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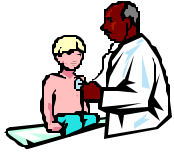
What is it? Webster defines time as a measured or measurable period during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues - a duration. Time is finite having bounds or limits and is measurable. The bible defines time as "in the beginning" Genesis 1:1, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9, or "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1Thessalonians 5:2.

How long will time continue to exist? No one knows. The Psalmist prayed "make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." Psalms 39:4. Brother Burton Coffman stated that "David longs to know whether his life, or at least his full conscious life, is to cease with death; and he here asks God to teach him this mystery." Jesus was asked this question in Matthew 24. His disciples wanted to know when the "end of the age" would come. His answer in verse 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My father only."

Jesus stressed the uncertainty of time when he said of the grass of the field, "It today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven" Matthew 6:30. Peter said "All flesh is as grass" 1 Peter 1:24. James used nature to illustrate time. He used the metaphor of vapor, a fog or mist. "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." James 4:15. Have you ever driven through a thick fog barely able to see in front of you in the middle of the day? All of a sudden the sky appears and is clear for miles in all directions? That's the way life is. Just like that fog that is here and all of a sudden gone, so are our lives!

- elders

Sick Oliver Majors has been moved to Pheasant Ridge Rehab center.



Mary Anderson is in LGH.

Lee-Ellen Cox, Kristie Jearls sister, is to see a neurologist next week.

Evelyn Scott still continues to be sick at home.

Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Lynn Anderson, Crawford & Martha Keith, Martha Keplinger, JD Lawson, Collin Gregory.**

Happy Birthday this week to:

Jean Argabright—7/8
Ethan Rogers—7/8
Audrey Gabbard—7/8
Elsie Smith—7/8



JULY ITEMS FOR THE

STAFFORDS: General Foods International Coffee (flavored, sugar free) and pecans. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



MILITARY

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq

Chris Coleman—in Iraq



Kristen Burr is now attending the Dale Ridge congregation.

James River Tubing Adventure

July 22—11:00



Join Trae and the teens for an adventure down the James river in inflatable intertubes and float a relaxing 1 1/2 mile section of the river near Buchanan, VA. Picnic Boxed Lunches from Jo's Catering will be available for lunch around 12:30-1:00. If you don't want to get wet but would like to enjoy a lunch by the river see Jo Ann or Trae for an order form and come on to the fairgrounds.

Cost for the tubing will be \$14.00 and lunch will be \$5. See Trae if you are interested in tubing as there are forms to be signed!!

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Bits & Pieces

- The work will wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work.
- There is a time in the life of every problem when it is big enough to see, yet small enough to solve.—Mike Leavitt
- We measure success by accumulation.

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For Your Information

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CLASS

You are invited to the "Lessons from Camp" class on Sunday. The lesson will be by Lyn Shrader this morning.

PRIMARY CLASS TEACHERS

All primary classrooms will be painted during the week of July 14-18. All furniture and other items must be put on top of the table in the middle of the room and in the hallway all on the opposite side of the classroom by Sunday evening, July 13. Toddlers and 2 & 3's need to give paint chips to Danny no later than July 6. All classrooms need notes taped to the wall, shelving and other areas with the exact color of paint you want. Thanks - Danny

FALL PRIMARY TEACHERS

All lesson plans, activities and etc. from last fall need to be e-mailed to Tom Richardson or Danny Guard by August 31. Give all visuals to Tom.

IN-HOUSE SUMMER SERIES

Be here this Wednesday night to hear Richard Simms as our special guest speaker!

Here's a list of other speakers for this summer: Luke Guard, Wayne Dixon, Fred Altizer, Steve Hall, Jim Cooke, Tom Richardson, Eric Earnhart, Don Pettit, Jeff Durham and Mark Brooks. Make your plans now to be here to encourage these men!

WEDDING RECEPTION

There will be a wedding reception for Brett & Ashley Jones on July 12 from 2-4 at West Side Fellowship Hall.

TURN, TURN, TURN MEETING

There will be a T3 planners meeting on July 20 at 4:30 in the fellowship hall.

