UPCOMING EVENTS

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- · Altamoms Thursday, September 26th @ 7pm
- · Altamont Church Potluck Sunday, September 29th
- · Women's First Saturday Coffee Saturday, October 5th @ 9am
 - · Parent Sunday Sunday, October 6th
 - Fall Festival Saturday, October 12th @ 10am
- · Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip October 17th 20th
- Forensic Faith Conference Saturday, October 19th @ 9am
 - · CityTeam Outreach Saturday, October 19th
 - · Altamoms Thursday, October 24th @ 7pm
- · Women's Ministry Harvest Brunch Saturday, November 2nd

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SONGS & SERMONS

"10,000 Reasons" - Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

"Found in You" - Paul Baloche & Andi Rozier

"Center" - Charlie Hall, Matt Redman

"Build My Life" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, Matt Redman

"Christ Be All Around Me" - David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need......\$34,434.00 Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,274,058.00

Giving Last Week... ..\$27.517.00 Y-T-D Giving..... ...\$1,197,393.00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Enduring with Confidence Romans 8:26-30

We pray with confidence even when we don't know what is best.

1. The Spirit's help must not make us passive in praying, but stimulate us to pray.

Rom. 8:26a Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness

2. Our weakness must be seen in light of suffering & a lack of knowledge.

Rom. 8:26b for we do not know what to pray for as we ought,

3. The Trinity works together to provide all we need.

Rom. 8:26c but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.



We trust with confidence God's plans/promise even when things are hard.

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

- 1. Note the contrast between what "we do not know" (v.26) and what "we know" (v.28).
- 2. The Spirit's praying for us naturally leads to confident trusting in the midst of suffering.
- 3. The "good" promised is found in "all things".
- 4. The promise is not universal, but only for those who love God and live within His purposes.

We focus with confidence even when future "glory" seems far away.

1. Do not lose sight of God's ultimate purpose for you – transformation in Christ-likeness!

Rom. 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

2. God's track record proves he will be faithful to complete the work!

Rom. 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

3. In Christ, we stand in the certainty of what's to come.

Rom. 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

So, we endure suffering with confidence in what God has done and promises to do!

1Pet. 5:9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.