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Upcoming Events...

Business Meeting: next Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m.

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Barnabas Group Meeting: April 25

Using Time Wisely

“Those who make the worse use of their time are the first to complain of its shortness.” ~Jean De La Bruyere

“The great dividing line between success and failure can be expressed in five words: ‘I did not have time’.” ~Franklin Field

April Birthdays

1 Daniel McKnight 11 Dolly Cashion 23 Shannon Hudson
3 Amanda Hoffman 16 Alana Hudson 26 Stori Rose Hoffman
6 Susan Hudson 17 Belva Meanor

April Anniversaries

19 Bill & Kena Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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One Thousand Marbles

(A “repeat article” from HousetoHouse.com)

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday morning. I love the quiet solitude of being first to rise, the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. The first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable. Recently, I shuffled toward the kitchen with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday turned into one of those lessons that life hands you ever so often.

I turned on my radio to listen to a Saturday morning talk show. I heard an older sounding chap with a golden voice talking about 'a thousand marbles' to someone named 'Tom.' I was intrigued and sat down to listen. “Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work 60-70 hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's recital.” He continued, “Let me tell you something, Tom, that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities.”

That's when he began to explain his theory of a 'thousand marbles.' “You see,” he said, “I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about 75 years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about 75 years. I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3,900 which is the number of Saturdays the average person has in their entire lifetime. Stick with me Tom, I'm getting to the important part. It took me until I was 55 to think this through in detail, and by then, I had already used over 2,800 Saturdays. I figured that if I lived to be 75, I had about a thousand Saturdays left to enjoy.”

“So I went out and bought 1,000 marbles and put them in a large, clear plastic container here in my workshop next to the radio. Every Saturday since, I take one marble out and throw it away. By watching

my marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time on earth run out to help get your priorities straight.”

“One last thing before I sign-off and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then God has blessed me with a little extra time to be with my loved ones. It was nice to talk to you Tom; I hope you spend more time with your loved ones. Have a good morning!”

You could have heard a pin drop when he finished. I had planned to do some work that morning, then go to the gym. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife with a kiss. “C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast.”

“What brought this on?” she asked with a smile. I said, “It has just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out?” I said, “I need to buy some marbles.”

“... redeeming the time ...”
Ephesians 5:16

Changing My Life into The Likeness of Christ

By Wendell Winkler

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Christ was and I must be:

- Humble (Philippians 2:3-11; James 4:6)
- Forgiving (Luke 23:24; Mark 11:25)
- Zealous (John 9:4; 2:17; Titus 2:14)
- Prayerful (Mark 1:35; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Compassionate (John 11:35; Romans 12:15)
- Not retaliatory (Matthew 26:59ff; Romans 12:17-21)
- Submissive (Luke 22:42; Matthew 6:10)
- Serving (Matthew 20:28; Matthew 20:26-27)
- Passionate (Luke 19:41; Romans 9:1-3)
- Giving (Matthew 20:28; Luke 6:38)

With Paul may we affirm, ***“So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain”*** (Philippians 1:20,21). Then, we can sing, and really mean it, “I want to be more like Jesus.”

Using Our Time Wisely

By Dale Grissom

Each week that we are allowed to live contains 10,080 minutes or 604,800 seconds for us to use. These numbers may sound big, but each of us realizes just how quickly the time flies by. As Christians, we must be aware of our responsibility to use this time wisely and to take advantage of every opportunity we have to serve the Lord.

We have 86,400 waking seconds to use each day. May we not be guilty of wasting it, but may our focus be on using this time to grow in our knowledge of the Word and in the Christian graces, in service to the Lord and our fellow man, and to lead others to Christ. *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law”* (Galatians 5:22-23). We must learn to recognize opportunity when it presents itself, and not let this precious time with which we have been blessed slip away.

David spoke of the brevity of life in Psalm 90:10: *“The days of our years are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away”* (NKJV). James, in his letter, speaks of how fleeting life is: *“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away”* (James 4:14).

Let us make our short time on earth a busy time of laying up treasures in heaven, and may we always be mindful of the admonition of the apostle Paul: *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God”* (Romans 12:1-2).