

Time – How Long Do I Have?

The doctor enters your hospital room and with a very serious look on his face he tells you that you only have a short time to live. You ask “how long?” “A week or two, he replies”.

How would your life change if this were you? What will you do with the time you have left? Will your priorities change?

“For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.” Isaiah 41:13. Is God’s promise true?

If your doctor is right, soon you shall stand before God, the God who made you and the God who will judge you! You should not take this truth lightly. The bible warns that man is destined to die once “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” Hebrews 9:27

Fortunately as Christians, we know that our body is temporary and that we have the assurance that we will live forever!

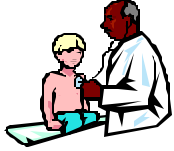
John 3:36 “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

The question is; what are you going to do with the time you have left in the body that is “falling apart” and “wearing out.” Paul gives us the answer in Acts 20:24 “But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”

- Elders

Sick

Mary Anderson is still in LGH.



Mandy Tyler is at RMH. Hopes to be home soon.

Wyatt Janney, 5 year old nephew of AC, is in the hospital with a ruptured appendix.

Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Lynn Anderson, Crawford & Martha Keith, Oliver Majors.**

James River Tubing Adventure

July 22—11:00

Sign Up Sheet on the board!!



Join Trae and the teens for an adventure down the James river in inflatable inter-tubes 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!!

Happy Birthday this week to:



EV Wimmer—7/15
Don Pettit—7/18
Diane Tucker—7/20

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Miles & Louise Quesenberry—7/14
Lisa & Squeaky Valentine—7/20



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WOW

The WOW GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, August 12, at 10:30 AM.

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video

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



Jeremy & Jessica White are now attending the Lake Drive congregation.

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For Your Information

PRIMARY CLASS TEACHERS

All primary classrooms will be painted this week. 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. 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 Luke Guard & Wayne Dixon as our special guest speakers!

Here's a list of other speakers for this summer: 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!

TURN, TURN, TURN MEETING

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

COLLEGE SEND OFF

Hard to believe but we will be sending off our college students on August 3 after evening services. Make plans now!

Responded: Sandra Neighbors

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!! All are invited!!



Teens

July Dates

Horizons/JR Week—July 12-18

Guys Nite—July 17

River Tubing Trip—July 22

Summer Youth Devos

July 21—Dale Ridge

August 4—Radford

August 9—Lake Drive (12-2)

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

Horizons—Senior Week

Outstanding Church Leadership Award—Amanda Cook—nominated

5 Year Attendee Award—Katelyn & Cameron Brown

Bill Treet Award—Bobby Martin (10 Yr Service)

Kate Battle Award—Cindy Colley

Everyone had a great time at Horizons this past week. Our JRSs & CTS adults are there this week!!

July 2008

Running With the Bulls

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 7/6&9/08

Bible Class—129 Worship Service—175
Sunday Eve.—122 Wednesday Eve.—131
Contribution—\$8362

Number 2928
July 13, 2008

The centuries-old tradition of “The Running of the Bulls” is in full swing. Although the most notable event is the nine-day festival in Pamplona, Spain, there are other towns and villages in both Spain and France that host similar events. The tradition stems from a time when the bulls were driven through city streets from corrals to bullrings where evening bullfights would take place. Youngsters began to run in front of and with the bulls to show their bravado. Six bulls and six steers are released to run through secured streets in the half-mile section to the bullring. Anyone who is 18 or older may participate; at his own risk, of course. Since 1910, fifteen have been killed and dozens injured by the bulls during their run. The last to be killed was an American, who was gored in 1995.

Sensible people wonder why such a tradition. Why would anyone risk his life in such a fashion? Why run in front of half-ton animals which have the potential to maim or kill you? Of course, the same question could be asked about a number of activities. Perhaps it is the desire to participate in the tradition (which, in the case of “The Running of the Bulls” was made popular in Ernest Hemingway’s novel, *The Sun Also Rises*). Perhaps there is some thrill in cheating death. For most of us, there is no valid reason for jeopardizing one’s health and life in such a fashion.

However, the same could be said of sin. Why do so many jeopardize their spiritual lives regularly by engaging in sinful actions that threaten their souls? Why do so many choose to “run with the bulls” of temptation? Along the way, many will suffer death in such a state and others will be injured by their experiences. Instead of running with Satan’s cohorts, we are encouraged to resist the devil (Jas. 4:7), abstain from evil (I Thes. 5:22), have no fellowship with darkness (Eph. 5:11) and avoid the wrong associates (I Cor. 15:33). Examine your life. Are you “running with the bulls” of sin?

-Eddy