

Those to Serve

(B) Judd Wall
(FV) Jorge Garza
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Calvin Burks
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
2nd prayer Mike Mallett
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

December 6th

Mission Sunday

December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

December 21st

Winter Begins

December 25th

Christmas

December 31st

New Years Eve

January 1st

New Year's Day



Lynette Vann Dec 14th

Virginia Lovell Dec 19th

Kevin Grant Dec 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec 25th

Will Vann Dec 26th

Prayer List:

David Jones
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Mona Lancaster
Willis Hughes
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

It's About Time

If there is someone
Who's made your life greater
Be sure to tell them
Sooner, not later

If there is someone
Who's brightened your way
Don't wait till tomorrow
Thank them today

If there is someone
Deserving your bow
Then do it, please do it
Do it right now

Potential exists
In every minute
The time to show love
Is while we are in it.

By Edd Sterchi

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Persistence

"The secret is not to give up hope. It's very hard not to because if you are doing something worthwhile I think that you will be pushed to the brink of hopelessness before you come through the other side." (George Lucas)

There are times in my walk with God that I have felt like throwing in the towel and giving up. I have struggled with the same temptation and given in and sinned. When the light at the end of the tunnel cannot be seen, why not just quit? There were times that I felt it was hopeless. I would never change.

I have learned that the feeling of hopelessness comes from viewing God primarily as a judge. That has changed over the years. I have found that I cannot leave God's word alone. I had a hunger for reading His word that persisted even when I wanted to give up.

One thing that changed the way I thought about God was the parable of the talents. I realized that the one talent man was condemned for not trying (Matthew 25:14-30). The first letter of John also helped me to persist in light of my hopelessness. God desires to forgive me and will if only I will confess my sins to Him (1 John 1:9).

The second chapter of 1 John reminded me that if I sin, then Jesus is my Advocate. This ties back to the simple fact that I must be honest and admit my sin.

My Father wants me to persist in my struggle with sin. The greater my persistence, the easier it becomes. However, if fleshly desires are less of a temptation, then perhaps pride becomes a greater problem.

Paul said, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Trust in Jesus and His cleansing blood and in the proven love of the Father. That is what my hope is based on. By Ed Wittlif

The Value of Time

Every turn of a calendar-page and every tick of a clock tells us that what has passed we will never undo, and we are responsible for what we have now. I have heard time described as "a section cut from the great circle of eternity." We should view time as a priceless gift from God. As we soon go into the New Year of 2021, we should remind ourselves of time's value. Once past, it can never be retrieved. It is ours now, but whether it will be ours one moment from now is in God's hands. We have no binding claim upon time.

The apostle Paul spoke of the value of time when he spoke of "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). Time is not just the accumulation of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years, but everything that time offers to us, including opportunities and privileges, and Paul, by inspiration, urges us to redeem such. Paul uses the language of the market-place. In the days, and even weeks, prior to Christmas, shoppers have been fervently in search of bargains, taking advantage of sales in stores and online, searching for best-buys. Should we be any less fervent in the pursuit of spiritual blessings that God has graciously made available to us?

One opportunity that is overlooked by too many is the most valuable of all—the opportunity time offers us for salvation. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 6:2, reminds us, "Now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation." Here is truly the "best buy" of all—salvation, a gift already paid for with the blood of Christ, as Peter reminds Christians: of the fact that we are redeemed (purchased) "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The opportunity of salvation is ours as God's gift to man, but the acceptance of this gift rests with us. As Paul said, "Now is the accepted time...day of salvation," but multitudes pass by this priceless gift as they seek the pleasures and treasures that will one day be no more. May all of us be reminded, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:16-17). As we conclude the present year, and enter into the New Year, may we accept the gift that abides forever, "redeeming the time."
By Ron Bartanen