

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Announcements**  
Bill Brittenham

**Song Leader**  
Daniel Allgor

**Lord's Supper**  
Bryan Garlock    Bill Rinehart  
Clay Morris

**Prayers**  
Jerry Schnelle    Rodney Ellis

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Via Zoom**

**ABOUT US**

**Elders**  
Jack Calvert    Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry    Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis    Clay Morris

**Evangelist**  
Bryan Garlock

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**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**  
Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
~~Worship .....6:00 P.M.~~

~~Wednesday~~  
~~Bible Study .....7:00 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; Romans 10:9-10

**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



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***A Clean and Orderly Life***

Adam Shanks

It had been a long time since I cleaned up my office. When I would look around, I would see nothing but chaos. It's lucky my wife never comes up to this room or she would have my head. Or even worse, she might try and clean it up herself and then I'd never find anything.

When my office is a mess, I know what pile I need to look through if I'm looking for an article or some other paper. I know what unlabeled folder contains which of my various writing projects. I know, and only I know, how to wade through the knee-deep disaster I call my office (okay, it's not that bad).

So this week, I made it one of my tasks to work on cleaning and organizing. I've moved furniture, cleared piles, thrown away unnecessary papers, emptied outdated folders, dusted, and vacuumed. My desk is clear. My long workstation can once again be seen. My cabinets have been emptied and refilled in a much more orderly fashion. Right now, the room looks fantastic.

But along the way, I thought of three lessons that I think apply to each of us as we work to order and clean up our lives. First, we must recognize our lives get messed up. I think this happens for similar reasons as the warzone I call my office. For instance, we get too busy to pay attention or to be cautious. Often, as I run in and out to meet with others, I just drop things on the desk instead of taking the time to put things in their proper places. Is it possible that we get too busy to pay attention to the details of our lives? Another reason might be that we don't know how to keep an orderly office. While I know how to label folders and put things away, I don't always know the best way to organize the supply cabinet, so things get disorderly after a while. In life, we sometimes don't know how to make better decisions. Luckily we have a God who has given us instructions if we will just look in the Bible for answers. A third reason my office is often messy is that my kids tend to move things and put

sit in the backseat to our hurried and hectic schedules.

The Bible puts it this way. "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5.15-17). We must take back our time if we are to be who God has called us to be. Let's learn to manage our lives in a wise way that keeps God first as we understand and do His will.

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas** and **Francine Davis**.

**Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)**

**Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)**

**Kids Only: 5:00 PM (Zoom)**

**Monday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**

**Wednesday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**

**Thursday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**

*Beginning Wednesday, June 2, we will resume meeting at the building on Wednesday evenings as well as Sunday mornings. (There will only be one service on Sunday, no PM meeting).*

*We will also resume classes for all ages on Sunday AM and Wednesday PM. We will continue to Zoom these services for the time being.*

*First of the month Wednesdays will be for Singing.*

*If you have any questions, please contact the elders.*

*Also beginning June 2, masks and social distancing will be optional at the building. But please be considerate of others who want to continue those precautions.*

A second lesson from a messy office is that to clean it up, it is sometimes necessary to make a bigger mess. When cleaning my cabinet, I pulled everything out and laid it all over the office so I could see what I was dealing with. Sometimes we must do this with life also. It is troublesome to clean up your life, yet this is a necessary part of the process. Paul clearly says that it is work to express godly sorrow, with includes zeal, indignation at sin, and vindication of wrongdoing (2 Cor 7.9-11). Cleaning up life is always difficult, sometimes even painful, but it is worth it.

A third lesson is that once things are in place, it is important to keep them there. There is no point in struggling to create order out of chaos if you are just going to pile other things on those clean surfaces. This might mean changing your friends, moving out of your home, getting a new job, or many other difficult decisions. This could require avoiding certain activities or places. Having a clean life takes work. Sometimes it takes a little extra time to keep things in their place.

It is peaceful sitting here in this clean office. Not only do I know where everything is, but I also don't have to look at messes or spend extra time digging through piles. It is a nice feeling not being embarrassed when my wife walks in. It feels good to sit here and work on clean surfaces and have little distractions. Likewise, there is peace in having an orderly life. When things are as they should be, when our lives are ordered by the instructions of God, when we are undistracted by the cares and messes of life, we can then truly live for God! When our lives are built on the same principles God commands, it is then we can be most productive and effective for His purposes.

*For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue*

*with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1.5-8).*

### ***What a Waste!***

Adam Shanks

In every 24-hour day, you have a total of 1,440 minutes to spend wisely. Yet, we waste so many of those minutes every day. Women spend 16 minutes each workday deciding what to wear, and 20 minutes per day on the weekend. It is estimated that both men and women spend 20% of their workday (about 2 hours) socializing - instead of being productive. The average person spends six weeks every year searching for lost documents and papers they have misplaced. The average commute to work requires a person to spend 46 minutes per day in their vehicle. All of these time wasters are inconvenient and worthy of complaint.

While we complain about these work-related time squanderers, we waste much more time on personal activities. It is estimated that men spend around 36 minutes every day making purchases, while women spend a whopping 55 minutes each day doing the same. Our television habits are even worse, adding up to a total of three hours per day wasted watching new shows and more often reruns (including the news which reruns itself every few minutes, with every commentator saying the exact same thing the one before him said). This includes

over an hour of watching TV ads and promotions. What a waste!

Then, we have the gall to complain about how much time it takes to accomplish what we actually want out of life. We will complain that getting out of debt takes too much time and effort. We will complain that our college classes are too lengthy, too boring, and getting a degree takes too many years. New business entrepreneurs complain that it takes too long to get their business right side up financially. So many of us give up on pursuing and accomplishing major steps in our lives solely because we don't like how much time it will take. Earl - Nightingale said, "Never give up on a dream because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway."

Unfortunately, it's not only life and unaccomplished dreams that induce complaints. Our spiritual life is also a source of time-mismanagement. You'll hear people remark that reading the Bible is too time-consuming. No one has time for praying. It is too inconvenient to call and check on our ailing brothers and weak sisters. There are too many other important things to do on a Sunday instead of worship, like sleeping, watching television, shopping, or catching up on work. We've no opportunity to speak to our neighbor, or coworker, or family member about the Gospel because the time just hasn't been right or available. The reality is that there is next to nothing that should interfere with us being who God has called us to be, or doing the activities that God has called us to do; at least nothing we couldn't schedule at some other time. We just mismanage ourselves and then God has to

things in the wrong place (That right. I blamed my kids. Deal with it.). Often, our lives fall into disarray because of the influence of others. If we want to handle our messes, we must recognize the mess, get tired of the mess, and do something about it!