Team 3 (Brown) will have a Sing and Sweets Fellowship on July 26 at 6 PM at the building. They are asking the teens to come and help them learn new songs!!



Teens

July Dates

Horizons/SR Week—July 5-11

Horizons/JR Week—July 12-18

Guys Nite—July 17

River Tubing Trip—July 22

Summer Youth Devos

July 7—Christiansburg—Meet at the building at 6:15

July 21—Dale Ridge

August 4—Radford

August 9—Lake Drive (12-2)

All Devos are at 7-8:30 unless noted otherwise.

WOW

The WOW GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, July 8 at 10:30 AM.

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

July 2008

Freedom

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| Announcements | Roger Mays |
| Song Leader (AM) | Eric Earnhart |
| Opening Prayer (AM) | |
| 7/6 | Danny Guard |
| 7/13 | Wayne Dixon |
| 7/20 | Squeaky Valentine |
| 7/27 | Tom Rogers |
| Preside at Communion | Charlie Gwaltney |
| Serve Table | Herb Baker Garrett Durham Luke Guard Fred Altizer |
| Closing Prayer | |
| 7/6 | Mark Brooks |
| 7/13 | Gene Benefield |
| 7/20 | Caleb Guard |
| 7/27 | AC Janney |
| Song Leader (PM) | Paul Mays |
| Opening Prayer (PM) | |
| 7/6 | Jim Harrington |
| 7/13 | Josh Whitlow |
| 7/20 | Jeremy White |
| 7/27 | John Black |
| Scripture Reader | Bradford Durham |
| Closing Prayer (PM) | |
| 7/6 | Sam Valentine |
| 7/13 | Glenn Hartman |
| 7/20 | Greg Edwards |
| 7/27 | Ethan Rogers |
| Serve Table (PM) | Tanner Reed Cameron Brown |
| Song Leader (Wed) | Bob Garby |
| Prayer (Wed) | |
| 7/2 | Adam House |
| 7/9 | Tom Richardson |
| 7/16 | Jeff Durham |
| 7/23 | Jerry Anderson |
| 7/30 | Jim Bush |
| Open/Close Bldg | Danny Guard |
| Greeters | Gwaltney Gabbard |
| Nursery Attend | S. Mountcastle N. Munsey |
| Ushers | Glenn Hartman Squeaky Valentine |
| Handouts | Adam House George Mellon Curtis Oakes Sam Valentine |
| Alternates | Lyn Shrader |
| Prepare communion | Charlene Guard Velda Gearhart |
| Cards & Pencils | Chandler & Conner Jearls |

Last weeks attendance 6/29& 7/2/08

Bible Class—150 Worship Service—183
Sunday Eve.—147 Wednesday Eve.—145
Contribution—\$6617

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July 6, 2008

The celebration of our nation's independence is always a special time. It allows us the opportunity to gather with family and friends, enjoy time off, indulge in the festive foods of summer, watch fireworks and relish in the thoughts of freedom. Everyone seems a little more patriotic and proud at this time of year. This July 4th marked the 232nd year of our nation's declaration of freedom from tyranny.

Although the vast majority of Americans hold their country dear and appreciate those who have battled to make and keep it free, there are those who take no pride in their country and who would just as soon see our way of life end forever. Such philosophies are far-fetched and inexplicable to most red-blooded Americans. We simply cannot understand why some of our own disdain the freedoms we enjoy.

Similarly, there are many among us who fail to recognize the greatest tyranny of all and refuse to accept the greatest freedom of all. Sin shackles man to the servitude of Satan (Rom. 6:16). True freedom is found only in Christ. Paul revealed to the Romans "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin" (Rom. 6:6, 7). He concluded his allegory of Sarah and Hagar in Galatians 4 by stating, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1). To the Romans he stated, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17, 18).

Christians find it difficult to understand why any would want to be servants of Satan and not the servants of Christ. Do you know true freedom? Have you put on the Lord in baptism (Gal. 3:27)? As Jesus stated, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (Jn. 8:36).

-Eddy