The Saltshaker



A View from the Pew— Mike Burns November 2026

What's God's will for your life?

That's a loaded question! I am in a season of considerable stress at work and at home. Recently, during worship no less, a relatively minor problem became the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. Suddenly, I experienced what I can only describe as something akin to an anxiety attack. It lasted only a minute or so, but it was deeply unsettling. I do not know that I have ever felt so out of control. Fortunately, a worship song helped bring me around in short order. I don't remember what the song was. I suppose it doesn't really matter. It's reminder that my temporary problems were not the whole picture, helped me regain perspective. The pressures at work and home had not vanished, but that overwhelming moment passed. I was grateful … initially, that it did not last long! But seriously, beneath that immediate relief was a deeper gratitude: the sense that I was met in my distress and helped when I could not help myself. In a moment when I felt unable to regain my footing, the song gave me a reminder I desperately needed. The experience humbled me. There is nothing comfortable about discovering how quickly a small problem can become overwhelming when it lands on top of everything else. Yet that brief moment made my limits unmistakably clear. I could not simply will myself into feeling steady. I needed help, and I was grateful to receive it. Humility and gratitude met in that realization. Humility meant acknowledging that I was not in complete control. Gratitude meant recognizing the help that reached me there. I was not thankful for the distress itself, nor was I pretending that my problems no longer mattered. I was thankful that, in the middle of an unsettling experience, I found comfort and a renewed perspective. I share this not as formula for anyone else's struggle. What helped me in that minute does not mean every difficult moment will be brief or resolved in the same way. But it has left me reflecting on something that God has had me ruminating over for quite some time on and off. God's will for my life is much more about character than career choices, about holiness much more than happiness, about how I give so much more than what I get. Micah 6:8 says "He has shown you, oh man, what is good and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly before your God." In the preceding verses, Micah asks what offering would be enough to bring before God, naming increasingly costly sacrifices. Verse 8 redirects the question from "What can I offer?" to "How should I live?" I've often thought that walking humbly with God ought to be listed first. After all, how can you know what justice and mercy are without knowing first who you are, positionally before The Awesome Creator of justice and mercy (and everything else!). Living in relationship with God, acknowledging your limits and remaining willing to listen, learn, and be corrected. Humility here is not self-contempt; it is letting go of the assumption that you are entirely self-sufficient. My experience was a startling reminder of how easily I forget that I need Him. To act justly is to treat people fairly and honestly, and put what is right into practice. Justice is more than having good intentions; it concerns our choices and how those choices affect others. To love mercy is to value kindness, compassion, and faithful love. The Hebrew word often translated as mercy or kindness, ḥesed, carries the sense of steadfast, loyal love—not simply an occasional act of generosity. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Paul explains; "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." These verses are in the middle of his instructions to the church on how we should conduct ourselves as believers. Rejoice continually does not mean feeling happy every moment or hiding grief. Joy rests in God's faithfulness rather than in our circumstances. Sorrow and joy can coexist as we abide in Christ. Praying continually does not require speaking prayers every second. It describes a sustained relationship with God: returning to him throughout the day with needs, gratitude, questions, and concerns. Prayer becomes an ongoing orientation, not only a response to a crisis. Gratitude also becomes an ongoing orientation. Gratitude IN every circumstance, not necessarily gratitude FOR every circumstance. Paul's instruction need not mean calling suffering good or denying its seriousness. It can mean recognizing companionship, help, comfort, or hope even while acknowledging that something is painful. "For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"! (The surrounding verses are worthy of your perusal, too. That's your homework !) If you've ever asked that question before: "What's God's will for my life?", now you know. It's not that He doesn't care about your career or who you marry or how you will retire. He most certainly does. But He is so much more interested in conforming you and I into the image of His beloved Son than any of those other things. And He gives us opportunities every day to live His will for us out.

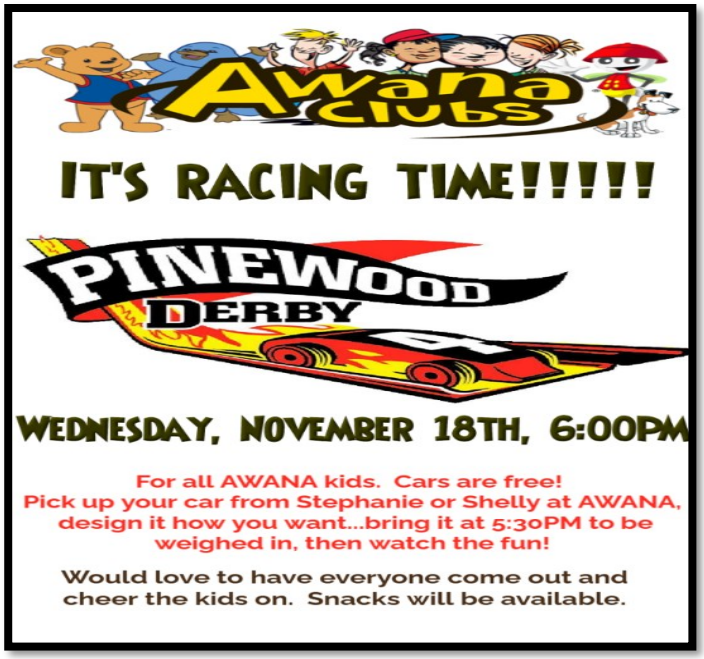

FALL BACK
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR


GAL PALS (ALL LADIES)
HOME CLEANING
OFFICE CLEANING
TOOLS
BEST SERVICE
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT..
there has to be ways I could save money by using stuff I already have.
WE HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH YOU!
"HOME HACKS"
Meet on Saturday, November 21st @ Noon, at the church, in room 111.
Bring food to share and let us teach you some new hacks that might make life easier.

