

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

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Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:7

Time: Less is More! by Duane Patton

Time is a curious thing. Webster defines time as “the indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole.” Usually, we measure time with calendars and other devices based on the rotation of the Earth around the center point of our Solar System. We typically measure time with a clock which is divided into twelve or twenty-four hour segments. The basic unit that we use as a reference is a day. Regarding a day, there are units of time that are smaller than a day, and there are other units of time that are greater than a day. For example, a day has 24 hours, one hour has 60 minutes, and a minute has 60 seconds. Likewise, seven days make up one week, four weeks roughly equals one month, and 12 months makes up one year and so on. I’m sure by now you get the idea. Even though some of us may not stop long enough to consider it, to each one, time is something very precious. Like the earth’s material real estate, there is only so much time that any of us have this side of the grave! Perhaps to this end, the wise King Solomon wrote,

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, KJV)

Since we tend to “make” time for those things we consider most important in the life God has given to us, wouldn’t we also be wise about time regarding our various human relations? As we think about the need to make the most of our available time, let’s seek to make time for the things that God considers to be most important. The hearts of men and women everywhere need Christ in them, they need the Gospel message (Colossians 3:14-19; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5). Remember, God still seeks true worshippers (John 4:23, 24). Refraining from sinful conduct and embracing what God defines as good should fill our every day (Romans 12:9). Truly, we can always “take time to be holy” (1 Peter 1:15f; Hebrews 12:14f)! The world seeks our every attention, more and more so with each tick of the clock, so to speak. But, if we will pause every now and then – at least slow down to some degree – we may find that, in many ways, less is actually more!

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16).

Seeking First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

| <u>Services:</u> | <u>Local Works of Faith:</u> | <u>Foreign Missions:</u> | <u>Subscribe to these on YouTube:</u> |
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| <u>Sunday:</u> 9 AM Bible Class 10AM Worship 6 PM Worship | Sunnybrook Children’s Home Gulf Coast Bible Camp Local Food Pantry Annual Youth Events | Guyana India Guam | Vancleave Church of Christ Digital Ministries The Mississippi Gospel Minute |
| <u>Wednesday:</u> 6 PM Prayer & Bible Class | Back-Pack Buddies The Gospel of Christ TV (Every Sunday at 6:30 AM, Fox 25) | | |



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The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

Recent Prayer Requests & Announcements

- ➔ **Lisa Wages:** Prayers for the family are needed. Visitation is today from 1-2, funeral at 2 o'clock at Vancleave Bryant O'Keefe. There will be a meal at the church building.
- ➔ **Robert Davidson:** Wayne Girod's uncle, passed last week. Please be mindful of his loss.
- ➔ **Frank Sentelle** is to begin treatment very soon. The Sentelle family appreciates our prayers.
- ➔ **Congratulations to Anthony and Christy Masseur on their marriage (14 February 18, 2022)! They are considering a ceremony/reception sometime in April of this year.**
- ➔ **Duane Patton** will be traveling this week to Connecticut. Please pray for safe travels and for Lisa while he is away from home!
- ➔ **Others:**

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- ➔ **Brother Al Lowery** will preach today in Duane's absence. We are thankful to our Lord for enabling brother Al to assist in this capacity. Also, Brother **Jerry Wages** will speak to us this evening for our PM lesson! Brother **Robin Lyons** will teach adult Bible class.

Please Continue to Remember These in Prayer

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| Peggy Flasch | Harvey Goldensup | Maxine Robinson | Tonya Organ | Amy Stevens |
| Mary Culbreth | Jack Hayes | Mason Kleist | Rita Herring | Cindy Stevens |
| Mary McDaniel | Mark Damron | Mike Kenney | Roy Corbin | Judy Hinton |
| Jerry Kennedy | David Hines | Frank Sentelle | Tommy Shirley | Dino Vecchio |
| Paul Langham | Andrew Sawyer | Jo Lichtenbaugh | Earl and Linda Kenney | |

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Rightly Dividing the Word

A weekly synopsis of every book of the Bible with a memory verse designed to increase our faith

Numbers: Israel camped at the foot of Mount Sinai awaiting Moses' return. They built an idol and worshipped it during his absence. Numbers records the punishment they received for this act of rebellion and for their lack of faith in God's promises. For this rebellious act and others, Israel endured forty years of wilderness wandering which began between a census taken first when Israel arrived at Sinai and again when they arrived at the Jordan River prior to entering Canaan. Some of the grandest, earlier struggles of Israel are recorded in Numbers.

This week's memory verse:

Numbers 14:27

"How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me?"



Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.