

A President's Rule for Successful Living

One of the most illustrious careers found in the pages of American history is that of James Abram Garfield, 20th President of the United States. Before his election to this country's highest office, he was a college president, state senator, major-general, U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senator, a combination of honors without parallel in the national annals.

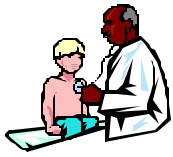
When Garfield was a young man, someone placed in his hand one day a slip of paper, which he carried with him all his life. Inscribed on this paper were the following lines:

*Make few promises.
Always speak the truth.
Live within your income.
Never speak evil of anyone.
Keep good company or none.
Never play games of chance.
Drink no intoxicating drinks.
Good character is above everything else.
Keep your own secrets if you have any.
Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it.
Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.
Keep yourself honest if you would be happy.
When you speak to a person, look into his eyes.
Make not haste to be rich, if you would prosper.
Save when you are young to spend when you are old.
Never run into debt, unless you see a way out again.
Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue.
Your character cannot be badly hurt except by your own vices.
If anybody speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one will believe it.
Never be idle. If your hands cannot be employed usefully, attend to the culture of the mind.*

As one thinks of this great and successful man, it is well to remember that he was devotedly religious. From his mother, Garfield learned the value of prayer and daily Bible reading. It was his practice through life to pause each evening at sunset and read the Scriptures...Moreover, **he always faithfully met with the church for worship.** Garfield firmly believed "there is nothing that can make youth so shapeful, manhood so strong, and old age so beautiful as the religion of Jesus Christ."

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Sick



Continue to remember in prayer:
**Marguerite Charles,
Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson,
Martha Keith, Mariam Majors,
Steve Harrah, Betty Jenkins.**

Several have been sick at home this week.

Bobby Paxton is in LGH.

WJ Wood is in the VA Hosp.

Garrett Laplante will be having minor surgery soon.

Steve Harrah is home after his short stay in the hospital

Betty Dunagan, Lyn Shrader's sister, has lung cancer.

Brandon Work, student of Danny Guard, has bone cancer.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Rosemary Bush—12/14

Dotty Collins—12/17

Eloise Faw—12/19

Grace Earnhart—12/21

Chelsea High—12/21



Happy Anniversary this week to:

George & Bonnie Mellon—12/16

Danny & Cha Guard—12/18

Paul & Eloise Faw — 12/19

Susan & Donnie Mountcastle—

12/20

Jerry & Bonnie Wood—12/20



DECEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Vanilla Wafers & Dream Whip envelopes. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December.

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While yet a teenager, he espoused the cause of Christ and took his stand with those calling for a complete return to the New Testament. A few months after preaching his first sermon, Garfield wrote to a friend: "I tell you, my dear brother, the cause in which we are engaged must take the world. It fills my soul when I reflect upon the light, joy, and love of the ancient gospel."

-copied and adapted

Oh for men like him in our lifetime! - the elders



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You choose every day what you are today and what you'll be in the future.

Before you can make a difference, you have to believe you can.

Opportunity is everywhere; give it life by your actions.

F Y I For Your Information



Teens

December Dates

December 14—Teen Bible Study—7PM
December 31—Youth Game Night—8PM

Bible Bowl Questions are available!!
Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Biddy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.

Bi-Monthly Bible Bowl Study Sessions will be held in the large classroom at 5:00 on the following Sundays: December 21; January 4 & 18; February 8 & 22. Mock Bible Bowl will be held on Feb 14 at 9 AM. Breakfast will be provided. See Jim or Charlotte Harrington for details.

EDP MEETING

December EDP Meeting will be today at 3:30 PM. Please note time change!!

PRIMARY TEACHER MEETING

The next Primary Teachers meeting will be on Jan. 11 at 4:30. Cradle roll teachers are in charge of snacks.

STAFFORD VISIT

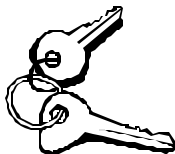
Cy & Cindy Stafford plan on being here on January 18 to give an update on the work in Tanzania, Africa. Make plans now to attend.

ADDRESS UPDATE TIME Please check the board in the hallway to verify all information for your family. If you have someone close to you that is unable to do this (i. e. college students/elderly) please check his or her information also. Make any corrections (legibly) or mark your info as correct. Do not make me have to hunt you down in a few weeks!!!!!!

