

Time

If you could spend a day with someone from the past or present, who would it be? Would it be your best friend or mate who has gone on? Would it be Jesus? What about Paul or Timothy? A thought provoking question! We are not given the past nor the future but today. How will you spend today? What do you do with the time God gives you? Are you "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1Ti 6:19.

Our days, our hours, and our minutes add up to the totality of our lives

"How we spend our days, is, of course, how we spend our lives." ~Annie Dillard

None of us seem to have enough time these days to do all we need to do, yet we each have all the time there is. What consumes your time? What are you a "slave" to? Mt 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

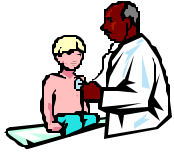
Are you doing what is important? Life doesn't end here on earth. Christians should be doing those things that will prepare them for eternity. Do you tell people about Jesus? Do you teach your kids about Jesus? Do you support and encourage other Christians? Do you give Christian counsel and advice to younger kids? Are you growing as a Christian? Do you help others grow? Are you involved in the work of the church? Are you using your talents to serve God?

If you could spend a day with someone from the past what would you tell them? How would you live your life before them? When that day was over would you be able to say "I have fought the good fight"? 1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

May we live each day doing all we can to touch the lives of others. Today is all we have. Yesterday is a memory gone by and tomorrow is but a dream.

- Elders

Sick Mandy Tyler is at RMH and undergoing additional test.



Mickie Janney is suffering from gall stones and has seen a surgeon.



Jeanny Gilpin had foot surgery on Friday.

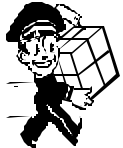
Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Lynn & Mary Anderson, Crawford & Martha Keith, Oliver Majors.**

Happy Birthday this week to:

Jeanny Gilpin—7/27
Danny Guard—7/27
Amanda Cook—7/29
Kristie Jearls—8/2
Gloria White—8/2
Rebecca Durham—8/3



AUGUST ITEMS FOR THE



STAFFORDS: Flavorings (almond, butter, lemon) and slivered almonds.

Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq

Chris Coleman—in Iraq



Sympathy is extended to Jeanie Farabaught, Marguerite's roommate, in the death of her husband

Responded: Several responded while at Horizons.

Idol or Idle?

Which displeases God most—idol worship in heathen lands or idle worship in a modern church house? Of course, we know that idol worship displeases God. Idolatry is condemned throughout the Bible.

However, though we do not bow down before images of stone, we can be guilty of something as serious—idle worship. We can go through the motions, attend church, engage in all the acts and yet never actually worship God. Jesus spoke of such when He said: *“This people draweth nigh unto me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.”* (Mt. 15:8). Jesus is quoting from Isaiah who saw much of this kind of worship in his day. It seems not to be confined to any day.

Take an examination. How long has it been since you sang through a song with your mind on the words? How long has it been since you bowed in prayer, while another lead, and concentrated on the words? How long has it been since you drank of the cup and ate of the bread with your mind on the events of the cross?

The discipline of the mind is not easy. It comes with hard work, trial and error, and divine help. But it can be done! God has never commanded the impossible. Worship requires concentration. It requires that we bring our minds in from the things about us, from the events of yesterday, from the plans for the morrow and center them upon God and what we are doing at the moment—worshipping God.

We can all do better at worship than we have done. This is a grace in which we can and need to grow. We must give constant thought to this lest we, like the idol worshipers, worship in vain.

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For Your Information

Team 1 (Simms) will be having a get together at Jim & Rosemary Bush's on Saturday, August 16. Save the Date!! Details to follow.



IN-HOUSE SUMMER SERIES

Be here this Wednesday night to hear Steve Hall as our special guest speaker!

Here's a list of other speakers for this summer: Jim Cooke, Tom Richardson, Eric Earnhart, Don Pettit, Jeff Durham and Mark Brooks.

Make your plans now to be here to encourage these men!

COLLEGE SEND OFF

Our College Send Off will be next Sunday, August 3, after evening services. Make plans now to stick around and wish them well!!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship will be on August 6 at 5:45. Menu will be spaghetti. Sign up on the board and pay your \$5 at the door!!

EDP MEETING

The EDP Meeting will be on August 10 at 4:00 in the fellowship room.

