

July 7, 2022

DON'T WASTE TIME

How would you like to spend 2 years making phone calls to people who aren't home? Sound absurd? According to one time management study, that's how much time the average person spends trying to return calls to people who never seem to be in. Not only that, we spend 6 months waiting for the traffic light to turn green, and another 8 months reading junk mail. These unusual statistics should cause us to do time-use evaluation. Once we recognize that simple "life maintenance" can chip away at our time in such huge blocks, we will see how vital it is that we don't busy ourselves "in vain." **Psalm 39** gives us some perspective. In David's complaint to God, he says in **Psalm 39:5**, "Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you." Our time on earth is brief and God does not want us to waste it. When we do, we throw away one of the most precious commodities that He gives us. Each minute is an irretrievable gift.

Someone once observed that a wasted life is really nothing more than a collection of wasted days. As God gives us life, each one of us starts each year with the same number of opportunities that we can choose to either use and invest in eternal things or allow to drift by without taking advantage of the gift we have been given. The difference between those who succeed and those who fail is not found primarily in talent but in diligence and effort."

What do we do with all of our time? We are born thinking that we have so much of it and by the end of our days, we begin thinking quite the opposite. The average life expectancy of the average US citizen is 78 years old. That comes out to 937 months, 4,080 weeks, 28,564 days, 685,525 hours and 41,131,506 minutes. On average, we spend 26.9 years of our 78 sleeping. If you work 40 hours a week from age 20 to 65, not accounting for vacation or holidays, you work 10.7 years of your life. If you spend 1.5 hours a day eating then you spend 4.9 years of your life eating. 78 years is whittled down to 35.5 years if you take out sleeping, working and eating. So what are you going to do with what you have left of it?

In **Job 14:1**, Job says, "Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble." James also says in **James 4:14**, "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." When you

begin to put these together, you begin to see a new perspective on how short it is and how to spend it. David said in **Psalm 39:4** "O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!" He also said in **Psalm 90:12**, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

It is so easy for us to simply coast in life, or to simply waste time and go through the motions. When we live that way though, we are not thinking about where we are going or what we are doing with the time that is given to us. We are like jellyfish and we are letting the tides of time carry us this way and that. We end up wasting our time away and spending that time with things that won't even matter. **Ecclesiastes 2:11** says, "Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun." Solomon realized something. Even though he had done many marvelous things, it was nothing in comparison to his relationship and obedience to God.

Take a moment and think about your last words, what would you want them to be? Full of regret at time that has been wasted or full of hope and joy as you prepare to enter a place of timelessness. **Ephesians 5:15-16** says, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Make sure to fill your time with doing good for others and seeking to be in and enjoy the presence of God and you will find rest.

Andrew Spivey

It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore I will hope in him.

Lamentations 3:22-24

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – James 4

Wednesday Read – James 5

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **James 2 & 3.**

1. What command are we breaking when we show partiality?
2. What does James say is dead?
3. What is the tongue like?
4. Why did James tell about three things that are impossible?
5. Describe the wisdom that comes from heaven.

GRADUATES CARD SHOWER

We have two young ladies that graduated High School this past May, **Abbie Marshall & Jordan Senn**. We would like to give them a card shower. If you would like to Congratulate the girls with a card, there will be baskets in the foyer with their names on baskets. *This will be the last week the baskets will be out.*

SENIOR NIGHT

The Senior group will get together with food and games on **Thursday July 21st at 5:00 pm**. Make plans to come and bring finger foods and enjoy the fellowship. **The Senior group will continue to meet every month on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm. The months of December 2022 and January & February 2023 the group will not meet.**

Self Improvement Requires a Better Model Regarding improvement, Oliver Goldsmith once said, "People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after." How true! That's why God gave us the perfect model to follow (Romans 8:29) instead of the example of the world (Romans 12:2)

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

July 10, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Bob Brown
 Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
 Auditorium Lesson.....Tim Strickland

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Bob Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
 Sermon.....Tim Strickland
 Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
 Closing Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Bob Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Sermon.....Garrett Rowlett
 Lord's Supper.....Lee Boone
 Closing Prayer.....Jon David Senn

WEDNESDAY

July 13, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Bob Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
 Lesson.....Tim Strickland
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Penny Campbell is now on hospice care. Please keep Penny & family in your prayers. **Vetrus Mee** has been having some health issues. **Myrlen Britt** had a heart attack. He is home and doing well. **Allyn Hosman** had hip replacement surgery and is home now doing well. **Bill Johnson** will be seeing a new ENT doctor soon. **Rachel Goode**, friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Charlotte Ward**, a frequent visitor, had heart surgery and is now home and doing well. **Ronald Milliken**, husband of Helen Milliken, received good news, his cancer has shrunk and now will only have a shot every 3 months for 2 years. **Steven Simmons**, son of Charles and Fay Simmons, continues to recover from back surgery. **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato has recovered from hip surgery but continues with health issues. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Craig Sweeney**, son of Doris Sweeney, hopes to qualify for a new treatment. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; **Sandi Jones**; **Maxine Cothron**; **Gerald Miles**, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; **Frances Catron**; **Jean Deaton**; **Charlie Cliburn**; **Ricky Cantrell**; **Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Paul Bouchard**, uncle of Amy Williamspon, **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **Joyce Savage**, NHC Place Sumner, room 107; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill**; **Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 204, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	95
Morning Worship.....	170
Sunday Evening.....	80
Wednesday Evening.....	74
Contribution.....	\$8,028.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,431.00

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
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Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
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