

Those We Treasure

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. She then told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really?" she heard whispered. "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much," were most of the comments. No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Vietnam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to walk by the coffin.

As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. "Were you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded: "yes." Then he said: "Mark talked about you a lot."

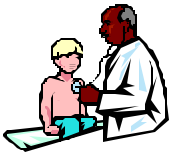
After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher. "We want to show you something," his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it."

Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him. "Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home." Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album." "I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary" Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: "I think we all saved our lists"

Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:
Marguerite Charles,
Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson,
Crawford & Martha Keith, Mariam
Majors, Steve Harrah, Mary Reese,
Buddy Martin, Bill Paul.



Sympathy goes to Lynn, Jerry, Kay Anderson, Murphy Scott and Betty Jenkins in the dear lost of their wife, mother, and sister who went to her just reward on Friday.

Donnie Mountcastle is in the VA Hosp. ICU #15 with breathing problems.

Stephen Charles, Marguerite's son, had an angiogram on Thursday.

Betty Jenkins is in LGH, room 351.

Dr. Bert Spetzler, friend of Greg Edwards, has been transferred to Atlanta..

Justin Hankins, teen member from Tazewell, is in RMH, room 1141.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Patti Gwaltney—10/27
Rebecca Doss—10/30
AC Janney—10/31
Marsha Cooke—11/1

OCTOBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Parmesan Cheese and Stain Sticks. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

Kyle Nester, Erich Felps,
 Chris Coleman, & Angela Ridgeon
 —in Iraq
 Katy Halling—aboard a Navy Ship
 Ty Stricklin will be returning to Iraq on Tuesday.
 Dustin Humphreys - Camp LeJeune

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That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again. The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be.

Gal 6:10 says, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Jesus tells us in John 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." Again in 1 John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

Tell the people you love and care for that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late. Let us each make opportunities to share the love we have for one another every day.

- the Elders

To every thing there is a season,
 and a time to every purpose under the heaven;
 A time to be born, and a time to die;
 a time to plant, and a time to pluck that which is
 planted. - *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

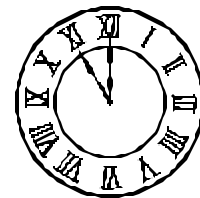
Take care of the minutes, for the hours will take care of themselves.

Lost time is never found again.

Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away.

Being rich is having money; being wealthy is having time.

**Daylight Savings Time
 ends next week,
 November 2, 2008
 Don't forget!!!**



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For Your Information



Teens

November Dates

Nov. 2—TBS—7:00

Nov. 22—Teen Service Project

Nov. 30—Young Men conduct Evening Services

Bible Bowl Questions will be sent out next week!!
Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Bidy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.

PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

Primary Teachers Meeting will be today at 4:30. All teachers are expected to attend. 4th & 5th Grade teachers are in charge of snacks.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Shirley Baker and Paula Gibson will be hosting the October Ladies Night Out on October 28 at 6:30. Sign up sheet on the board.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Wednesday Fellowship meal on October 29 at 5:45. Menu will be Chili and Fixin's! Sign up on the board by tonight and pay \$5 at the door!

MENS PLANNING BREAKFAST

The yearly Men's Planning Breakfast will be on November 15 at 8 AM. Mark your calendars and gather ideas for this meeting! Breakfast will be provided.

INTERNET SAFETY CLASSES

Internet Safety Classes will be taught here at the building on November 18 and December 2 at 6:00 PM. See Barry for details!

If you would like a copy of the sermons by Gary Hampton, please sign up on the media door. One list is for individual sermons and the other list is for the whole set! Tom Richardson will be distributing them as soon as they are finished!



A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd (alternating between bride's side and groom's side). While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. The little boy, however, was getting more and more distressed from all the laughing, and was also near tears by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, 'I was being the Ring Bear.'

WOW

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

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, at 10:30.

Team 2 (Garby) will be having a Progressive



Dinner on November 1 starting at 5:30 PM at the home of Jason & Melissa Oldham. Sign up sheet and directions are located on the board!