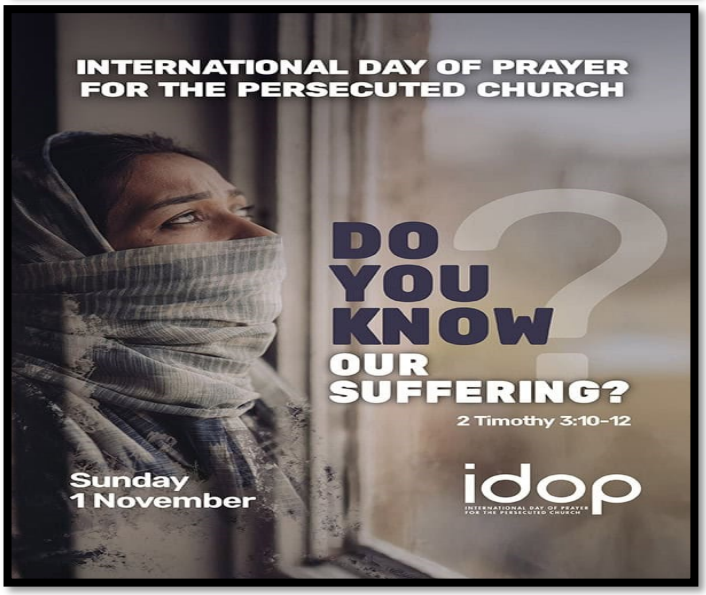

RISE UP
Join us for 3 Nights of Christ Centered, Life-Changing Encouragement and Challenge to Rise Up in Faith and Mission.
With
Mike Satterfield
Field of Grace Ministries
Nov 5th-7th
7:00PM
Delta Christian Church
795 1600 RD


SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON
Dawn & Cheryl will bring the Turkey, Potatoes & Gravy, they're just asking that you all bring the rest.
Be ready to have some fun tooooooo.
November 7TH Noon
Let's Party


Wobble til you
GOBBLE
YOU'RE INVITED TO A
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 11:30AM
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY WILL BE PROVIDED!
Need volunteers to buy a turkey and to cook it. Speak to Ruth or Cathie if you can help with that.
Everyone must bring food -- at least 1 or 2 dishes please.


Awana clubs
IT'S RACING TIME!!!!!
PINEWOOD DERBY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 6:00PM
For all AWANA kids. Cars are free!
Pick up your car from Stephanie or Shelly at AWANA, design it how you want...bring it at 5:30PM to be weighed in, then watch the fun!
Would love to have everyone come out and cheer the kids on. Snacks will be available.


IT'S TIME TO DECK THE HALLS
for CHRISTMAS
(SANCTUARY ALSO)
Everyone is invited to come and help. We will be putting up trees and wreaths in the sanctuary, decorating the lobby, the outside entrances and etc. We will have soup and sandwiches for supper for all the workers, provided by the Social Committee.
Bring the whole family!
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, STARTING AT 5:30PM


INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
DO YOU KNOW OUR SUFFERING?
2 Timothy 3:10-12
Sunday 1 November
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Thank you
Dear church family,
We would like to thank you all for your prayers for Andy and I during our time of need. We have felt your prayers and are truly blessed to have a wonderful Church family.
We so appreciate those who brought us a meal after my foot surgery. It helped Andy and Aidan out tremendously when I was unable to move around freely to cook for them.
We are so grateful for your generosity.
With love, Cheryl, Andy and Aidan


NOVEMBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT
DELTA COUNTY GIDEON BIBLE CAMP
Our local camp reaches out to men/women in jail, we hand out bibles to kids where we can, we minister to the local pastors/wives, we place bibles in motels and we help with the distribution of bibles around the world. Please give so we can give.
We will have a Gideon with us on Sunday, November 22nd to share the Good News with Delta FBC.

November
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Gail Gibson	1
So Ber Hae	1
JoNell Grover	2
Paw Eh Gay Wah	2
Simon So	2
Mike Adams	3
Libby Holton	4 (80th)
Scott Fritzsche	9
Cha Pla Moo	10
Frank Antal	11
Charles Gilder	13
Hso Gay Paw	15
Linda Roberts	15
James Creasey	16
Eh Say	18
Ruth Grass	20
Leora Emrick	25
George Smith	28
Sue Owens	28

Anniversaries

Scott & Mary Fritzsche	1
George & Sheila Smith	15

Wishing you the best day ever!



It's time to start packing a shoebox.
The collection dates are November 16-21

Talk to Vicki Conley in the church office and she will give you information on how to do this. Pack a box or give $30 to have a box packed for you to reach difficult countries.

The story of how Operation Christmas Child began...

In the summer of 1993, Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in Eastern Europe. Franklin agreed, but figured Christmas was months away. He forgot about the promise until he received a call back around Thanksgiving asking about the gifts.

Franklin asked his friend, the late Pastor Ross Rhoads of Calvary Church of Charlotte to see if he could help with the need. A Sunday shortly afterward, Pastor Rhoads demonstrated for his congregation how to fill a shoebox with simple gifts and encouraged them to include a letter to the child as well. Within weeks, the church had 11,000 shoeboxes lining their hallways.

Due to their generosity and additional gifts from Canada, Samaritan's Purse sent 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in the Balkans that Christmas. Through these gifts, we communicated to children and their families what the angel said to the shepherds about Jesus' birth: *"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people"*
(Luke 2:10, ESV).

Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than **244 million children** in more than 175 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

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Address Service Requested



Children's Sunday School Classes and Adult Classes

Room 110, Leta Duran	Children (K-5th Grade)
Room 111, Mike & Sherry Burns	Adults & Middle/High School
Room 207 Cathie Tiffany/Ruth Grass	Discussion on Sermon

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