

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: 17

Contribution: \$ 1918.00

Weekly Budget: \$ 2854.00

Thought for The Day

"You cannot repent too soon,
because you do not know
how soon it may be too late."

FULLER

MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Larry Jenson
Songs: Dick Navarre
Sermon: Tim Simmons
Closing Prayer: Joe Austin

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell
Songs: Dick Navarre
Sermon: Tim Simmons
Closing Prayer: Wayne Vowell

COMMUNION

Kerry Keathley Merritt Bailey
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The Use of Time



We each are allotted the same amount of time. Each day we are allowed to live, we are given 24 hours, comprised of 1,440 minutes or 86,400 seconds. Some things God gives repeatedly, but He gives time only once. Benjamin Franklin stated: *"Time is the stuff life is made of."* We may be able to accumulate wealth, but not time. Time seems to be our enemy as we usually attempt to do more than we have time to do. Time can be a great blessing in mending broken hearts, drying tears, and renewing courage. Someone has said that time plus talents equal our responsibilities. We may possess great talent. but if we are reluctant to give time serving our Lord and our fellow man, we are poor stewards. There are certain principles we should follow if we are to practice good stewardship of time:

Choose How We Will Use Our Time.

There must be conscious effort made if we are to

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-I 11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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use our time wisely. Proper use of time is a sign of spiritual maturity that we each should pursue. Without careful planning, it is doubtful that we will use this precious commodity as we should. The Psalmist wrote, *"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom"* (Psalms 90:12). Eccl. 8:5 states, *"A wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment."*

Choose To Spend Time On Important Matters.

We often spend large amounts of time reacting to urgent things and spend little time on important things. If the car breaks down, we take time to get it fixed. If we feel we must spend time in yard work, housework, or a host of other things, we do so. We know it is important to share the gospel and do certain works of kindness for others, but we can list many reasons for not doing so today. We know that Bible study and prayer are important, but we often let urgent and maybe not so urgent matters keep us from doing this. Some of us seem to rush from one crisis to the next and thus fall into a pattern of undisciplined living and become poor stewards of God's blessings of time. Jesus did not become involved in many earthly matters that could have easily distracted from His most important work. He said, *"I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work"* (John 9:4).

Choose Time For Spiritual Growth.

There is a direct correlation between study of God's word and our spiritual growth. When we allow ourselves to get so busy that we neglect Bible study and fail to assemble for worship, we are just "too busy." Our Savior taught, *"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). Peter wrote, *"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby"* (I Pet. 2:2).

We need to reflect upon time and its swift passing. James warns against placing too much confidence on what we will do with our future time (James 4:14). Let us choose wisely how we will use this most precious and fleeting "stuff of which life is made."

Neal Milan



Sunday, June 17 ... The group will have their first full day at the Village of Hope orphanage (VOH). VOH currently has 7 homes with 161 children. 1 of the homes houses only girls. Today most of the group will worship with the VOH church of Christ. The men will preach and teach Bible classes and ladies will be teaching classes for the children. Some of them will be dispersed to preach at area churches of Christ which contain a lot of new converts in need of edification.

Monday, June 18—Friday, 22 ... Each day starts with a morning devotion in each house from 6:00-6:30 am. Consisting of prayers, singing and a 10-15 devotional. During the day the group will help in tutoring children in math, English and reading. Each home also has an evening devotional from 6:00-6:30 pm. Our group will be involved in leading these devotionals. On Wednesday & Friday there will be Bible classes for children and adults. These classes will be held at the VOH church of Christ and area churches. We will also be helping bro. Seth Okyere by holding a gospel meeting at the Buduburam Refugee Camp where he is working (refugees from the Liberian civil war).

Friday, June 22 ... After working with the children during the day. We will drive from VOH to back to Tema. (@ 3 hrs)

Saturday, June 23 ... The group will drive in and visit Ghana's capital, Accra, during the day and then pick up the remaining 4 campaigners who will be arriving from NC around 5:20 pm. At 3:00 pm, Paul & Matilda Addo's son, Richard will be getting married at the Accra Rd. church of Christ. If time allows, Ted will try and attend the wedding and meet the group back at the airport.

Note: On the 20th - Ted is scheduled to meet in Accra with the manager of Intel Computers and also the Member of Parliament from the Bunkpurugu District (where we have been these past several years—establishing churches, conducting clinics, health care and drilling the water wells.

Remember in Prayer

LELA DEETER
JEANNE SHERMAN
DORIS WHITE
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
FRANK SMALL
IVA & LEM TURNER
PATRICIA FORD
JEANETTE THOMPSON

TODAY'S SERMONS

Who Is In Charge?
Ephesians 4:1-6
Spiritual Disciplines
Psalms 8:4

AREA-WIDE SINGING

NEXT SUNDAY
June 24, 2007

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Refreshments Served Afterwards

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Jun 14-Jul 10: Ghana Campaign 2007
- ✓ Jun 17: Song Practice @ 5 p
- ✓ Jun 24: Area-Wide Singing, 3:00-4:30 pm
- ✓ Jul 27-Aug 4: Panama Campaign