

## Reminders

“Work Day”: Gospel Meeting Building Prep: October 3  
Gospel Meeting: Brent Willey, October 11-14

### Member Information

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## Quotations about Walking Uprightly

*“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”* Psalms 84:11

## September Birthdays

30 Kurt Hoffman      30 Dortha Gentry

## October Birthdays

1 Brandon Taylor      25 Christina Bruni  
3 Betty Heitmeyer      28 Allan Brown

### 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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## Seven Walks of Ephesians

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*Walk* denotes activity; more than that, it denotes continuous activity. In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, the figurative use of walking for living or carrying on our life is employed seven times. How very important and impressive is the lesson.

**Walking in disobedience:** *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience”* (Ephesians 2:1-2).

**Walking worthily:** *“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Ephesians 4:1-3).

**Walking in vanity:** *“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind”* (Ephesians 4:17).

**Walking in love:** *“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour”* (Ephesians 5:2).

**Walking as children of light:** *“Now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light”* (Ephesians 5:8).

**Walking in wisdom:** *“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil”* (Ephesians 5:15-16).

## Having a “Yes Face”

By Brett Petrillo

When Thomas Jefferson was president, he and some friends were traveling across the country on horseback. They came to a river flooded by the recent rains. The fast-moving water had taken out the bridge, and now each rider was forced to ford the river on horseback. All the riders fought for their lives across the strong currents. Nearby, a traveler apart from their group watched as a couple of the riders made it across the river. The traveler must not have felt he could walk across with his horse, because he turned to President Jefferson and asked if he would ferry him across the river. The President jumped right to the task and led the stranger across. Once safely on dry ground, one of the members of Jefferson’s group asked the stranger, “Why did you select the president to ask this favor of?” The man was shocked and admitted he didn’t know the president was the one who helped him. But then the man said, “All I know is that on some of your faces was written the answer ‘No,’ and on some of them was the answer ‘Yes.’ His was a ‘Yes’ face” (C. Swindoll, *The Grace Awakening*, Word, 1990, p. 6).

More than ever, the church needs people with “Yes faces.” These are people who are looking for ways to serve. These are people who jump at the opportunity to help. These are people who are characterized by a desire to serve and help others. Interestingly, this characteristic is a choice, not just a personality trait. This can be you if you so choose!

## Clock Watchers

By Michael Moss

Shortly after he opened his first plant, Thomas Edison noticed that his employees had gotten into the bad habit of watching the factory clock, which was the only clock in the plant.

To the indefatigable inventor who never thought about the time a task took, this was incomprehensible. He did not express his disapproval verbally. Instead he had dozens of clocks installed all around the plant. His goal was not to make it easier for his workers to see a clock. He made sure that no two clocks had the same time. Soon clock watching led to so much confusion that nobody cared what time it was.

I have a suspicion that one reason that God does not tell us when the second coming will be is that He knows we are clock-watchers. Just as people were busy thinking about how much time they had left at work or until lunch break, so we might be tempted to focus only on getting ready when the time was near. Instead we are called to be the people of God every minute of every day—not to get ready but to be ready.

## Goals Vs. Wishes

(from HousetoHouse.com)

In the February 2008 edition of *Fast Company*, Chip and Dan Heath write about the difference between a resolution and a goal. The former is a wish, while the latter involves planning. They note that our mental attitude is key: The psychologists Peter Gollwitzer and Veronika Brandstätter studied college students who had to write a paper about how they spent Christmas Eve. The catch was they were supposed to submit the paper by December 26. At this point, the paper is in resolution territory: It feels good to imagine yourself getting a good grade by writing the paper. But, as with January gym memberships, the outcome was not pretty. Only a third of the students got around to submitting a paper.

A second group of students were given the same assignment, but were required to note exactly when and where they intended to write the report (i.e., ‘in my Dad’s office on Christmas morning before everyone gets up’). A whopping 75 percent of these students wrote the report. The act of visualizing yourself in Dad’s office, writing your paper, changes the way you respond to the environment when you encounter it. Now when you see Dad’s office chair, an association springs to mind: Get to work. You’ve managed to outsmart your future self. Dozens of studies have shown similar results. When people took the time to visualize exactly when and where they would do what they needed to do, they met their goals.

Think about our own goals for our church and our spiritual life - am I planning to achieve them, or are they still in the resolution category?

*“Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.”*

**Proverbs 4:26**