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1 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Alpha	2 6:30 Precepts	3 10:00 MAKS 7:00 Cong Care 7:00 Property	4 6:00 AWANA 7:00 Jr & Sr High 8:00 CTG	5 12:00 Men's Lunch 7:00 Elder Board 7:00 Women's study	6 6:15am Men's Grp 8:00 Club 180	7
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15 Mission Sun. 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 5:00 Prayer 6:00 Alpha	16 6:30 Outreach 6:30 Precepts	17 10:00 MAKS 7:00 Elder Board	18 1:30 Quilt-ing club 6:00 AWANA 7:00 Jr & Sr High	19 9:30 Women's Study 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	20 6:15am Men's Grp 8:00 Club 180	21
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Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

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I've Been Thinking about . . . Romans 8:28

By Pastor Chris

Some things seem good *to* us—candy, milkshakes, bacon cheeseburgers. . . . But they're not good *for* us. Other things seem not good *to* us—dental work, inoculations. . . . But they're good *for* us. So, what is good?

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that God makes all things work together for good for those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose" (my translation). What does "good" mean?

Greek has three different words for "good": *kalos*, *chrēstos*, and *agathos*. *Kalos* often means "aesthetically good," like a beautiful painting. *Chrēstos* often means "usefully good," like a comfortable mattress. *Agathos* often means "morally good," like a person of ethical character.

In Romans 8:28, the word translated "good" is *agathos*. God makes all things, whether or not they are *kalos* or *chrēstos*, to work together for *agathos* in our lives. Even if our painting is burned or our mattress becomes lumpy, God will use that experience for our moral good.

What is that moral good? The next verse supplies the answer: "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become conformed to the image of His Son*, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom 8:29 NASB, italics mine). God uses all our experiences for the *agathos* of conforming us more and more to the character of Jesus.

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Fall Worship Schedule



Sunday School— All Ages @ 9:00 AM



Fellowship 9:50 - 10:15 AM

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(One Service)

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God uses the potter's wheel of difficult situations to shape us into people of good character, useful to his purposes (Rom 5:3-5; Jas 1:2-4). We become more like Jesus through the trials we endure, and that's *agathos*.

Some afflictions are deep and long. Our initial response to such an affliction is to reject it. It's not fair! I did everything right, and it turned out wrong! I don't deserve this! How could God let this happen? We look for ways to crawl out from under the weight of the trial. Next, as the difficult circumstance drags on, we begin to reconcile ourselves to the possibility that God may not intervene to remove the affliction. With deep sighs, we resign ourselves to it. But gradually, in the pounding rain we begin to see droplets of God's purpose, which gather into pools of joy. Life becomes enriching again. What we once thought we could not live with, we now know we could not live without. We see God making our trial into a difficult but cherished addition to who we are. We become more like the One who learned obedience from what he suffered and endured the cross for the joy set before Him (Heb 5:8; 12:2). That's good.

What challenge are you facing today? What sorrow weighs heavily on your heart? What burden do you carry? It may be ugly, not *kalos*. It may seem useless, not *chrēstos*. But God will make it work for *agathos* in your life. How good that is!

MESSAGES FROM OUTREACH

Our church is responsible for the Community Christmas meal on Christmas Day usually held at the Senior Citizens Center, but this year will be held at our church!! Please be thinking how you can help.

- Food and facility preparation - please contact Bev Emery 837-2254
- Serving and visiting with guests - please contact Judy 521-4710
- Delivering meals - please contact Sara Stensrud 351-1098



Operation Christmas Child Opportunities

Sat., Nov. 11-14,: **Shoebox Packing Party** 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Bring a snack to share & any items to donate. Kids, bring a parent with you.

Sun., Nov. 15th,: **Shoebox Dedication Sunday.** Bring your shoebox with you into the Worship Center for a special dedication.

Mon., Nov. 16th - 23rd: **National Collection Week** for OCC. Volunteers are needed for the Relay Center from 1:00 - 5:00 pm daily. Please sign up at the Info Booth.

Sat. Dec. 15th: **Work day** at the **Minneapolis Shoebox Processing Center** from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Sign up form at the Info Booth.