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“TIME”

Here we are at another year's end. Where does the time go? I hear that more and more each day. Before we know it, 2012 will be here... and gone. And what difference will our lives have made? I am plagued with that question more each year. I don't want to waste time...more importantly...I don't want to waste my life. I'm reminded of something David Platt wrote in his book, "Radical." He ends the book this way...

"You and I have an average of about 70 or 80 years on this earth. During those years we are bombarded with the temporary. Make money. Get stuff. Be comfortable. Live well. Have fun. In the middle of it all, we get blinded to the eternal. But it's there. You and I stand on the porch of eternity. Both of us will soon stand before God to give an account for our stewardship of the time, the resources, the gifts, and ultimately the gospel He has entrusted to us. When that day comes, I am convinced we will not wish we had given more of ourselves to living the American Dream. We will not wish we had made more money, acquired more stuff, lived more comfortably, taken more vacations, watched more television, pursued greater retirement, or been more successful in the eyes of the world. Instead we will wish we had given more of ourselves to living for the day when every nation, tribe, people, and language will bow around the throne and sing the praises of the Savior who delights in radical obedience and the God who deserves eternal worship."

I hope that grips your heart like it has mine. I don't want to waste time and resources. The cause is too great, and our God is too worthy of something better. So as we end 2011 and begin 2012 let me challenge you to really consider your life. And I'm talking about a "radical" change in the way you think. Are you focusing on the eternal, or are you falling prey to the attraction of the temporary?

I'm not trying to judge you...the truth is I'm judging myself and I must admit that too often the temporary wins out. But it doesn't have to. And by God's grace it's not going to. I'm already trying to think of some radical changes for my life. And I'm praying God will show you some radical changes that you need to make. Join me in a year of praying for a "Radical" change in our lives, and in the life of our church.

Most of you know about Jim Elliot and how he died. His wife Elizabeth Elliot once wrote, "Is the distinction between living for Christ and dying for Him, after all, so great? Is not the second the logical conclusion of the first? Furthermore, to live for God is to die, "daily" as the Apostle Paul put it. It is to lose everything that we may gain Christ. It is in thus laying down our lives that we find them."

What was she saying? A martyr's death is really just normal obedience to Christ. Think on that for a long while and then ask God what He wants for your life. Time is ticking away!

I Love You,
Bro. Dave

New Members

Steve & Tiffany Bowen
Mary Helen Stewart

♥To♥Homebound Ministry

This is a wonderful time of the year to let our Homebound hear from you during the holidays. It is a time of remembrance for them. Fun family times together and all the fragrances of baking, cooking and decorating for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Attending church dinners, choir specials from adults and children and all that goes along with the holidays that we all take for granted. The day comes when we can no longer participate in all

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those fun times. Take a few minutes and send a special card to let them know you care and are thinking and praying for them. That will mean so much! We love our homebound and I can't think of a better way to show you care. You can pick up a list at the Welcome Center with all the names and addresses. We want to thank you for caring and we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. There is so much to be thanking the Lord for during this season of celebration.

Love from the Homebound Ministry,
Joy Bastress



From Your Prayer Team

We have twenty-three church members on the prayer team this year. All have volunteered to alternate Sundays and pray for the church, pastors, services, and the names provided on the prayer request cards. Prayer is such an important part of our Christian lives. Your prayer team wants to pray for you. Just a reminder to be sure and put your prayer request on the card provided in the bulletin.

Faith Riders New

Here we are ALREADY into the middle of October! They say that time flies when we are having fun, so we must be having a blast!

Saturday, October 8th we took our last "scheduled" motorcycle ride for the season. We will still have our "supertime" ride/meeting each month, as well as our regular monthly meetings. We had a good turn out for this ride –

- there were 12 bikes, and 13 people participated. We had some new people ride with us. Ruth L. from Cedarville University joined us and Pastor Mark from the church in Enon brought 2 friends with him (Gary and Dan)! It was good to meet some new friends. The weather was perfect, and the fellowship was great! We rode through the Hocking Hills Region. The fall leaves were very colorful! We also got to share our purpose with a few strangers that we met along the way, as well as being an encouragement to each other.

If you have family members, friends, or acquaintances that are into motorcycling, ask them if we can add them to our mail list, or our e-mail list.