Upcoming Gospel Meetings

October 24-26

Rich Creek, Virginia

Upcoming Lectureships (See Board for details)

November 6-9

Cold Harbor Lectureship In Mechanicsville, VA

A Sunday school teacher was speaking to a group of four-year-olds about Jesus, Joseph and Mary. After the lesson the kids were to draw a picture depicting their favorite part of the story. The teacher shared the pictures the children drew with the entire class. She got pictures of the Baby Jesus in the manger with animals, she got pictures of the three wise men and the like. Then she got to a picture from little Jimmy, a picture of an airplane with four people on it. She called Jimmy up to explain his picture. She told Jimmy that she could see Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus, obviously in their 'flight' to Egypt. She didn't understand why there was another man

What Would You Do With Your Hour?

November 2008

Announcements	Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM)	Paul Mays
Opening Prayer (AM)	
11/2	Richard Simms
11/9	Danny Guard
11/16	Barry White
11/23	Jeremy White
11/30	Bobby Martin
Preside at Communion	Charlie Gwaltney
Serve Table	Roger Mays Herb Baker Bob Garby AC Janney
Closing Prayer	
11/2	Ethan Rogers
11/9	Tom Richardson
11/16	Greg Edwards
11/23	Adam House
11/30	Gene Benefield
Song Leader (PM)	Adam House
Opening Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Don Pettit
11/9	Charlie Maness
11/16	Glenn Gabbard
11/23	Jim Bush
11/30	Mark Brooks
Scripture Reader	Jack Cook
Closing Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Josh Whitlow
11/9	Jim Harrington
11/16	Jerry Anderson
11/23	Jeff Durham
11/30	Tom Rogers
Serve Table (PM)	Bradford Durham Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (Wed)	Jason Oldham
Prayer (Wed)	
11/5	Glenn Hartman
11/12	Jim Cook
11/19	Garrett Durham
11/26	Charlie Maness
Open/Close Bldg	Lyn Shrader
Greeters	Ed & Jean Argabright Jerry & Kay Anderson
Nursery Attend	Lori Cook Judy Durham
Ushers	Squeaky Valentine John Black
Handouts	Garrett Durham Ryan Simms Richard Simms Cameron Brown
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	Wanda Martin Dorothy Mays
Cards & Pencils	Sydney Durham Khaila Mickens
Last weeks attendance 10/19-22/08	
Bible Class—181	Worship Service—200
Sunday Eve.—160	Wednesday Eve.—176
Monday Eve.—164	Tuesday Eve.—168
Contribution—\$5857	

In the early morning on Sunday, November 2, Daylight Savings Time will end and we will return to Standard Time. Officially, at 1:59 a.m. the time will revert back to 1:00 a.m. for those portions of the country that recognize the change (Hawaii and most of Arizona do not; Indiana just adopted its use beginning in 2006). The Standard Time Act of 1918 established standard time in time zones (in association with the railroad) and also established Daylight Savings Time, a much-debated and still contentious idea to some. The reasons for its being continued today include economic, traffic safety, energy conservation, fewer crimes, increased voter turnout and safer trick-or-treating. Like it or not, it is a part of our culture.

It is not uncommon this time of year to hear someone say, “What are you going to do with your extra hour?” We will of course “give it back” in the spring, but it is interesting to hear the various answers. But, what if you could actually use your hour any way we chose? What if you could go back for one hour into any period in your life? Where would you go? What would you do with your hour? Would you go back to a time when you could speak with someone who is no longer alive? Would you go back to the time of a fond childhood memory? Would you back to your school days and relive a pleasant time? Would you relive the birth of a child, your wedding or some other joyous occasion? Would you go back to a time when you could make a change, amend a decision, or right a wrong?

While “time travel” has always fascinated man it is something that we will never be able to accomplish. However, even though you cannot return to a former time and make amends for wrongs you might have committed, you can still have those wrongs forgiven. God will forget them as though they never even occurred (Heb. 8:12; 10:17). And that is even better than being able to do it yourself. Why not accept His offer of pardon today (Mt. 11:28)? It transcends time.

-Eddy

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