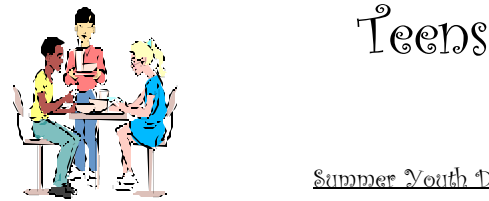
FALL PRIMARY TEACHERS

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.

WOW

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

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



Teens

Summer Youth Devos

August 4—Radford

August 9—Lake Drive (12—2)

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



James River Tubing Adventure

If you were anywhere near the James River in Buchanan, Virginia on Tuesday then you may have seen over 30 green intertubes with our teens and several adults floating by. They floated 1 1/2 miles, had lunch and went again. Greg & Halle Edwards and Jerry Anderson took their kayaks down for the first trip, but for the second trip Halle and Greg were intertubing!! Jerry caught some fish while Jack Cook had no luck on the bank!!

They all had a great time and special thanks to Trae for setting up the trip and Twin River Outfitters for supplying the tubes!! We will have to do this again sometime!!!

Announcements Mike Durham
Song Leader (AM) Jeff Durham
Opening Prayer (AM)
 7/6 Barry White
 7/13 Jim Bush
 7/20 Herb Baker
 7/27 John Black
 8/31 Josh Whitlow
Preside at Communion Don Pettit
Serve Table Bob Martin AC Janney
 Glen Hartman Bradford Durham

Closing Prayer
 7/6 Grat Tucker
 7/13 David Brown
 7/20 Jim Cooke
 7/27 Wayne Dixon
 8/31 Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (PM) David Brown

Opening Prayer (PM)
 7/6 Jim Harrington
 7/13 Danny Guard
 7/20 Roger Mays
 7/27 Greg Edwards
 8/31 Jerry Anderson
Scripture Reader Sam Valentine

Closing Prayer (PM)
 7/6 Shawn Simms
 7/13 Eric Earnhart
 7/20 Bob Garby
 7/27 Charlie Maness
 8/31 Jason Oldham

Serve Table (PM)
 Mark Brooks Glenn Gabbard

Song Leader (Wed) Josh Whitlow
Prayer (Wed)
 7/2 Tom Richardson
 7/9 Greg Edwards
 7/16 Fred Altizer
 7/23 Squeaky Valentine

Open/Close Bldg Jim Harrington
Greeters White Gearhart
Nursery Attend S. Neighbors M. Pettit
Ushers Richard Simms Curtis Oakes
Handouts Roger Mays Mitch Jearls
 Sam Valentine Cameron Brown
Alternates Lyn Shrader

Prepare communion
 Jeanny Gilpin Pat Gwaltney

Cards & Pencils
 Jimmy Harrington & Dylan Tyler

Last weeks attendance 7/20/08

Bible Class—160 Worship Service—203
 Sunday Eve.—141 Wednesday Eve.—n/a
 Contribution—\$4605

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The book of Galatians is a marvelous treatise regarding the distinctions between the law of Moses and the law of Christ, the system of Judaism and Christianity. It was written at a time when those who supported the Judaistic law system were causing problems for the infant church of the

Lord. Paul's words reveal in no uncertain terms that because of the cross of Christ man is now under the law of Christ and is no longer bound to the law of Moses.

In the fourth chapter of Galatians Paul illustrated this truth through the use of perhaps the greatest allegory found in Scripture (Gal. 4:21-31). He used two mountains (Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion), two women (Sarah and Hagar) and two sons (Isaac and Ishmael) to reveal the difference in the two covenants and to demonstrate the fact that all who live this side of the cross are bound by all of the law of Christ, the New Testament.

The first few verses of chapter five conclude matters which were begun in chapter four regarding this allegory. Paul stated, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:1-4). Interestingly, Paul, the once stringent supporter of the law and persecutor of any who opposed it (cf. I Tim. 1:13), here refers to that same law as "the yoke of bondage" (vs. 1). Anyone who placed himself under any of its precepts was bound to place himself under all its precepts (Gal. 5:3). However, any who seek to be justified by it are "fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4). Thus, justification before God comes through obedience to His Son, not to the words and law of Moses or any other. This He made abundantly clear at the transfiguration (Mt. 17:5). Christ is to be honored above all. His word is to be obeyed (Jn. 14:15; Heb. 5:8, 9). Those seeking justification for their practices today through the law given by Moses would do well to study carefully this great book of Galatians.

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