Bro. Gary Conley
Chaplain/director
NBC Faith Riders

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTING

"Fun with Hebrew and Greek: Enhancing Your Bible Study with a Little Knowledge of the Original Languages"

Have you ever heard Bible teachers and pastors say, "Now, in the original. . ."? With this class, taught by Dave Macy, you'll learn practical things about and ways for knowing what the "original" says from both the Old and New Testaments. This class will begin on January 8 and run through March 11. A sign-up sheet will be available starting the first weekend of December.

Women on Mission.....

We are entering into a busy time of year with the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up.

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We have a special treat for our November meeting. Dr. Bruce Walls and his wife Liz will be with us to share about their recent mission trips. Bruce is the son of Jack and Georgia Walls. They will have pictures to share with us. We are asking that all of the women of the church take advantage of this opportunity. The meeting is November 14 which is the second Monday rather than our regular time. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

Our committee is hard at work on the ladies Christmas dinner which will be December 12. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center soon. You will need to sign up as a reservation and also we are asking that some of you bring side dishes and desserts. We will have a list for the dishes that we need. **THIS DINNER IS FOR ALL OF THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH – NOT JUST FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND WOM.** It is a great time of fellowship around the table.

We will also have a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. It is also the time when those who are in the Secret Sister program reveal their Secret Sister for the year and draw names for the next year if you wish to. Also, it is the time when those who wish to draw names for the Prayer Sister program.

The Christmas Caroling will be December 17. Everyone is invited to participate. We go to some of the nursing homes in Springfield and Urbana. We take a tray of cookies to each of the nurse's stations. And, speaking of cookies, we will need lots of them for the Police and Firemen that we share with each year. If you can help with the cookies, please do so.

So...mark your calendars:

*November 14 – WOM – Guests speakers –
Bruce & Liz Walls – 6:30 pm*

December 12 – Ladies Christmas Dinner – 6 pm

*December 17 – Church-wide Christmas
caroling @ nursing homes – 3pm*

At the November meeting, we are asking that you bring baby items to be taken to the Pregnancy Resource Center as a mission project.

Remember to keep Christ in all that you do.
Faye

Youth Mission Trip 2012

For the 2012 year the Youth Mission Trip will be in Jackson Michigan. Who can go? Any youth that has completed 6th thru 12th grade. Also adults, I need one adult per six youth that go. So I need women and men chaperones or even if you would like to go to just minister to others. The type of mission trip this year is construction, you may work on painting a house, fixing a porch, you may be on a team that roofs a building or even tears one down. The dates you need to reserve are June 18-23 and the total cost is \$260.00. There is a signup sheet at the welcome center. A deposit of \$50.00 is due by January 8th. This year for any adult chaperones that go I will pay your way in full.
Bro. Kirk

Kid's Kamp 2012

For 2012 we are planning on taking kids that have completed 3rd grade thru 6th grade to Seneca Lake for a great week of fun and worship. We are going the week of July 30th thru August 3rd. If there are any adults that would like to chaperone this year I will pay for your week in full. This would be a cheap week to spend together with your spouse and kids if they are going. If you are interested in going contact Pastor Kirk.

Bro. Kirk

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FROM THE AWANA COMMANDERS CORNER

Our AWANA Club started out on SEPT. 14TH and we haven't looked back. Once again I have been blessed with a good group of people to help with our program. Attendance has been pretty good with an average of 30 clubbers, give or take a few. We also have been blessed with 5 Cedarville students to help us. They are always a blessing to our program. You are all invited to our annual Christmas Program on Wed. night

Dec 14TH This is our last night for the year. We will start back up on 4 Jan 2012.

Please keep all of our directors, leaders, secretaries, and above all our clubbers in your prayers. As always you are welcome to visit our program at anytime.

Our prayer is that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God Bless You
Commander John

Local Missions

In September local missions enjoyed a Saturday morning at Heartland to help with the car show. We were able to bring people outside to enjoy grilled hotdogs and great fellowship. Some people could not go outside, so we brought food and fellowship to them.

If you are able to spend anytime at Heartland your fellowship would be greatly welcomed. Thank you to the ones who are now enjoying the blessings of ministering to Heartland and to all the other people you are helping.

Thanksgiving is not far away. Thank you to all who are plucking the feathers from our turkey.

If you would like to donate money for the baskets, please put it in an envelope and mark Thanksgiving baskets.

We are praying for our Christmas outreach in local mission. Please pray with us as we ask God to lead us to where we can best spend our time and money to honor Jesus on His birthday and through out the New Year.

Thank you, Debbie Trumbull