

GOOD NEWS



James 4:14 (HCSB)

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OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan's grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Chloe Larson, Nell Kelly, Wayne Ezell, Doris Fikes.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Thad Douthitt (deployed) , Steve and Abby

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

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Today's Scripture: "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared—whose will they be? That's how it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.'" **Luke 12:20-21 (HCSB)**

Today's Proverb: "When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is: fear God and keep His commands, because this is for all humanity. For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil." **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (HCSB)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 67

Record: 96

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 6PM
Wednesday:
Bible Study: 7PM

COME JOIN US!

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

I'd Like To Stay Here Longer!

Time is a funny thing. We seem to either have too much of it, or not enough; it moves too fast or too slow. Ask a child how old they are and they will almost without exception round their age up to the next year, ask a middle aged person and they will invariably round it down. Ask an older person and we are likely to not even remember! A person who is really busy will wonder where their day went, but someone that has little to do will think that the seconds tick away like cold molasses. And finding time for things we do seems to always be problematic.

But we all seem to be able to fit the things that are important to us into our life. And finding time for those is never a problem. When I was growing up in the Mississippi bottoms of eastern Arkansas my friends and I always had time to go hunting and camping. Didn't seem to matter what we had been doing, we made time to hit the woods. We were never late meeting each other, and we always stretched out the time as long as possible before going home. As we grew older, our interest moved to girls. We would work all week on the farms, from well before daylight to well after dark, but on Friday and Saturday night we made sure we were at their houses on time, dressed well and with an attitude that made them know how important they were to us. And it didn't matter if we were out for a couple of hours or all day, it always seemed too short. Peggy and I have attended a few concerts through the years and they always are the same. People get there early to grab the best seats, they participate actively in the festivities and when the concert is over everyone pleads for more. That is the way it is for a lot of things that the world offers to us.

But it seems that a funny thing happens when it comes to the one thing that is most important in human lives. Finding time to serve God always seems to be a real problem for many of us. We are rarely late getting to football or basketball games on Friday night or Saturdays, but it seems that getting to church services on Sunday mornings is another thing altogether. And while we almost always have the time to work with a buddy to get our fishing gear ready or study the sports section to learn what teams scored what this weekend; we rarely have time to mow the church yard, visit sick Christians in the hospital, or to study our Bibles so that we can participate in classes effectively.

By: Bill Beebe
Church of Christ at Wasilla

There is a song that I enjoy singing. It begins something like this; "I'd like to stay here longer than man's allotted days and watch the fleeting changes of lives uneven ways." God created in every living thing a passion for life, a strong desire to continue. And we are no different, we all want to stay alive for a little longer. We want to plan for a visit with our families or a fishing trip or something else that is important to us....and that is just natural. But James slaps us in the face with the reality of life and time, "*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit."*¹⁴ *You don't even know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like smoke that appears for a little while, then vanishes.*¹⁵ *Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."*¹⁶ *But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.*¹⁷ **So it is a sin for the person who knows to do what is good and doesn't do it." James 4:13-17 (HCSB)**

Wouldn't it be great if we could have the following attitude toward serving God; "I'd like to stay here longer than our appointed time, to sing and pray and worship the God who gives us life!"

So think about it for a while. Figure out what really matters to you, and it will be those things that you devote your time to. And you will always have enough time to accomplish those important things! Is your attitude after services one that shouts "I'd like to stay here longer, " and really mean it. Or is it, "I am really glad that is over, that preacher was sure long winded today." Will you look for ways to spend your time in service to God, or are you looking for ways to spend time in the world? Each time you pass the bulletin board and see the volunteer list, you make a decision on how you intend to spend the time that God has so graciously given you. Decide well, eternity will be a really long, long time or a place where you actually want to stay a little longer.

Most of the world will celebrate Jesus's birthday tomorrow. We will celebrate His death, burial, and resurrection today and every Sunday as we remember the awful sacrifice that He made for us. Not because we loved Him, but because He loved us!