

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: 94

Contribution: \$ 4370.50

Weekly Budget: \$ 2820.00

Thought for The Day

"Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment; trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you; trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity."

MOODY

Church of Christ of Venice

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MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Delbert Leavens

Songs: Tim Simmons

Sermon: Ted Wheeler

Closing Prayer: Glen Law

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Larry Jenson

Songs: Tim Simmons

Sermon: Ted Wheeler

Closing Prayer: Wayne Vowell

COMMUNION

Kerry Keathley Mike Weber

Kaden Simmons Joe Austin

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If You Had But One Week To Live



Man's days on earth are limited. There will be a time in all our lives when the title of this article will apply. We do not know when that time will be and since we do not know, every week ought to be lived as if it were the last.

BIBLE STUDY

If you had but one week to live, how much time would you spend in the study of the Bible? Would you live the last week you had on earth and not open the Bible? Is it not true that if we had but one week to live that a great part of that time would be spent in reading the Bible? Even if we had many other things that we wanted to do, we would not neglect the study of the Bible. Is this not proof that we know that we are not prepared to die when we let other things keep us from studying the Bible? If you would not neglect the study of the Bible if you had but one week to live, must you not study it every week you live to be ready to die? If this is true, does it not follow that many of us are not ready to die?

ATTENDANCE

If you had but one week to live and were able to go to the services of the church, how many would you attend? Would

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

Elders

Delbert Leavens
Wayne Vowell
Ted Wheeler

Minister

Ted Wheeler

Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am
Worship-11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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you sleep late and miss the Bible study? Would you miss the worship services if company came? Would you come on Sunday morning and fail to attend Sunday night? Would you attend the Bible study on Wednesday night or would you stay home and watch television? Would you go fishing Wednesday afternoon and not get back in time for the class? If you knew you just had one more opportunity to attend all the services of the church, would you not make a special effort to do so? Really and truly, do you think you would be ready to die having attended only one service the last week you lived? Should we not decide now that we ought to live every week this way or we will not be ready to die?

LIBERALITY

If you had but one week to live, how liberal would you be toward the church? Would you spend the money you earn for all the things you wanted, and then if you had any left over, give that to the Lord? Knowing that you were soon to face death and that the only one that could bear you safely over the tide was the Lord, would not your heart be so full of gratitude to Him that you would give bountifully? If you had made \$100.00 the last week you had to live and this was your last Sunday to contribute to the cause of the Lord, how much of that \$100.00 would you give? Would you be satisfied to give \$.25, \$ 1.00, or \$ 5.00? If you knew you were making your last contribution, would not \$ 10.00 look rather small? My brother, if you would increase your contribution if you only had one week to live, don't you think you had better increase it now and give every week like you would if you had but one week, or else you would not be ready to die?

NEGLECT

If you had but one week to live and there came a call for something to be done in the church that you could do, would you say, "*I don't have time. Get someone else*"? Who would want to face death neglecting his duty? I am sure none of us would want to, but some of us will unless we change our ways.

PUFFED UP

If you had but one week to live, would you hold a grudge against someone? If you had but one week to live, would you go around pouting because you thought someone had not treated you right? Would you want to die with your lips stuck out and a frown on your face? You know if you had but one week to live, you would forget such things. Does this not impress upon you the sober truth that you ought to forget them now, for surely your life is not what you KNOW it ought to be if you are puffed up and pouting.

LISTEN

If you had but one week to live, what would you want the preacher to preach? Would you want him to stand before you knowing that there were things in your life that would damn your soul and keep silent about it? Would you get angry if he touched on things that you were doing that were wrong? If he did mention something that came home to you, would you pass it off by simply ignoring what he said? Would you sleep while he talked of matters of life and death? Some day you will listen to your last sermon and as we do not know which will be the last, do you not think that it would be wise to listen to every sermon as if it were the last?

If we wait until we have but one week to live, we might not be able to make up for all our wasted time, so let us work and live as if every week were the last. (Emphasis mine, TW)

Franklin Camp

OLD TRUTHS IN NEW ROBES, pp15-17

THANKS FOR WHAT IS OF GREATER VALUE

There is a story of a young man who proposed marriage to a young woman. He gave her an expensive, beautiful diamond ring enclosed in an attractive blue velvet box. The following day after their engagement, the young woman said, "How can I ever thank you enough for the beautiful blue velvet box? I love it and will always cherish it!" How do you think her beloved felt? A ludicrous story? Yes, except that it aptly illustrates the care and attention we humans give in this life to our body and physical well beings--which is like the blue velvet box. We spend about 99 percent of our resources and time on something that will return to dust. And we neglect the gift of the diamond, which is our living, eternal soul. We fail to thank God for such a priceless gift, purchased for us by the death of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Remember in Prayer

JEANNE SHERMAN
AMANDA HURST
DONNA YOUNGBLOOD
JANET WEBER
DORIS WHITE
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
PATRICA SMITH
FRANK SMALL
IVA & LEM TURNER
PATRICIA FORD
JEANETTE THOMPSON

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Apr 1: Fellowship Meal
- ✓ Apr 6: Movie: *The Silencing of God* #3
- ✓ Apr 29: Song Service @ 6 pm
- ✓ Jun 3-9: Bible Camp @ Weeki Wachee
- ✓ Jun 14-Jul 9: Ghana Campaign 2007

Sermons:

The Gospel Plowman

Luke 9:62

Blessed Are The Meek

Mat. 5:5

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