

THE RIGHT USE OF TIME

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
Psalms 90:12

There is a Bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out ALL OF IT, of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits us with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this we have failed to use to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

To realize the value of time, for the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade. To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask lovers who are waiting to meet. To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask the person who just missed a train. To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask the person who just avoided an accident. To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won the silver medal in the Olympics.

We must treasure every moment that we have! We should treasure it more because we shared it with mother, dad, wife, husband, child, friend, whoever it may be, because they were special enough to spend your time with. The moment is our moment.

THANK YOU DEAR GOD FOR THE MOMENTS.

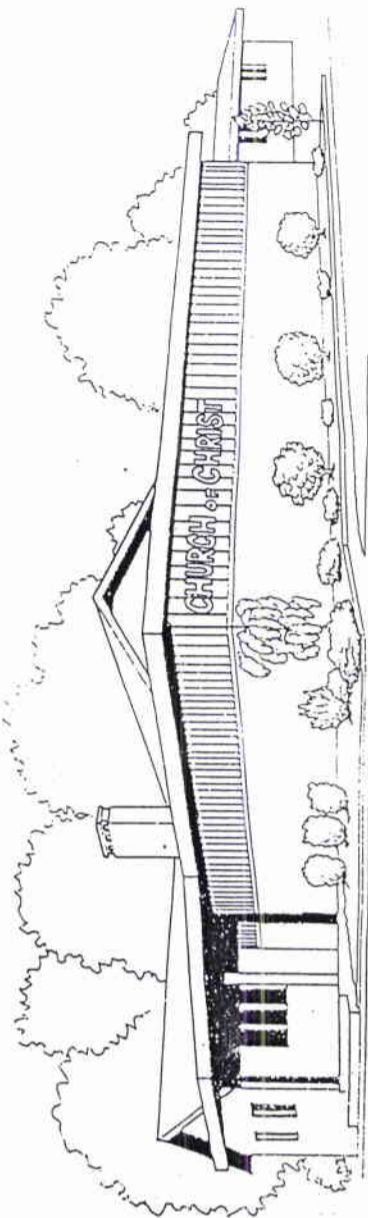
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PLAN OF SALVATION

1. BELIEF IN CHRIST
John 8:24
Heb. 11:6
Mark 16:16
2. REPENT OF SINS
Luke 13:3, 5
Acts 2:38
Acts 17:30
3. CONFESSION OF CHRIST
Matth. 10:32, 33
Rom. 10:2, 10
Acts 8:37
4. BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
Rom. 6:1-6
Gal. 3:26, 27
1 Pet. 3:21
5. FAITHFULNESS UNTO DEATH
1 Cor. 15:58
Rev. 2:10

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THE UNPRODIGAL SON

I find the son in the parable of the prodigal son interesting. No, not that son - the other one. You know, the one who never left home; the responsible one. Did al his chores. Came running every time Dad called. Never caused any trouble. The *unprodigal* son. We all know about how the father threw the huge party for the younger (prodigal) son, when he came home. But read the older brother's reaction, and you will see why I find him interesting.

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes come home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

The underlined section makes clear that the *unprodigal* son seriously misunderstood his father. He didn't realize that his father always desired to bless him richly. At the sound of the party, years of unexpressed resentment boiled out of him. He never left home, and yet more effectively than his younger brother he had deprived himself of his father's blessings. Take note, and do not imitate him.

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SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 pm Bible Study



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

WELCOME, we hope you will sense that this is a family, a part of our Lord's worldwide family. We welcome you warmly on this day. Your presence here is an encouragement to us. Please take the time to fill out a visitors card located on the back of the pew and drop in the collection plate. May the Lord help each of us to love, adore and worship Him, our great Savior, and may His presence encourage and strengthen your hearts. We urge you to stay awhile after worship and let us get to know you.

Mark Your Calendars for these Events!



FEBRUARY

- 10 Tony Dishman speaking for morning worship
- 10 Men's Meeting 4 p.m.
- 16 Valentine Party - 20-39 yr olds at the Tyler's
- 24 4th Sunday Fellowship
- 24 Early Service 2:00 p.m.

HIS MERCIES ARE GREAT! II Samuel 24:14

How great is His mercy! There is nothing little about God. He forgives great sins to great sinners after great lengths of time; gives great favors and great privileges and raises us up to great enjoyments in the great Heaven of the Great God.

C. H. Spurgeon

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

REFUSING TO ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT IS REFUSING SOMEONE THE CHANCE TO BE HELPFUL.



There will be a devotional and movie night at the building for the Young Youth Group (1st - 8th grades) beginning at 4 p.m. on February 23.



Today, we are privileged to have Tony Dishman here to speak to us for the morning service. He is the Youth Minister at the Fairlawn Church of Christ in Muncie. He brought the Youth Group along with him. We welcome them this morning and look forward to the message from God's word.

Response

Last Sunday evening, Art Lowry came stating his sorrow for the hurt he's caused the congregation and his desire to do God's will in his life. May God bless you as you allow Him to guide your life.

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Also, word was received last Sunday that Ariel, the Hoggatt's granddaughter, was baptized into Christ. May God bless her in her decision to follow Him.



Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **KYLE KEENE** the 19 year old with cancer, who passed away last week. His mother works with Midge at the hospital.

KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS AND SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR LOVE

- KIM (HERRON) GAITHER,**
- DAKOTA SATTISON & BRIECE**
- CARSON** - dealing with cancer.
- HAZEL MILLER & JENELLE** - had the flu last week.
- KAREN & JAMES EVERLY** - need prayers to deal with his anger.
- KEN BUCKLER** - works with Christi O found he has throat cancer.
- LUELLA O.** - had to reschedule tests for the 26th due to the weather.
- ROSELYN HAVILOVICK** - Dennis R's aunt, has cancer.
- THE LOWRY & POE FAMILIES** - traveling this weekend.
- Any others of our number ill or traveling this week.



Men's Meeting **TODAY** at 4 p.m. at the building. All men are encouraged to attend.

