

He Uses Everything

A junior in high school and confident teen that I was, I was talking to God, unsure of what I wanted to be when I “grew up.” I said, “If You will just tell me where You want me to be in 10 years, I’ll get there.”

Lots of math, and degrees in music, all led to a variety of jobs, working my way through college.

There was exposure to marketing and advertising at a local newspaper after high school. Then as a night clerk at a motel, posting charges and balancing the city ledger.

After a music ed degree, I went on to write a 300-page dissertation for a PhD in musicology, attaining writing, editing, and proofreading skills.

Working as a part-time music pastor through college, I learned so much about music and worship, working with a variety of pastors and congregations.

Then came the “real” workplace. Through three different church music companies, each move an advancement, I worked in marketing, leading 5 to twenty folks in various capacities, directing overall operations. Yes, He was leading me, using skills gathered through the years.

Curious side trip, I was demoted for a year, during which I experienced a heart attack—with time to really recover, in that “less-stress” position. That was followed by an interim period as leader of 30+ music folks.

Then the last 6 years of my career used all those acquired skills.

At some point, early on, I remember telling the Lord to lead me where He wanted me. All that math, writing a dissertation, leading worship, directing choirs—all of those pieces He used to bring me to a greatly satisfying retirement, accomplishing things I could never have imagined.

So, tell me, young man of 17, how would you have gotten to this point?

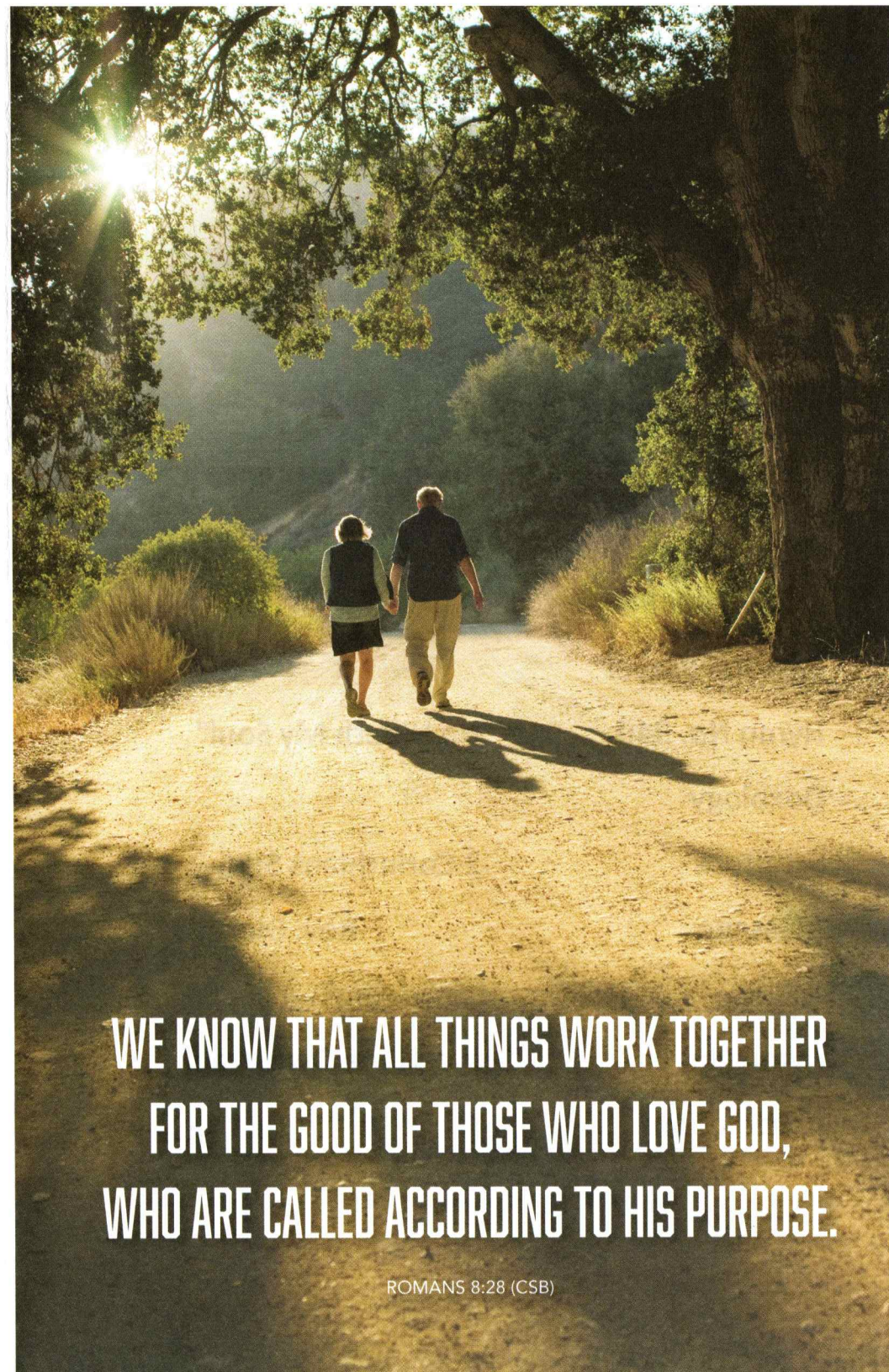
We all know the answer.

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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)

SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

March 30, 2025

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Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 334 "Blessed Assurance"

Hymn No. 335 "Standing on the Promises"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 340 "He Hideth My Soul"

Doxology

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-2

Message Rev. Dickey

"The Day of Salvation"

Hymn No. 294 "Have Thine Own Way"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Bible Study will be held on Wednesday at 3pm (early group) and 7pm (late group and students) at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you.

On Sunday, April 20, 2025 Sappony will host the Community Easter Sunrise Service at 8:00am. Pastor Carrie from Concord will bring the message.

THE PRAYER WALL is up on our website. Anyone may now submit prayer requests online, so please check the wall and commit to praying for those requests. Also, please update us on any prayer requests that you have. This can be done on the website or by contracting Sue (804) 731-1481 or suewinfield171@gmail.com.

If you wish to receive text messages updates including paper requests from the church, please text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282 in order to be added to the list. Also please save that number as a contact in your phone to insure that our messages don't go to your spam.

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: Philippians 3:7-11