

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Summer Is Past

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray For:** Kenny Dearing and his family, Viki Watson (Danesa's sister-in-law), Helen Spicer, Linda Cline (a friend of Ed and Phyliss) has knee problems, Anthony Johnson (Carla's brother), Peggy Beebe, and Nate.

**Prayers Answered:** Alice Stone returned safely from NYC. We set a new attendance record last Sunday, 98 people attended our morning services!!

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, Ed and Phyliss, and Steve and Abbey are traveling outside. Ben in in Florida working on Hurricane recovery.

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

**Today's Scripture:** "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." **Jeremiah 8:20 (KJV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame." **Proverbs 10:5 (KJV)**

**Check the Website:** It contains more detail and additional news and photos.

**Attendance Last Sunday: 98/66    Record: 98**

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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

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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## Summer Is Past

"*The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved...*" (Jeremiah 8.20.) These were the words of Jeremiah to the people of Judah in a time of crisis. The nation's disregard of God and His word had brought them to the edge of oblivion. On the horizon, the Babylonian war machine was set for a savage thrust against Jerusalem. Yet the people refused to turn to God. They still hoped against hope that deliverance would come from elsewhere. The summer months had dragged slowly by and no deliverer appeared. Poignantly, Jeremiah dramatized the desperate hopelessness of their situation: "...*summer is ended and we are not saved....*"

What words could be more fitting for us? Summer is gone... harvest is past and Autumn is upon us. What happened to the long golden days of summer? How could they have passed so quickly? The words of Jeremiah seem urgently appropriate to our own situation:

1) **Summer Is At An End.** Another season has come and gone. This year is three-fourths over! The fleeting seasons remind us how brief life really is! The Bible describes its brevity in a number of powerful images: a fleeting cloud (Job 7.9), a fading flower, (Job 14.2), a flickering candle, (Job 18.6.) In answer to the question, "*What is your life?*" James answers, "*Just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.*" (James 4.14). Given the fragile and frantic nature of life, it is crucially important that we use the time we have to make ready for eternity!

2) **Summer May Be At An End For Us Nationally.** Modern America has made the same basic mistake as the people of Jeremiah's day. We have sought deliverance where there was none... We have vainly looked for Science to usher in a millennium; we have expected Education to eradicate poverty and crime; we have hoped that Medicine and Psychiatry would eliminate disease, and guilt and fear. But our hoped-for saviors have failed us. Thoughtful people are alarmed at the growing evidence of the precipitous decline of our national condition. Our culture seems driven toward dissolution and chaos. We have forgotten that, "*Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.*" (Proverbs 14.34). There is not much time left. If our nation is to be saved, it is vital that we repent and return to God.

By: Bobby Dockery

3) **Summer May Be At An End For You Spiritually.** It may be that you have squandered countless opportunities without giving serious thought to the needs of your soul. You may have long promised yourself that you will commit your life to God and begin living for Him! But the golden days of opportunity are slipping away and still many are not saved! "*Behold, now is the acceptable time: behold now is the day of salvation.*" (2 Corinthians 6.2) Good intentions are not enough! God demands obedience! (Heb. 5.8-9; Acts 2.38; John 8.35.) What a perilous and dangerous moment to come to the end of summer without God and without salvation!

There is much to consider in the thought-provoking lines of the hymn by Tillit s. Teddlie:

Swiftly we're turning life's daily pages,  
Swiftly the hours are changing to years;  
How are we using God's golden moments?  
Shall we reap glory?  
Shall we reap tears?

