

**Attention
Business Meeting
TODAY at 2:30 p.m.**

**Thank you... Thome West
Speaker for today**

April Birthdays

6 Susan Hudson 16 Alana Hudson
16 Abel Martinez 23 Shannon Hudson
25 Calvin Cree 25 Guillermina Torres
27 Maria Velasquez 30 Margaret Graddon
30 Aaron McCollum

April Anniversaries

19 Bill and Kena Brown 28 Lyle and Margaret Graddon

Use Our Time Wisely
*“...making the best use of the time,
because the days are evil”.*
Ephesians 5:15

Regular Meeting Times

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

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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”*

How Long is Time?

By Robert Notgrass

There’s an old saying, Another day, another dollar; a million days, a million dollars. But do you know how long a million days are? Hold your breath! You would have to live 2,739 years to live a million days!

Actually, the Bible suggest we have three-score years and ten to live. That is seventy years or about 25,000 days. A magazine article once suggested that teenagers will live, on the average, one hundred years and your children might well live until they reach the ripe old age of one hundred fifty. The author of the article suggested that old age is just a disease, and we have a right to expect science to conquer this disease as well as many others.

Of course, nobody wants to die. Life is wonderful and the more of it we have, the better. Yet, how well you live is much more important than how long you live. Jesus was only thirty-three but look at the mark He made upon the world? Oh, yes, you say, but He was God’s Son. True. And we will never match Him. But we are also God’s children—in a

different sense, of course—but we, too, can fill life full of great living—in our way.

How? Here are some ideas in brief. Suppose you add some others. Talk this over with your friends:

1. Conquer the inner frustrations that keep you unhappy—the fears, the doubts, the inner turmoil. Become emotionally stable.
2. Respect yourself but learn to live for others. The selfish life is an unhappy life. Minister to others; serve; give yourself away.
3. Be sensitive to the things of the spirit. Walk with God. Confess your sins and receive God’s forgiveness.

The Plague of Spiritually Weak Parent By Brad Harrub

Let’s get real for a moment: We have raised up a bunch of spiritually weak parents. Yes, they want their children to go to heaven. But they also want their children to fit in with the world. They want them to excel at sports. They want them to have the lead part in the high school play. They want them to enjoy prom—after all it’s a once in a lifetime rite of passage.

They are perfectly fine with them listening to the same songs and watching the same videos their worldly friends listen to and watch. They are perfectly fine with them missing out on lectureships/Gospel meetings because most of their friends won’t be there. They are okay with them dressing in tight and revealing clothes, because everyone in their generation is doing the same. They are okay with them showing up to Bible class with no Bible. They are okay with them using language that is disrespectful and does not honor God.

Why, would parents be okay with all of this? Because their

children have their baptism card—so they are good.

And, because the parents themselves are spiritually weak.

I see it every weekend when I hold Gospel Meetings and seminars. The vast majority of those in attendance are over 65 yrs old. The young people—who are on the frontline of the culture war and really need the information—are noticeably absent until Sunday morning worship.

It’s not the young people’s fault. It’s the parents. While they may have gotten their children baptized in the church, they stopped and did not train them up in such a way that they love God more than anything else.

Far too many parents today do not prioritize the spiritual health of their children. Instead, they want their children to be “happy,” and so they surround them with things of the world. Sadly, the next generation will likely not even show up for Sunday morning worship. And their children will not know God.

Church, we aren’t going to fix the problem until we address this real problem and start teaching some tough love sermons from the pulpit. Elders need to be bold enough to teach on this in Bible classes. Youth ministers need to stop providing spiritual welfare and entertainment, and instead, assist families to do what God commanded parents to do.

Until God becomes the #1 priority for church families, families will continue to commit adultery on their first love and wander back out on the broad way. Yes, our numbers are on the decline. But no one is talking about the other issue—and that is the spiritual decline of those physically present.

Important Things

“Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.”

Colossians 3:2