

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Mike Davis

Song Leader
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Bill Rinehart Clay Morris
Hunter Byrd Pete Rowland

Prayers
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WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Dee Minter

Song Leader
Cory Easley

Prayers
Mark Davis Joseph Barry

Invitation
Bryan Garlock

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Dave Massey

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Managing Life

Rickie Jenkins

Life is largely about management. Each month, we recognize that when the bills come due. We can readily see how we have mismanaged or managed our money. But there is more to life than money and more to manage than our budgets each month.

How well do we manage our time? Books have been written, tapes been recorded and lectures presented to teach people how to manage their time. I have read the books, listened to the tapes and heard the lectures, but soon the information is forgotten. Day planners, electronic and in print, are sold by the millions to help people better organize their lives so that they can better organize their time. I have both and they remind me, often, how I need to better use my time. Experience in life seems to me to be the best teacher. Just miss a few deadlines, or come right up against a deadline, and we soon figure a better way of doing things. Just let one of our children tell us they need more time with us and time management becomes important. When

our mate tells us he/she needs more of our time, where do we find the time?

All of us have 24 hours in a day. Many of the things that fill those 24 hours are not wrong in and of themselves, but sadly often crowd out life with God. He does not shout or cry, audibly, like a past due project, a child or mate. But, He does shout for us to give Him our time. We must find time to meditate on the Greatness of God. We must find time to read God's word. He wants to talk to us. We must find time to pray. He wants us to talk to Him. Time management succeeds when God manages our time. All else falls in line.

How well do we manage our habits? Of course, none of us would dare admit that our habits control us. Bad habits are hard to break but there is real joy in doing so. However, just breaking bad habits is not enough. They must be replaced with good habits or the bad ones will come again, just in new garb. Habits come so easily. They develop over a period of time.

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Francine Davis** and **Mary Alice Turner**. Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Bill Rinehart had both knees replaced Tuesday. The surgery was in Tyler and went well. As soon as he leaves Tyler, he will move to St. Michael rehab.

W. H. McFerrin has cataract surgery Tuesday.

The **Garlocks** are in Alabama today and **John Rinehart** will be preaching for **Bryan**.

Melvin Potts foot is much better.

Jean Cronce's sister-in-law, **Sue Gibbert** passed away last week.

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May I suggest a few good habits to work on?

First, make regular bible study a daily habit. I like the Bible verse of the day that pops up each morning. It gets the day started off right.

Second, clean thinking is a good habit. Solomon said, "As a man thinks in his heart so is he."

Third, clean speech is another good habit. Bad language is all around us. So it is easy to fall into the habit of talking like the world when we are around bad language all day every day.

Fourth, one significant way to find reinforcement of the new habits is regularly assembling with saints who encourage one another. Our assembling is intended to stir us and provoke to love and good works (Heb. 10:24-25). They ought to be periods that are refreshing as cool spring water on a hot day.

Management is all about priorities. Management is all about what we consider to be important. Management does not fail because the evil gets in the way but because the urgent gets in the way of the important. We live from grass fire to grass fire, crisis to crisis. Life cannot be lived successfully in that way.

Consider these three things to help arrange our priorities:

- **First**, let us properly align our priorities. Priorities must be set rationally not emotionally. Emotion should provide the drive but never the direction. Setting priorities out of emotion is certain failure.
- **Second**, let us set our priorities prior to the test or use. If we set them when the test comes, again, we will decide wrong. It is the rare occasion that one reaches the right decision in a moment.
- **Third**, let us set our priorities without regard to the consequences. We must decide what is right without regard to the cost. That is hard. Peter failed because he considered the consequences. He said that he would never deny the Lord but when the consequence of that confession became too much he denied Him.

Management of life or priorities tell on us. They always tell the truth. The Lord hears what we say through them. So do others. Do we?

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7 Things That Will Help You Grow Spiritually

Grover Stevens

1. **LIVE and WORK** to reach others each day as if you knew the world was going to come to an end next Sunday night. Think of that feeling of urgency and priority! (Read 2 Peter 3:1-12)
2. **BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC** about the church and its services as you would be if there were overflowing crowds each time. Think of the interest, anticipation, and excitement of an overflow crowd!
3. **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**. Make a list of the things you are thankful to God for and thank Him for them one by one, as you pray in your closet. This will help you to be grateful (Philippians 4:6). It will also help you to realize your dependence on God (Acts 17:24-25,28; John 15:5).
4. **MAKE & MAINTAIN A LIST OF YOUR FAULTS**. In addition, pray for forgiveness and help to overcome them as you truly strive to overcome them. This will help us see that we are really not as good as we think we are and how very much we really do need Christ for Savior. It will also help you to sympathize with the faults of others (James 5:16; Galatians 6:1).
5. **KEEP A QUIET TIME**. Set aside 30 minutes every day to spend with God in prayer, Bible study, and meditation. If you really love someone or a game, you want to spend some time with them. Just so, if you truly love God you want to spend some time alone with Him. (Psalm 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1). First century Christians kept an "hour of prayer" (Acts 13:1).

6. **VISIT SOMEONE FOR CHRIST EACH WEEK**. Visit some member you do not know very well; or a sick person; or a visitor to our services; or a weak member who needs encouragement; or someone who needs to become a Christian.
7. **REACH ANOTHER PERSON**. Conduct a Bible class in your home once a month and invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to attend. The preacher or elders will assist you if you want them to. Matthew 5:12-15; James 5:20; Daniel 12:3. There are 168 hours in a week. If you were to attend Bible Study, morning worship, and evening worship on Sundays and Bible study on Wednesday, and 30 minutes 6 days a week in Bible reading, prayer, and meditation, and conduct an hour long study once a month, you would be giving God less than 10 hours a week, leaving you 158.

2018

Another year to be alive?
Another year to serve our Lord?
Another chance to come to God?
Another year to spread the word?

Another year to grow in faith?
Another year to do what's right?
Another year to save my soul?
Another year to shine God's light?

Yes, 2018 offers all the hope and promises of a new year. But just as each line end with a "?", remember life's uncertainty and use God's gift of each day to His glory.

(Col. 4:5; Gal. 6:10)