



June 2026

Eternal Flame Falls  
*Eternal Flame Hiking Trail, Orchard Park, NY 14127, [map](#)*

This waterfall lives up to its mythical name. A small grotto behind the falls contains a natural gas spring that burns year round, hence the 'eternal flame' in its name.

## THE PURPOSE OF MAN

God made man to be like Him so that man could give more pleasure to God than all the other creatures. Only in man, as created by God, can God admire himself. Man is the mirror image in which God looks to see himself. Man is the reflection of the glory of God, which was originally the purpose and intention of God. Man's supreme function through all eternity is to reflect God's highest glory, so that God might look into the mirror called man and see His own glory shining there. Through man God could reflect His glory to all creation.

A. W. Tozer "THE PURPOSE OF MAN."

Notice the following verses:

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Romans 8:29 - 30 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

1 Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

WE EXIST FOR THE FATHER

WE EXIST THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Think & Meditate on these things.

*From the Desk of Bro. Dan*

Think Outside  
**The**   
 **Box**

# Happy Father's Day



Blessed  
IS THE  
MAN

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;  
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.  
He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;

AND WHATEVER HE DOES  
shall prosper

PSALM 1:1-3

**BIRTH FLOWERS :**

**ROSE:** Love and Romance

**HONEYSUCKLE:** bonds of love,  
or generous and devoted affection

# June 2026

**BIRTHSTONE**

**PEARL:** purity, honesty,  
and calmness

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 "If God's on our side, why worry who's on the other side?" <a href="#">Romans 8:31</a>	3 Noon Prayer 7PM Zoom Bible Study	4 11AM Zoom Fellowship	5	6 Happy Birthday Mea Haley
 10AM Study 11AM Worship	8  UPSY-DAISY DAY	9 "A horse needs a whip and a donkey needs a bridle, But a jackass needs a kick in the butt." <a href="#">Proverbs 26:3</a>	10 Noon Prayer 7PM Zoom Bible Study	11	12 Happy Birthday Jayden Cooke	13
 10AM Study 11AM Worship	15	16 "The wiser we get, The more it hurts. The more we know, The worse it feels." <a href="#">Ecclesiastes 1:18</a>	17 Noon Prayer 7PM Zoom Bible Study	18	19	20 SALVA- TION STATION 2-5 PM
 10AM Study 11AM Worship	22	24 "Wise people are driv- en to do the right thing. Fools drive on the other side of the road.. Fools follow a trail marked "Fools." So, it's easy to tell a fool is a fool. <a href="#">Ecclesiastes 10:2-3</a>	25 Noon Prayer 7PM Zoom Bible Study	26	27 Happy Birthday Richard Driscoll	
28 Fellowship Dinner 10AM Study 11AM Worship	29	30 "A cheerful heart is good medicine., but a crushed spirit dries the bones." <a href="#">Proverbs 17:22</a>	 HUMOR & IRONY IN THE SCRIPTURES. OUR GOD IS GREAT - KEEP SMILING!			3



# Grow in Grace

**"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."**

UPHOLD WITH PRAYER

## **Respiratory:**

Ron Murphy - COPD

Seth Karpenko - Asthma

Ken Engemann - serious infection & cancer.  
(Gail's son)

## **Diabetes:**

Joy Karpenko, Susan Haley,

## **Neurological :**

Migraines: Kendra Cooke, Joy Karpenko,

Dan Haley 3

Patsy Cliff

Chere Peters (crippling arthritis)

Susan Haley neuropathy

## **Mental Health:**

Jayden and Morgan Cooke

Seth Karpenko

Dean Manchester

## **Special Health:**

Dan Haley 3 : Alport's Syndrome (hearing, kidneys, pancreas)

Stephen Pratt: cancer with cont. treatments

Joanne Kraemer: cancer and she is stable

Gordie McKinley: home and doing better every day

Victoria Murphy: Sciatica along with other health concerns

Judy Hurst (Susan Haley's sister): memory care facility

Jodi Corona: Alzheimer's; pray for peace in the Lord

Gina (Carr) Stahl, wife of Charles Stahl: total paralysis on her left side, Waiting for Testing Results so treatment can improve. Pray fervently for those results to be realized.

Mark Nicholson: Please continue to pray for strength and mobility.

James Johnson: for more strength to return to his legs so that he can continue walking well. Thankfully, nothing keeps him down. as he trusts the Lord.