- Jo Ann

KEYS

The old building key no longer works on any doors of this building. If you NEED a key see Fred Altizer. Elders and deacons will be receiving theirs today at the EDP meeting.



WOW

They're back!! Beginning in January, Don & Mitzi Pettit will once again be overseeing the WOW group activities. We are appreciative of their desire to serve again.
Thank you, Don & Mitzi!!

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Autobiographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, at 10:30.

Upcoming Events:



The Teams will combine and have a New Year's Eve Celebration here at the building on Wednesday, December 31, after services. Make plans now to attend and details will be coming!

December 2008**“The End” (3)**

Announcements	Mike Durham
Song Leader (AM)	David Brown
Opening Prayer (AM)	
12/7	Collin Gregory
12/14	Glen Hartman
12/21	Bobby Martin
12/28	Charlie Gwaltney
Preside at Communion	Danny Guard
Serve Table	Jim Harrington Norris Gearhart
	Bradford Durham Garrett Durham
Closing Prayer	
12/7	Jim Cooke
12/14	Jeremy White
12/21	Sam Valentine
12/28	Luke Guard
Song Leader (PM)	Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (PM)	
12/7	Squeaky Valentine
12/14	George Mellon
12/21	Richard Simms
12/28	Jeff Durham
Scripture Reader	Sam Valentine
Closing Prayer (PM)	
12/7	Paul Mays
12/14	Barry White
12/21	Charlie Maness
12/28	Jason Oldham
Serve Table (PM)	
	Shawn Simms Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (Wed)	Sam Valentine
Prayer (Wed)	
12/3	Tom Rogers
12/10	Charlie Gwaltney
12/17	Charlie Puckett
12/24	Mitch Jearls
12/31	Mark Brooks
Open/Close Bldg	Squeaky Valentine
Greeters	Glen & Sandra Neighbors
	Bobby & Peggy Paxton
Nursery Attend	Amanda Brown Kim Brown
Ushers	Bob Garby Curtis Oakes
Handouts	David McFalls John Black
	Jeremy White Cameron Brown
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	
	Lisa Valentine Jo Ann Edwards
Cards & Pencils	
	Jimmy Harrington Dylan Tyler

Last weeks attendance 17&10/08

Bible Class—139 Worship Service—157
 Sunday Eve.—110 Wednesday Eve.—126
 Contribution—\$7201

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As we approach the end of 2008 we are considering the phrase “the end” as presented in Scripture. As noted, the phrase itself is found in 148 verses in the King James Version.

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of **the end** of the world?” (Mt. 24:3). There are few chapters (if any) that have been as ill-treated and misapplied as Matthew 24. In applying everything that Jesus said in this chapter to the end of the world, many have sought to make it teach particulars about that subject that it does not teach.

The background begins in Matthew 23:34, as Jesus bemoaned the fact that the Jews had rejected God’s prophets to that point (including Himself- note vs. 37) and would thus be judged by God for their sins. He stated, “Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation” (Mt. 23:36). (Notice in particular the phrase “these things.”) Later, on the Mount of Olives when His apostles (with the foregoing words still ringing in their ears) came to call His attention to the buildings of the temple (Mt. 24:1), Jesus said, “See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (Mt. 24:2). (Again, note the phrase “these things.”) It was at this point that the disciples asked Him two questions (Mt. 24:3): 1) “When shall these things be?” and, 2) “What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?”

Jesus, the master communicator, answered both their questions. The first, involving “these things” (the things concerning the destruction of Jerusalem) was answered in Matthew 24:4-35. Noticeable among these verses are the connecting phrases “these things” (vss. 6, 33, 34), “all these” (vs. 8), “those days” (vss. 22, 29). The second question (regarding the end of the world) Jesus answered in Matthew 24:36-51. A stark contrast separates the two subjects. Verse 36 states, “But of that day [Note- no longer “these” or “those” days- EG] and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” Jesus stated unequivocally that no man knows the day of His return and subsequent destruction of the world. The signs given in verses 3-35 pointed to the destruction of Jerusalem and not to the end of the world. There are no such signs that will indicate when the Lord will return. It will be “as a thief in the night” (II Pet. 3:10). We must be prepared at all times.

-Eddy