

March 22, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Palmer Jones

Opening Prayer

Mason McAlister (A.M.)

Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

David Smith (A.M.)

Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Wayne Vandygriff (Presiding),

Tripp Yancey, J C Newby, Reed Shackelford

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless, Michiel Criswell

Prepare Communion

Karen Yancey and Juan Stroupe

Wednesday Night Song Leader

John Hopper (03/18/20)

OUR RECORD

March 15, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: 95

Sunday Morning Worship: 113

Sunday Evening Worship: 96

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 92

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,153

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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"Time is Filled with Swift Transition"
By Kevin Rutherford

The old song says, "Time is filled with swift transition." How true that is. Our lives are passed in the blinking of an eye. James said our lives are like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away (James 4:14). Every year in this world, 56,130,242 people die. That is about 4,677,520 per month, 153,781 per day, 6,408 per hour 107 per minute and nearly two per second. Assuming it takes you about five minutes to read this article, 535 people in this world will have died from the time you started until the time you finished. Time is getting away from us very quickly, and some day we will be numbered among the dead.

Because life is but a micro-dot on the time line of eternity we must make the most of our lives. Solomon wanted to make the most of his life, but ended up wasting so much of it instead.

After realizing the vanity of multiple women, wine, wealth, he finally came to the realization that one's life is not well spent unless God is placed first in the life. After all we have been created for the purpose of serving God (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Making the most of our lives involves spending time engaged in activities that are beneficial to us physically, Eating right and exercising are important. After all, there is some benefit to exercise (I Timothy 4:8). In addition we are to be self-disciplined, and we are to take care of the body God has given us to use (Galatians 5:23; I Corinthians 6:19).

Making the most of our time involves spending time with family and friends. God wants us to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). We can't do that if we don't spend time with them. Too many families are splintering because the members of that family have become too busy to spend time with one another.

Making the most of our time involves serving God. Spending time on the bodies' health, and with family are certainly involved in serving God. However, serving God goes far beyond that. God must be first on our list of life priorities (Matthew 6:33). We need to make sure that we are using our time to worship Him, learn from His Word, pray to Him, teach the gospel among the lost, and spend time with fellow Christians. It is our service to God that is going to count on the judgment day (Revelation 20:13).

By the end of this hour 6,408 people will have died. Some day you and I will die. Solomon said, "the living know that they shall die" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Don't waste your life in the pursuit of the vain and the foolish. Spend your short life in service to God. Don't die with doubt. Live with hope, and die with hope. Faithfully serve the Lord and confidently expect the reward (II Timothy 4:6-8).

How Can Increase My Dependence Upon God? By Lance Cordle

“For the sake of Christ, then I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

I can begin each day with prayer that includes thanks.

I can replace the question, “Why has God done this to me?” with, “How has God helped me in the past?”

I can count my blessings.

I can set aside a favorite Bible verse or a favorite group of verses that can serve as points of reflection in my life—in good times as well as bad.

I can look for ways to be God’s instrument for good in the lives of others.

I can read the Bible daily.

I can insure treasure in heaven by directing some of my money to those who are in need.

I can reflect on what my life would be without Christ.

I can thank God for good health.

I can read and practice the “one another” messages of Scripture (e.g., John13: 34; Ephesians 4:32).

I can streamline my life by limiting or eliminating luxuries that encourage me to forget God.

I can consider periodic fasting (Matthew 6:16-18).

I can ponder the phrase “daily bread” in the model prayer of Jesus (Matthew 6:9ff) and how I should not take for-granted God’s daily provisions.

I can remember, reflect on the fact, and remind others (especially my family) that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17).

I can be constantly aware of how fragile human life really is (James 4:14).

I can remember the fact of Romans 8:31: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

I can stay connected to God’s people.

I can end each day with prayer that includes thanks.

Worry Robs Life By Joe Chesser

Every one of us has the same amount of time each day – 24 hours /1440 minutes. Time is what life is made of. So, since time is so precious, why waste a single minute of it in useless worry? What’s the point of worry? What good does it accomplish? None whatsoever! Read carefully what Bob Proctor has written:

Clearly understand, there isn’t any situation that isn’t made worse by worry. Worry never solves anything. Worry never prevents anything. Worry never heals anything. Worry only serves one purpose ... it makes matters worse. How? Well, quite simply, when you are focused on worrying about something you’ll never be able to focus on a solution. Be aware that your mind can’t focus on two things at the same time ... it can either focus on the current situation and worry, or on a solution. The choice is always yours.

James Kurtz says, “If we worry, we don’t trust; if we trust, we don’t worry. Worry does not empty tomorrow of its grief, but it does empty today of its joy.”

More importantly, the Bible tells us that we are not to worry about anything (Phil. 4:6 ; Matt. 6:25-34). God wants us to trust Him to provide the things we need in life. But even more, He wants us to allow Him to fill our lives with peace by giving Him all our anxieties and concerns. That sounds like a pretty good trade: my anxieties for His peace!

Instead of wasting your precious time in useless worry, displace the worry with its positive opposite. Everything negative has a positive opposite, including worry. Instead of fretting over people and problems, work with God toward good solutions. But by all means, don’t allow worry to rob you of life and its joys.

Most of the things we worry about are a total waste of time. According to Bob Proctor, 40% of the things we worry about never happen, 30% of the things we worry about are over and done with and cannot be changed, 12% are over needless concerns about our health, and 10% are just petty miscellaneous worries. Only 8% of the things we worry about are legitimate concerns; 92% of our worries rob us of a joyful and peaceful life. But, as always, the choice is entirely yours!

Coronavirus

Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. We are very concerned about your exposure so please stay home if you are in the high risk category.

Some ways to prevent illnesses spreading are:

Clean your hands often

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Stay home if you’re sick

Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.

Cover coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

Throw used tissues in the trash.

Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick

If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider’s office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.

Lads To Leaders Convention is Cancelled.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sister Josephine Chapman, Sister Nina Morrison and our sweet Sadie Fitzgerald.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mildred Shackelford, Johnny Cissom, Janie Chapman, Palmer Jones

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Larry Wood (*Shoulder Replacement*)

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman
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•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Johnny Cissom, Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt’s Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy* (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).