Lisa Sperazza : heart problems

Darcy Haley: serious illness - pray also for her 2 young children

## **Loss of Loved Ones**

Jeff Payne: Jodi Corona and Christy Auberger's brother.

"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

This verse is often misread as a transaction. It is actually a description of transformation.

### The Impact of this Transformation

The common reading of Psalm 37:4 treats it as a formula: delight in God, receive what you want. But that reading misses how delight works. When you genuinely delight in something or someone, your desires begin to align with what that person values. A person who takes real delight in God stops wanting only comfort and convenience. Their desires begin to look more like God's desires: justice, mercy, faithfulness, genuine love. The verse is not promising that God will fulfill your existing wish list. It is describing what happens to your wish list when God becomes your delight.

The Hebrew word for delight in Psalm 37:4 is *anag*, which carries a sense of softness, pliability, taking pleasure in. It is not a dutiful orientation toward God. It is the experience of finding genuine joy in who He is. That kind of delight changes you over time. And as it changes you, what your heart desires shifts. The promise in the second half of the verse is not unrelated to the first half. It is produced by it.

### What About in Everyday Life?

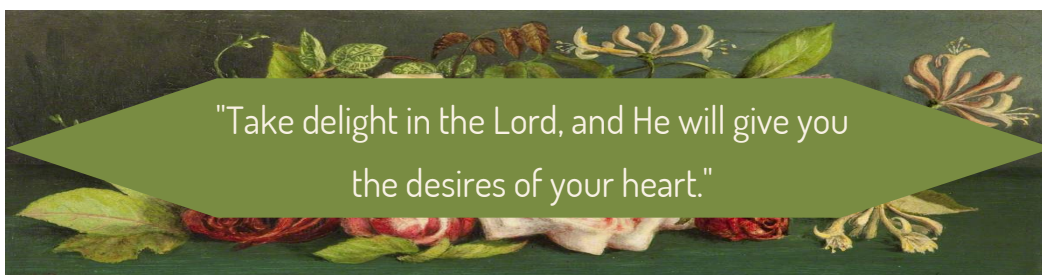
If someone is praying for something they want badly and wondering why God isn't delivering it, Psalm 37:4 might invite a different question: "What are you currently delighting in? Not as a spiritual accusation, but as a genuine diagnostic. Our desires are shaped by what we give our attention and affection to. The verse suggests that the path to a satisfied heart runs through a reoriented one.

Try spending One Day simply enjoying God, not asking for anything, not working through a prayer list, but spending time in worship, the Scripture or silence with the goal of delight rather than petition. Notice whether anything shifts in what you find yourself wanting by the end of the day. Then repeat each day for a week. See how your thoughts toward God change.

### Take Note of the Historical Context of this Psalm

Psalm 37 is an acrostic poem organized around the Hebrew alphabet, with each section beginning with a successive letter. It is attributed to David and is generally classified as a wisdom psalm, with practical instruction on how to view the prosperity of the world with the blessings of God.

The concept of desires of the heart in the Hebrew tradition carried more weight than the English phrase might suggest. The heart, *lev*, was the seat of intention and will in Hebrew thought. The desires being promised are not merely wishes or preferences but deep formative longings, the things that drive a life. The verse is promising a deep alignment between what a person most fundamentally wants and what God gives, which becomes possible when delight in God shapes the person's inner life.





*GOD Has something For you - CHECK IT OUT!*

- John 3:15
- John 4:26
- John 11:25
- John 12:46
- John 14:6
- Revelation 1:1
- Revelation 2:16
- Revelation 3:11
- Revelation 22:6
- Revelation 22:7
- Revelation 22:12
- Revelation 22:20

## *CONTEXT*

1. Who is the author of the text?
2. Who is the intended audience?
3. How would the audience understand the statements?

GREAT FOR GROUPS OR FOR ONE DAD! OR TRY IT WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY - MOM CAN READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.. LOTS OF LAUGHS!

# Father's Day



GREATEST FATHER OF ALL

## A HILARIOUS BLIND DRAWING GAME FOR GROUPS

### INSTRUCTION

- Put the plate on top of your head with one of your hands. Hold it with one hand (you're not balancing the plate).
- Once your plate is on your head you can't take it down until the game is over.
- Use your other hand to draw on the plate. Instructions will be given what to draw for each game.
- Read scoring to group when the storyline is complete. Players will calculate their own score.
- Have fun!

