment what our lot might be
But looking to Jesus instead.

We praise our dear Saviour for loving us so,
For planning each care of our life;
Then giving us faith to trust Him for all
The blessings, as well as the strife.

Things don't just happen to us who love God,
To us that have taken our stand;
No matter the lot, the course, or the praise,
Things don't just happen; they're planned.

- *Esther Fields*

NEXT SUNDAY

June 2, 2019
9:30 &
11:00 A.M.

"LIVING IN THE ETERNAL NOW"
Philippians 1:20-26

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service