



### April Birthdays

6 Susan Hudson 16 Alana Hudson  
23 Shannon Hudson 25 Calvin Cree  
30 Aaron McCollum 30 Margaret Graddon

### April Anniversaries

9 Bill and Kena Brown 28 Lyle & Margaret Graddon

### May Birthdays

15 Kena Brown

### May Anniversaries

5 Aaron & Esmeralda McCollum 5 Calvin & Paige Cree

#### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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# Indio Informer

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*"Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and do not lean on  
your own understanding."*

Proverb 3:5

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

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### A Few Precious Steps

Excerpts, with minor modifications  
from article by Bruce Evans

Life is a most precious gift. It is a gift with a time limit attached. *"You are just a vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes away."* (James 4:14) The real question is what do we do with that gift, that has been presented to us by the Creator. It is a universal question inasmuch as all of us one day will have to give an account of what exactly we did with this prized gift.

Often, we think only young people are faced with the question of "what do I want to do with my life?". We should not be so myopic. It is valid question that needs to be addressed regardless of age or experience. Our life is caught up in precious few footsteps.

The question of what to do with one's life goes well beyond that of career. It goes to the point of life-style pattern. The conversation of life. A calling or vocation for life in the truest sense (see Philippians 1:27 and Ephesians 4:1).

Solomon in his writings in Ecclesiastes asks some rather penetrating questions relative to life. He wonders "aloud" about the point and purpose of life. He talks about the brevity of life. He laments his shortsightedness. But ultimately comes to the following conclusion regarding life. Notice what is seen in chapter 12 of Ecclesiastes. *"Remember the Creator..."* (v. 1) *"Remember*

*Him before the silver cord is broken...” (v. 6) “The conclusion when all has been heard is: fear God and keep His commandment, because this applies to every person.” (v. 13)*

Well, what exactly have we done with our life? Where have we placed our priorities? Have we made our “mark” in the business world? Or in the world of academe? Have we written the “great American novel”? What imprint have we made so far with the few days that make up this life?

The greatest impact anyone could ever possibly leave behind is that he or she understood the purpose of life. Then proceeded to have so constructed a life that would reflect a relationship alive and vibrant with the God of Heaven in a manner consistent with His word. Aware of the absolute pricelessness of the gift presented by God. Our life is indeed made up of but a “few precious footsteps”, and the God of Heaven would like nothing more than for us to walk with Him now and forever. Which brought about another gift of that is priceless; Jesus, who is The Christ. It is He who paid the price for our transgressions (see 1Peter 1:13-25), so that we might enjoy life everlasting.

*“Thou wilt make known to me the path of life; in Thy presence is fulness of joy; in Thy right hand there are pleasures forever.” (Psalms 16:11) As the hymn “My God and I” states, “My God and I will go for aye together, we’ll walk and talk as good friend should and do...”*

### **Life is too Short**

By Bill Brandstatter

In 2022, there were a lot of celebrities who died. The number seemed greater than in previous years. The ages range from the young to those in their nineties. However old they were, life is still short. The Biblical teaching is that the importance of life is not so much the quantity of years as it is the quality. The Psalmist wrote, *“We spend our lives as a tale that is told”* (Psalms 90:9 KJV). What kind of tale is our life telling? In thinking about the quality of our lives, emphasis is placed on making the most of the time we have.

We should pay attention and make the most of our lives on earth. The Psalmist wrote, *“So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”* (Psalms 90:12 (NKJV)). This is a similar thought Paul expressed when he wrote, *“...redeeming the time because the days are evil”* (Ephesians 5:16).

We should make the most of our lives because we don’t have long here compared to eternity. Peter described our lives as grass that eventually withers and falls away (1 Peter 1:24). In the Bible life is compared to a sigh (Psalms 90:9), sleep (Psalms 90:5), a shadow (Ecclesiastes 6:12), a moment (2 Corinthians 4:17), and a weaver’s shuttle (Job 7:6).

### **Seize the Day**

Excerpts from article  
by David R. Ferguson

How are we spending our lives? Do we pay more attention to the physical comforts of life than we do the spiritual? Jesus said, *“One’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses”* (Luke 12:15). Let us be more diligent in our spiritual lives in case death comes too early for us and our lives end too soon.

There are many passages in God’s word which encourage us to seize the day. One of the greatest of these comes in Ephesians 5:15-21. If we simply follow these instructions, we will not only seize the day in this lifetime, but we will also grab hold of eternal life to come in Heaven through Jesus Christ by doing His will.

*So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father; and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.*

Our days on Earth are numbered. Don’t waste your time but use it wisely to serve the Lord!