

What is Your Aim? by John Piper
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Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. . . . And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17)

When you get up in the morning and you face the day, what do you say to yourself about your hopes for the day? When you look from the beginning of the day to the end of the day, what do you want to happen because you have lived?

If you say, "I don't even think like that. I just get up and do what I've got to do," then you are cutting yourself off from a basic means of grace and a source of guidance and strength and fruitfulness and joy. It is crystal clear in the Bible, including these texts, that God means for us to aim consciously at something significant in our days.

God's revealed will for you is that when you get up in the morning, you don't drift aimlessly through the day letting mere

circumstances alone dictate what you do, but that you aim at something — that you focus on a certain kind of purpose. I'm talking about children here, and teenagers, and adults — single, married, widowed, moms, and every trade and every profession.

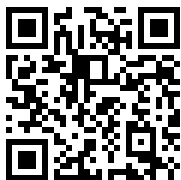
Aimlessness is akin to lifelessness. Dead leaves in the back yard may move around more than anything else — more than the dog, more than the children. The wind blows this way, they go this way. The wind blows that way, they go that way. They tumble, they bounce, they skip, they press against a fence, but they have no aim whatsoever. They are full of motion and empty of life.

God did not create humans in his image to be aimless, like lifeless leaves blown around in the backyard of life. He created us to be purposeful — to have a focus and an aim for all our days. What is yours today? What is yours for the new year? A good place to start is 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Events

1/1 New Years' Day Service
7 PM
1/5 College & Career Lunch
1 PM
1/8 Small Groups

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix Stephen Byrd
Stu Johnston Bob Prentice
Michael Lopes

Service Times

— Sunday School 9:30 am
— Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
— Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
— Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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*For from him
and through him
and to him
are all things*

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Bob Prentice
Opening Hymn	#164 Angels from the Realms of Glory
Scripture Reading	Joshua 6, page 181
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	What Child is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross He bore for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to crown Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Traditional English Carol, adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

Preparatory	#160 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Sermon	Pastor Stu Johnston

Evening Worship

Call to Worship	Kent Thompson
Opening Hymn	#154 As with Gladness
Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:8-28, page 987
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	#157 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Preparatory	#152 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Sermon	Pastor Stephen Byrd