

FYI

Business Meeting: today, July 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting: after a short regular service tonight, July 10, we will get a mid-year update on our financial statement.

Evangelism Workshop: Friday, July 15 and July 29 at 7:00 p.m. at McKnight home.

Barnabas Group: Monday, July 25 at McKnight's at 7:00 p.m.

Mike McKnight Schedule: other "events" posted on rear bulletin board; check it out!

Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week's "schedule":**

- **Day 179** - 1 Kings 20-21 Monday
- **Day 180** - 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18 Tuesday
- **Day 181** - 2 Chronicles 19-23 Wednesday
- **Day 182** - Obadiah; Psalm 82-83 Thursday
- **Day 183** - 2 Kings 1-4 Friday
- **Day 184** - 2 Kings 5-8 Saturday
- **Day 185** - 2 Kings 9-11 Sunday

July Birthdays

22 Morgie McKnight 25 Chuck Limburg

Regular Meeting Times

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

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Count your blessings...

The Wrong Room

David A. Sargent

On June 6, 1981, Doug Whitt and his new bride, Sylvia, were escorted into their hotel's fancy bridal suite in the wee hours of the morning. In the room they saw a sofa, chairs, and table, but no bed. Then they discovered the sofa was a hide-a-bed, with a lumpy mattress and sagging springs.

After a fitful night's sleep they woke up in the morning with sore backs. The new husband went to the hotel desk and gave the management a tongue-lashing. "Did you open the door in the room?" asked the clerk. Doug went back to the room. He opened the door they had thought was a closet. And there, complete with fruit baskets and chocolates, was a beautiful bedroom!

How often we miss out on life's greatest blessings because we are looking in "the wrong room." We often look for happiness and fulfillment in the world. But we're looking in the wrong place! The world offers many pleasures. Some are acceptable to God; some are not. A beautiful sunset, the majesty of mountains, brightly colored flowers, and inspiring music are great blessings to man. But some, such as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, are sinful in God's sight (1 John 2:15-17).

The greatest blessings in life—things like peace, love, forgiveness, and hope—are not found in the world; they are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). And Jesus is the door through which we must enter to receive these truly great and lasting blessings (John 10:7-9). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by through me" (John 14:6).

Have you been looking in the wrong room? Enter through the Door of Life on God's terms and you'll find, by God's grace, the greatest blessings of all.

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IN THE WORLD...”*

But I'm Not Rich

From the Bulletin of the Highland Street church,
Memphis, Tennessee. July 10, 1996.

From the standpoint of material wealth, Americans have difficulty realizing how rich they really are. By going through a little mental exercise, suggested by Robert Heilbroner, we can set back and count our blessings....

- Take out all of the furniture in your home except for one table and a couple of chairs. Use blankets and pads for beds.
- Take away all of your clothing except for your oldest dress or suit, shirt or blouse. Leave only one pair of shoes.
- Empty the pantry and refrigerator except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few potatoes, some onions and a dish of dried beans.
- Dismantle the bathrooms, shut off the running water, and remove all the electrical wiring in your house.
- Take away the house itself, and move the family into the tool shed.
- Place your "house" in shantytown.
- Cancel all subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, and book clubs. This is no great loss, because none of you can read anyway.
- Leave only one radio for the whole shantytown.
- Throw away your bankbooks, stock certificates, pension plans, and insurance policies. Leave the family a cash hoard of ten dollars.
- Move the nearest hospital or clinic ten miles away and put a mid-wife in charge instead of a doctor.

- Give the head of the family a few acres to cultivate on which he can raise a few hundred dollars of cash crops, of which 1/3 will go to the landlord and a tenth to the money lenders.
- Lop off 25 years of life expectancy.

Now after all that, by comparison how rich are we? And with our wealth comes responsibility to use it wisely, not to be wasteful, and to help others. Think on these things.

Jesus Gives Hope—the Hope of Eternal Life

By Roger Campbell

Unlike many people who stumble through life with no direction, Christians have a goal, and a way to accomplish that goal. Faithful saints know they are headed toward an incomparable destination, the eternal city of God! Jesus is their way to reach the goal—the only way to the Father in heaven (John 14:6), and He is our single hope (1 Timothy 1:1).

Jesus taught that eternal life is available in the world or age to come (Mark 10:30). We live *“in hope of eternal life”* (Titus 1:2). Stated another way, the Lord has begotten us unto a lively hope (1 Peter 1:3).

Unto what are we looking with desire, expectation, and anticipation? The next verse has these words: *“To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.”* Simply put, our hope is to live forever in heaven. There is no other hope that compares to this one!

Here is the great thing: it is not limited to just a few people. All people everywhere are invited to come and share in the blessings that God has arranged in and through His Son (Matthew 11:28).

“Come and see”

John 1:39

