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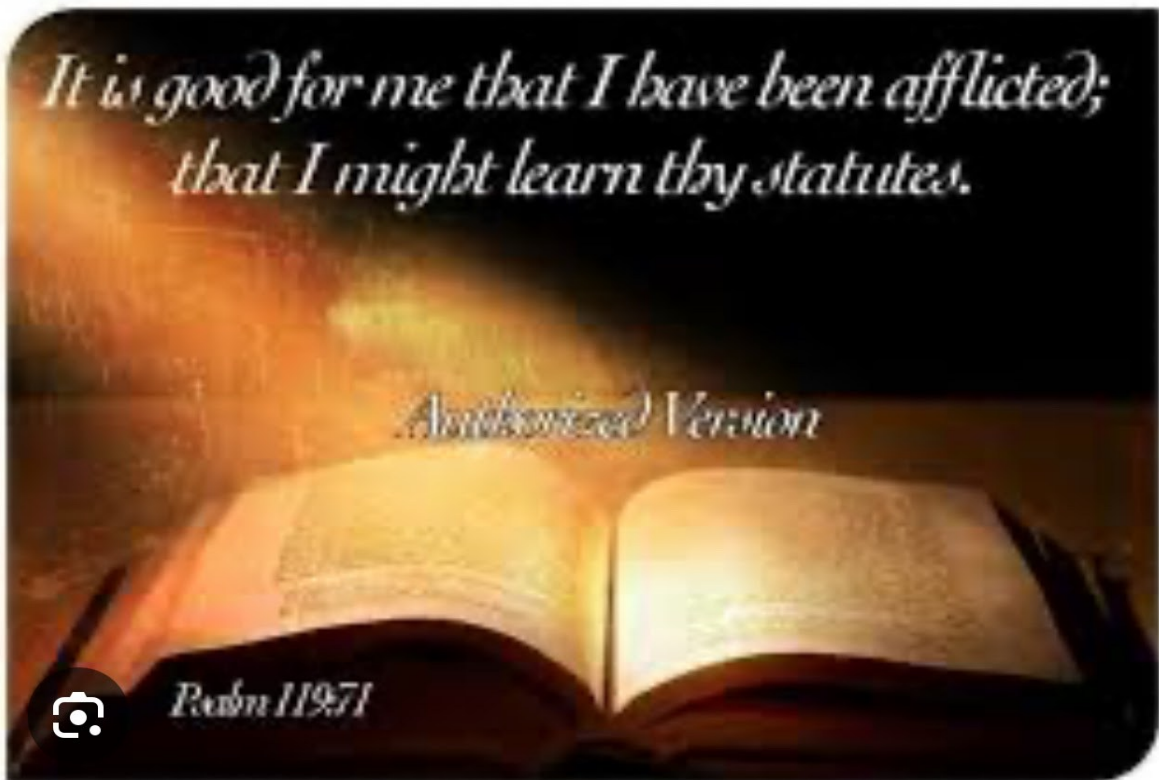
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**August 16, 2025**



Gary L. Norris  
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Dear Joseph,

1 Chronicles 16:25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

We all here at Buford Grove Baptist Church have so much to praise the Lord for. I have been saved for 38 years. ... I traveled for 28 years from church to church ... And in all these years ..., I've never seen God stirring of HIS people like I've seen here these last few months.

Pastor Keith continues to preach the Word of God here at Buford Grove Baptist Church .... We continue to do "Saturation Saturday", but the people of the church have grabbed hold of this concept ... and every day is "Saturation Saturday" for this congregation. I just went by the track racks this morning and there were several empty slots. What a blessing it is to an Evangelistic Director to see that people are picking these up and using them throughout the week.

We had a great Sunday morning service. Immediately following we had three baptisms and a family to join the church.

Visits to hospital, shut ins and the other regular church responsibilities always makes me wonder where the week went.

This past Wednesday, Pastor Carringer started a two-week study on why we use the

King James Version (KJV) of the Bible. This is where I've always stood, however, he certainly gave me some clarity and reinforced my stand.  
I can't wait till next Wednesday for the second session.

I will be heading out to Colorado on 21 August for fifteen days. I will be with pastor Shannon Monday of Platte Valley Baptist Church, Ft. Morgan, CO. During this time, I will be attending the "Reaching Rural America Conference". I've attended this for the last three years and it opened my eyes to all of the rural areas (Yes, here in America) that are still without a Church or a Pastor.

Lord willing... I will still be sending out the Barna-Post from Colorado next Saturday. 😊

Let us continue to pray 🙏 one for another.

P. S. Thank you for praying for my sister, Shirley Ann.





Pastor Keith Stirring The Baptismal Waters Again  
This Is Something That We Never Get Tired Of Here  
At Buford Grove Baptist Church. I pray That We Will  
Never Take For Granted What God Is Doing Here.



Pastor Carringer Welcoming In Our Newest  
Members



## Buford Grove Baptist Church Nursery Project 99% Complete

# Saturday Eve Barha-Post

**"Thoughts To Ponder"**

**"AFFLICTIONS"**

Affliction is not something that anyone looks forward to ... but if we will submit to the hardship God allows in our lives ... we will often see them as blessings down the road. Everyone deals with various confrontations from the time we are young. If it were not so, we would be very unlearned and very selfish. A child does not have to be very old to display a self-centered nature, and if no one applies discipline, he will have a miserable life.

One might think that a child who always gets his own way would be happy, but just the opposite is true. An undisciplined child is not a happy child. Proverbs 29:15 says, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame". Discipline sometimes comes to adults as well as young people. Some of the discipline may come in the form of affliction. As I said ... adults certainly are not exempt. ... and anyone who cannot bear these afflictions (young or old) will not happy either.

We can find comfort in Hebrews 12:6: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth". This verse gives assurance of God's love when we suffer affliction. God alone can see the future, and we may be sure that good things are in store for those who trust him, regardless of what comes.

Hebrews 12:11 Gives the confidence that a bountiful harvest awaits those who patiently submit to affliction.


Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. May God help us to be faithful.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Are you going through some afflictions? God is aware!

As the old saying goes, "The Pleasure Is Worth The Pain"

Something To Think About 

Your Barnabas,

Brother Gary L. Norris

Sinner Saved By Grace



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