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- White paper plates
- Pens or sharpies
- Prizes for winners (optional)

# Father's Day



GREATEST FATHER OF ALL

## A HILARIOUS BLIND DRAWING GAME FOR GROUPS

### DRAW

1. Draw a line across the middle of the plate that will represent the grass
2. Draw a tomb on the left side of your plate
3. Draw a sun in the sky
4. Draw an opening on the tomb
5. Draw a cloud on each side of the sun
6. Draw a stone rolled away from the tomb
7. Draw an angel on top of the stone
8. Draw Mary next to the tomb
9. Draw text bubble on Mary saying "He is risen"
10. Draw a smiley face on Mary

### SCORING

- +1 point if your tomb is touching the ground
- +1 point if your sun is a completed circle
- +1 point if your opening is touching the tomb
- +1 point for each cloud not touching the sun
- +1 point if your stone isn't touching the tomb
- +1 point if your angel is touching the stone
- +1 point if Mary is touching the ground
- +1 point if "He is risen" is fully inside the text bubble
- +1 point if your smiley face is fully inside Mary's face

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# Salvation Station local Gospel ministry

Please take time to read the main article, check the calendar, realize the spiritual and physical needs of the brethren, read the Journal Page which is a beautiful testimony of one of the Lord's beloved in the OBFPresence ministry, a Saint from the past, or a Hymn Story.

*"Thank you Lord for all of the precious folks at OBF. "*

Susan Haley, Publisher/Editor: Bro. Dan Haley Jr, Writer: Bro. Dan Haley 3, Writer: those who share their testimony on the Journal Page:

Assistant Publisher and

Editor: Christy Auberger    Editing Staff: Seth Karpenko

# HELP CHRISTIANS DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES

Tens of thousands of Christians in nations like **Burkina Faso, Laos and Colombia** have been driven from their homes and villages because of their faith. They are in need of urgent, practical help, as well as ongoing support and encouragement.

**PRAY FOR THESE BELIEVERS and GIVE IF YOU ARE ABLE.**

**You can help provide care for those who have suffered great loss for the sake of the gospel, letting them know they are loved by the global body of Christ.**

When you give the gift of an Action Pack or Family Med Pack, you help meet the specific, immediate needs of Christians driven from their homes. Action Packs provide basic necessities to Christians who are forced to

flee their homes, taking only what they can carry. Family Med Packs provide basic medical and personal care items for our persecuted brothers and sisters. You can fill either pack following included instructions or make a donation to sponsor an Action Pack that will be filled by VOM field staff.

Visit [vom.org/driven](http://vom.org/driven) to order Action Packs or Family Med Packs online.

## Enclosed is my gift

ITEM	QTY	AMT
Action Packs (You Fill — \$10)	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Action Packs (Filled by VOM — \$50)	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Family Med Packs (You Fill — \$10)	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
My one-time gift to support Christians driven from their homes		\$ <input type="text"/>
My one-time gift to support VOM's Global Ministry		\$ <input type="text"/>
My monthly gift to support VOM's Global Ministry		\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>Total Enclosed</b>		\$ <input type="text"/>

Thank you for supporting persecuted Christians with your prayers and gifts!

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As each day passes we increasingly see Christ in all of You. He is changing us into His likeness - developing His character and attitudes within our heart and minds. "Now we continue to make this new life fully manifested as we live in the holy awe of God - in His presence" Phil. 2:12b. Let's be thankful for:

**All who share the Gospel;**

**The OBF Prayer Warriors. Amen and God bless you for your diligence;**

**Those who spent their time cutting up fallen trees in Bro. Dan's yard;**

**Those who reach out in care for folks who need extra help and encouragement, like greeting cards, a phone call or a meal to someone who is sick;**

**Those who are busy working to keep the OBF building and landscape a pleasing testimony.**

**Those who faithfully ensure that the services run smoothly.**



**Faithful attendance to the fellowship on Sundays and Wednesdays. What an encouragement you are!**

**With the sincere love of God,**

**Bro. Dan and Susan**

**and Toby**

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**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

**10:00 AM also on ZOOM**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE & MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**11:00 AM also on ZOOM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION TIME**

**7:00 PM only on ZOOM**

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP, STUDY & PRAYER**

**11:00 AM only on ZOOM**

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