

All Things Work Together

But what about this—there was a job I wanted. I was absolutely qualified. Excellent resume and recommendations from prior upper-management folks, colleagues. I mean, it was a perfect fit. I was a shoo-in.

After laborious months of interviews, I made quarter-finals, semi-finals, down to the final two.

Someone else got the job. What? I had prayed about this. I had *prayed* about this, considered all the implications, and I believed it was His will—I was confident it was His will. That had to be why I made it to the 50-50.

But He said, “No.”

And so, I looked for a reason, any reason. I didn’t find anything.

Then I thought about it—and remembered, “all things work together.” I wondered, “If that job was NOT His will ... I probably ought to be glad I didn’t get it.”

And so, I gave thanks that I did not get the job, and I gave thanks that He would show me His will for whatever was next.

In the meantime, I will spend more time with Him, seeking His face, discerning His will, waiting to see how He will work all things together for my good.

Post Script: I discovered that would have been a terrible move for me. Three months later, God opened up THE best possible move I could have made. HE worked all things together for my good!

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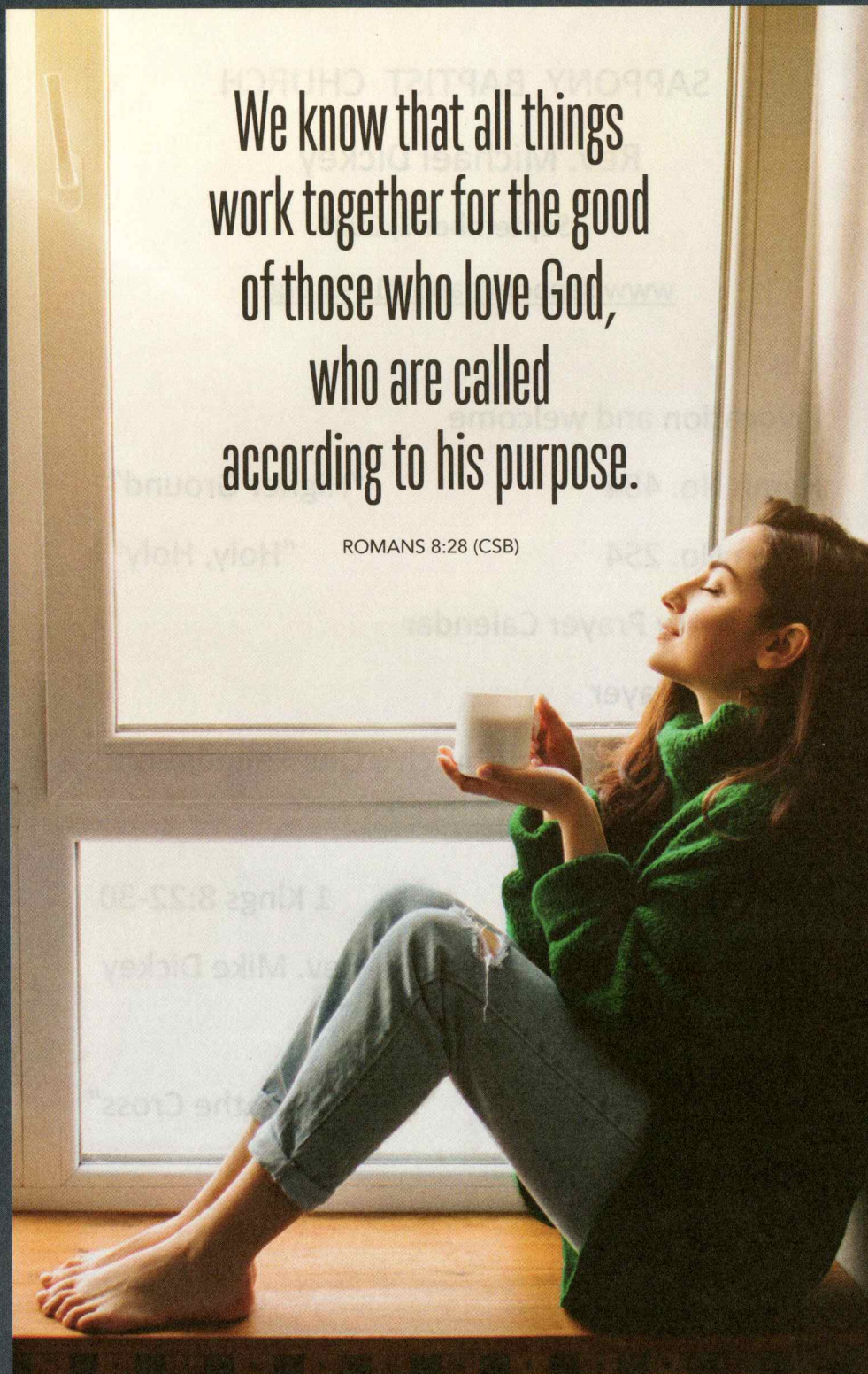
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We know that all things
work together for the good
of those who love God,
who are called
according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28 (CSB)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

September 1, 2024

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 484 "Higher Ground"

Hymn No. 254 "Holy, Holy"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 350 "The Church's One Foundation"

Doxology

Scripture 1 Kings 8:22-30

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"Promises Kept"

Hymn No. 315 "Room at the Cross"

Benediction

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

Quarterly business meeting and covered dish will be on September 8 after the service.

Tuesday, September 3rd. WOM will meet at the parsonage at 10:30am.

We are updating the church directory. Please let us know if your address or phone number has changed.

Prayer meeting and Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 11th. We will have two options: 3pm and 7pm at the parsonage. Unable to drive at night? We'll see you at 3. Working during the day? We'll see you at 7.

The Sussex County Sheriff's Office invites you to the National Faith & Blue Event, Saturday, October 26th from 11:00am to 3pm at the Sussex School Complex. There will be a Car Show, Children's Games, Vendors, Food Trucks, and other activities as will.

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: James 1-17:27