


10:23). Jeremiah, being just like the rest of us, knew that pleasing God was not discovered by looking within. He knew that it was only by God's revelation of Himself to man that sound guidance and reassurance of the presence of God in one's life were achieved.

If you want to feel the presence of God in your life, work from the mind to the emotions and not from the emotions to the mind. If you start with excited emotions you can convince yourself about anything, even Divine approval. However, the real joy of Christ and assurance of salvation begin with your mind by a study of the Bible and by confidence that your life is in harmony with its teachings. Then, if the mind is persuaded, the emotions will have to follow.

"Feeling God near" is reached through the Word. And, nowhere else!
--Floyd



1	J.D. Class
5	AWTG here
7	Ladies Class
	Youth Devo
12	HOP Banquet
	Fellowship Groups
13	Monday Night for the Master
14	Ladies Bible Class
15	Youth Devo 6:30—8:30 HS Room
19	Elders/ Deacons Meeting
	Fellowship Group
20	Yellow House
21	Ladies Class
	Youth Thanksgiving Party
22	Singing
23	Thanksgiving
23-25	Office Closed
26	Family Devo Nail's house
27	Monday Night for the Master
28	Ladies Bible Class
	Youth Devo 6:30—8:30 HS room

**Stringtown
Praching Assignment:**
November 19th
Jim Begin
John Ray
November 26th
Wade Sumpter, Jr.
Richard Howard

**November
Contribution Counters:**
David Hendricks, Bobby Franks, Weldon Cravey, Jim Vercelli

Sunday AM	November 19th	November 26th
Opening Prayer	Daryl Pults	Ken Roper
Scripture Reading	Kyle Wilson	Kelley Benson
Prayer - Bread	C.J. Vires	Jeff Butler
North 2	David Rodriguez	James Byers
North 3	Richard Stone	Caleb Estes
North 4	Wib Scroggins	Clint Bowker
Prayer - Fruit	Wade Sumpter	Wade Sumpter, Jr.
South 2	Jarrod Tollett	John Bynum
South 3	Jim Vercelli	Weldon Cravey
South 4	Josh Vires	Darrell Geiger
Alternate 1	Tommy Vass	Elmo Fulton
Alternate 2	Kyle Wilson	Terry Fulton
Balcony 1	Darrell Nemecek	Wendell Sherrell
Balcony 2	Byron Rowsey	Paul Ballard
Closing Prayer	Dusty Dennis	Larry Darbison
Song Leader	Ben Finley	Richard Howard
Bus Driver	Alan Simpson	Kyle Wilson
Attendance Count	Keith Nail	Tommy Paul
Usher - North	Dawson Hendricks	Joe Long
Usher - Center	Dylan Hayes	Matthew Lowe
Usher - South	Kervon James	Jacob Neill
Nursing Home	Jim Vercelli	Josh Vires
Nursing Home	Wendell Sherrell	Tommy Vass
Nursery Attend	Joan Elliott	Jill Frye
Sunday Night	November 19th	November 26th
Scripture Reading	Donnie Meaders	Josh Nail
Bread	Gene Albright	Jimmy Davis
Fruit	Bradley Butler	Kurt Gilliam
Contribution	Don Blankenship	Tad McGalliard
Opening Prayer	Cody Frye	Greg Hatton
Closing Prayer	Kurt Gillian	Dylan Hendricks
Song Leader	Bobby Johns	Reese Howard
Bus Driver	Kelley Benson	Billy Palmer
Wednesday	November 22nd	November 29th
Bus Driver	Jade Benson	Eugene Cannon
Announcements	C.J. Vires	Jim Begin
Song Leader	Tommy Paul	Jared Hudson
Invitation	Jim Begin	John Bynum
Closing Prayer	Justin Lane	Greg Hatton

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FEELING GOD NEAR

Being emotional creatures, it is understandable that we want to connect to God with our feelings. We want to feel His presence and His approval of us. We want to bask in the warm comfort of His protective arms. We want to share our lives with Him and seek His guidance like a child would a parent. Knowing my own emotional longing for God, it is difficult to believe any professing Christian would deny feeling the same. I have yet to meet a person who is solely influenced by intellect.

Even David felt this way. He wrote, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalms 42:1, 2).

One of the great difficulties of religion is finding satisfaction for the yearning of one's emotions while pursuing an objective course based upon what the Bible says rather than how one feels. Striking a balance is tedious because there is not a fixed boundary between emotions and objectivity. Emotions will blend into our decisions. I know a man who held to very firm convictions about divorce and remarriage...that is, until his daughter divorced. Then, he "objectively" (?) constructed other conclusions about the subject.

We are emotional beings for we were created in the image of an Emotional Being. It is predictably natural that we seek pleasure, acceptance and security because of the feelings that such aims produce.

The problem however is that, religiously, emotions cannot be trusted. Emotions are too unreliable and changeable to be a constant guide. They can change from morning to evening depending upon numerous chemical changes that occur in the human body. Emotions depend upon the function of neurotransmitters in the brain and certain hormones. Illness, medication and relationships can have profound effects on how one feels. Even unique odors, depending upon connecting memories, can produce specific and unexpected emotions.

The point is that emotions, by themselves, are not dependable enough to anchor one's eternal salvation. To justify a religious practice by simply saying, "It just feels right," is quite dangerous for our soul's well being.

Jeremiah prayed, "I know, O Lord, that a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps" (Jeremiah

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Sunday

Bible Classes: 9 a.m.
Morning Assembly: 10 a.m.
Evening Assembly: 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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