

## MARC'S REMARKS

### Technology for Parents

The Rowland's were on vacation recently. Included in the congregation's bulletin that they visited was the following. It was written by the preacher, Kevin O'Banion.



Most parents are aware of the negative influences their children encounter on a daily basis. The Internet, television, movies, music and the culture at large can bombard our families with a vast array of images and messages that range from unhealthy to downright dangerous.

Here are some ideas on technology that can help you protect your family.

YouDiligence ([www.youdiligence.com](http://www.youdiligence.com)) is a service that constantly scans your child's Facebook, MySpace and Twitter pages for key words in several categories such as: drugs, depression, bullying, racial slurs, alcohol and violence.

Bsecure ([www.bsecure.com](http://www.bsecure.com)) is a filtering service that can protect your computers and cell phones. Two other similar filtering and monitoring services are CovenantEyes ([www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com)) and SafeEyes ([www.safeeyes.com](http://www.safeeyes.com)).

ClearPlay ([www.clearplay.com](http://www.clearplay.com)) allows you to watch Hollywood movies—without the offensive scenes and language. This player works with regular DVDs and then electronically filters the content that you want removed (such as profanity, sensuality, graphic violence, etc).

### ABOUT US

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### SERVICE TIMES

#### Sunday

Bible Study . . . . . 9:30 A.M.  
Worship . . . . . 10:15 A.M.  
Worship . . . . . 6:00 P.M.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 P.M.

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## THE PLAN OF SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth . . . . . Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth . . . . . Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins. . . . . Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ  
. . . . . Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-39

**Be baptized** in His name  
. . . . . Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death  
. . . . . Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think on These Things

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## God's Telescope

Shane Carrington

Looking at the night time sky is awe inspiring. You can see the Milky Way, constellations, and planets. To the trained eye, you can even see Nebulae. Of course with a telescope two additional things occur: you can see all the above with much more intricate detail; you can see additional things that are invisible to the naked eye.

A telescope takes things in the far distance and brings them into much closer view. Google search the Hubble Telescope some time to behold features from God's marvelous universe. Some of these sights are breathtaking.

But did you know that God has a telescope? With this He can see things in the far distance. But not just things in the distant universe too remote for this world's most powerful telescopes. He can also see into the future! And we know a little about His powers in this area, because He has

declared this in many ways. Consider these matters for a few moments.

What is God's telescope? It is no piece of machinery. It is His magnificent mind and His all-knowing (omniscient) nature. He put this universe together, so He knows many things that will happen long before they occur. But He also knows the nature of His creation, including human nature, so He often knows how people will react to their circumstances in the world.

### God's Omniscience

One of the most amazing statements in Scripture concerning God's omniscience is found in Isaiah.

“Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, *declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient*

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

## FAMILY TALK

### About Our Sick

**Vera Morehead** has permanently moved to Colonial Lodge Assisted Living, apartment 211. (The address is 5001 Elizabeth Street on the Texas side.) While this is a very difficult transition for her, she is handling it well, already making friends.

**Frances Lawler** has returned to Heritage Plaza after spending a couple of days in the hospital for tests.

**Debbie Davis** has the shingles. We hope she makes a quick recovery.

It's great to have **L.G. Clemmons** back with us. He has been staying with his son, **Steve**, for the past couple of weeks.

**Helen Kinney's** son, **Bruce Kinney** is in Room 338 North at St. Michael.

Remember **Lenita Lansford's** husband, **Charles**, who has a malignant tumor.

### Two Golden Anniversaries

The **Mobley's** celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday.

A few days later, the **Monaghan's** will celebrate theirs on Sunday, June 27th.

Congratulations to both of these great couples. We're very excited for you!

### Teen Devotional

The **Hinds** will host the teen devotional tonight after evening services.

## SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements  
Mark Davis

Song Leading  
Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper  
Joel Avance  
Alex Spillers  
Josh Moore  
John Marc Hinds

Prayers  
Rodney Ellis  
Phillip Moore

Scripture Reading  
Nathan Scott

Bulletins  
Preston Ellis  
Zack McJunkins

## SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements  
Dave Massey

Song Leading  
Sam McJunkins III

Lord's Supper  
Phillip Moore  
Melvin Potts

Prayers  
Pete Rowland  
Daniel Allgor

## WEDNESDAY

Announcements  
Gerald Eaton

Song Leading  
Marc Hinds

Prayers  
W.H. McFerrin  
Dave Massey

Invitation  
Mike Davis

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*times things that are not yet done*, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it" (Isa 46:8-11).

What was God telling them here? Many things! But consider the statement: "declaring the end from the beginning." That is quite different from you and me. We predict things correctly on occasion, but we have also had miserable failures at seeing the future. But God perfectly predicts results hundreds of years before things happen. And He has proven this many times.

Recall, for example the specific prophecies God made concerning the Medo-Persian and Greek empires in Dan 8. First, these prophecies were declared while Babylon was still in power (v. 1). Second, Medo-Persia is depicted as a ram with two horns, with

one being higher than the other (vv. 3, 20). Third, he prophesied the great power of that empire (v. 4). Fourth of all, he prophesied about a goat from the west: Greece (vv. 5, 21). This prophecy also included a reference to Alexander the Great (vv. 5-8a, 21).

And finally, the prophecies foretell the four divisions of the Greek empire following the death of the first king, i.e., Alexander (vv. 8b, 22). Historically, we know all of the above to be true, yet God prophesied these things many years before they occurred—and in specific detail, even naming the two nations! Truly, God declares "the end from the beginning." His omniscience is evident in this and many other examples.


### Another Perspective ...

These truths about God's prophecies have another facet deserving consideration. Sometimes God refers to things that *will* happen as though they have *already* occurred.

For example, while Paul was preaching in Corinth, he faced much opposition (Acts 18:4-6). Paul's troubles in that city shook him to his core (1 Cor 2:3). Yet the Lord comforted him in his trials with these words:

"Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; *for I have many people in this city*" (Acts 18:9-10).

When the Lord made that statement to Paul, it was not literally true at that point. In fact, Paul's group of Christians was pretty small.

The bottom line on all this: God knows what He is doing, and proclaims the results *before* they occur. This is true in Paul's case, but none more spectacular than His prophecies of salvation through Christ. "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son..." (Gal 4:4a). His word is truth. May we love, trust, and serve Him with complete faith in all He has promised. 

## Sermon Notes

### TONIGHT ...

#### "Thou Shalt Not Gamble"

Where is a passage in the Bible that specifically condemns buying a lottery ticket or playing a friendly game of poker with your buddies? If there isn't one, then where did Christians ever get the idea that gambling is wrong or sinful?

Tonight, we'll consider some Bible answers to this question. While God's word may not specifically say, "Thou shalt not gamble," it certainly has some principles that we should consider.