

THE LORDS WILL by Pastor Paul

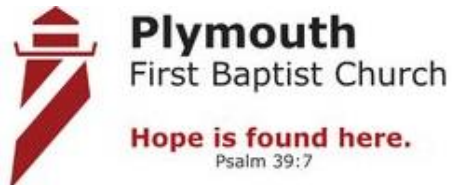
It's a new year! In what ways will your experience of God's presence be improved in 2022? Today I want to share with you just one way you can improve your relationship with God and enjoy His presence. It has to do with a verbal habit you can develop every day.

James 4:13-17 *Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.*

We are to verbally in all our plans state- "...if it is the Lords will, we will do this or that." In so doing we are acknowledging verbally our submission to His will and plan for our lives. Much like when Mary was told that she would bear the son of God, she said, "Let be unto me as you have said."

When we fill our lives with confirmations that it is God's will that will prevail, when things happen unexpectedly, or there is a delay- we have set our minds up to be at ease about it- because we are open to whatever God will allow to come our way. Although we may not have planned it- God did and he loves us and is watching over us and will fill us with confidence and peace- even when things don't go as we planned. God takes very seriously our submission to His authority, and it is our obligation to get in step with what he is doing- and trust him in the midst of all of it.

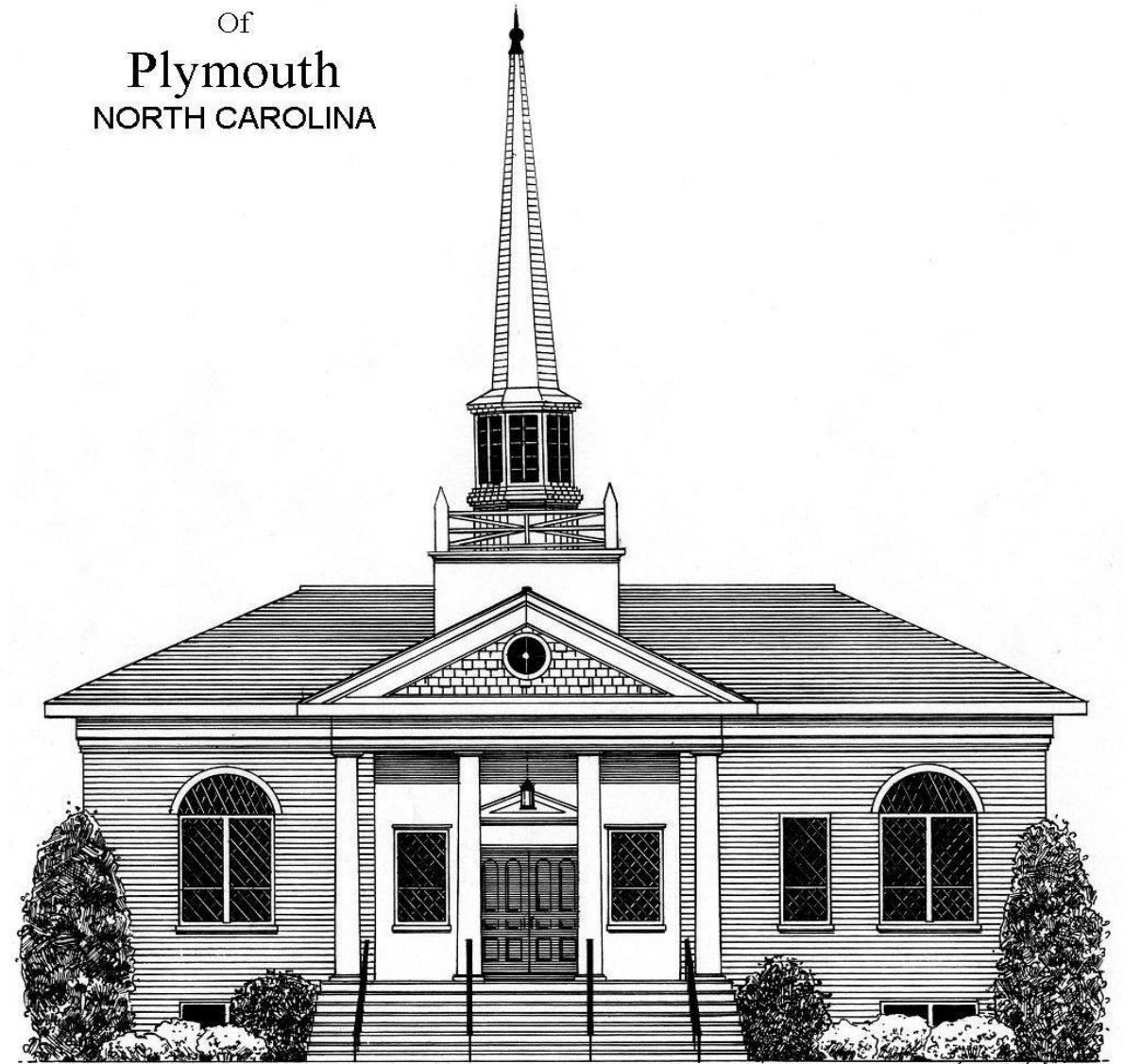
Please note, we are to confess our submission audibly. It is to be a public acknowledgement that God orders our days. We don't know if we have another year, month, hour, or minute on this earth- that's up to God. So, lets fill in our calendar-and plan! But rest in the fact that it is God who really sets the agenda! Acknowledging this daily will change your life- if you mean it from the heart! And will serve as a testimony of your submission to Him in every area of your life.



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