

PRAYERS & ENCOURAGEMENT

Those who are sick or need our prayers — Pat Espy, Linda Reagan, Richard Branum, Margaret Blake, Phillip Stevens, Joe Turner

Continue to remember in your prayers those who are unable to attend worship services regularly: *Billie Sue Atkins, Freda Dunn, Romona Stokes, and Marjorie Bar-ringer.*

Please pray for those who have forsaken the Lord that they may be reconciled to God.

READING THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS IN ONE YEAR

Monday - Zech 9-11; 1 John 5

Tuesday - Zech 12-14; Psalm 94; 2 John

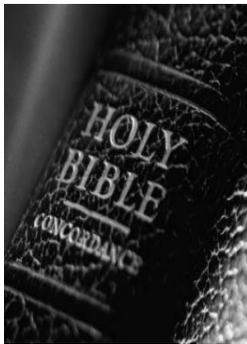
Wednesday - Ezra 5-6; Psalm 95; 3 John

Thursday - Esther 1-3; Psalm 139; Revelation 1

Friday - Esther 4-6; Rev 2

Week #48

Nov. 26 – Nov. 30



VISITORS - We would like to get to know you better, and ask that you stay a while after services. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.parkhillchurchofchrist.com> where you will find sermons, articles, and daily bible studies to encourage you in your daily walk with God.

QUESTIONS? We Welcome the opportunity to study God's word with you any time.

*All sermons are recorded on CD & DVD -
If you would like a copy, please ask one of the men.*

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

Welcome to the Park Hill Church of Christ

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It is our desire to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to glorify Him in all we do.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING
Bible Study.....9:30 am
Worship.....10:15 am

SUNDAY EVENING
Worship..... 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Bible Study.....7:00pm

Living On Borrowed Time



“The days of our years are threescore years and ten, Or even by reason of strength fourscore years; Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow; For it is soon gone, and we fly away.” (Psalm 90:10). Having reached that milestone of threescore and ten a few years ago. I feel that it is by the grace of God, the skill of doctors, and a wife who looks after my health that I am still in good health and among the living. At this

stage of life, one has a different perspective on the past, and on what lies ahead. In a sense, those who are living past a certain age are living on “borrowed time.”

We have all borrowed things from others from time to time. We may borrow some clothes for a special occasion, or borrow some dinnerware if we are having a crowd over for dinner. And there are times when we might borrow someone's car when ours is sick or dead. When we borrow things, we generally take extra care of them, knowing they are not ours, and we will have to give an account if we damage the things borrowed.

How do we regard our borrowed time? In truth, all of our time is borrowed, as we owe our time to the Lord, whether we are young or old. This is particularly true of those who are Christians, because we have been bought with the blood of Christ, and we belong to God. “Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body” (I Cor. 6:19-20). Paul evidently considered that everything he was and had belonged to the Lord. “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.”

In view of the brevity and uncertainty of life, we are admonished to be “making the most of your time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:16).

In my search of the Scriptures, I have not found the passage that speaks of the Christian’s “retirement years,” other than the heavenly rest. I have seen too many older saints who “take life easy,” because they have already done their duty. When I see someone like that, I suspect that they have been taking things pretty easy all along the way, for one who is fervently serving the Lord in youth is not apt to let the fires cool when they are older. Because of persecutions and hardships, evidently Jeremiah had determined not to prophesy any longer, but found he could not contain himself. “And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I cannot contain” (Jer. 20:9)

What can older Christians do, who often have spare time on their hands. Consider a few suggestions. **(1)** They can encourage those who are younger, who may be struggling. A few words of encouragement or wise counsel can do wonders. **(2)** They can work with Bible Correspondence Courses. Some are doing this on-line, as well as through the mail. **(3)** They can teach the gospel. I have known more than one elderly saint who was teaching others, even into their 90s. **(4)** You can write letters of encouragement to those who are preaching the gospel in other places, especially those whom the church where you attend are supporting. **(5)** You can teach skills to those who are younger, as mentioned in Titus 2:4-5. **(6)** Visit or call those who were absent from the assembly. **(7)** Perhaps by reason of infirmity, many of these things are beyond your ability, but there is still an effective work you can do—*pray for others*. “The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working:” (Eph 5:16).

If you are living on borrowed time, use it carefully, so that you can give it back in good shape.

-- *Jefferson David Tant*

Faces Turned To God Grow Brighter



“They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed” (Psalm 34:5).

FOR THE CHRISTIAN, THE MAIN THING IS NOT WHERE WE ARE OR WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND US AT THE MOMENT, BUT WHERE WE ARE GOING. Just as in a sports contest, where what often matters is not the score but

which side the momentum is on, the thing that matters for the Christian is that he is making progress in the right direction. Our progress may seem slow and there may be obstacles in our path, but what our hearts and minds are fully set on (or should be) is this: “the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:13). Our faces are turned toward God — and since they are, they grow brighter every day.

Love. It’s hard to imagine how a person could have any significant understanding of God’s love and not love Him back. The Scriptures are replete with stories of the acts of God’s love, but if there were only one story — the story of the cross — surely that would be enough to move us to love God with a grateful love.

Desire. To love God is to desire to be with Him, to be in His actual presence. In this world, no human being has had that joy since Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden. But in Christ, God is offering the hope of being in His presence once again. To desire that perfect joy is to desire the very thing for which we were created.

Expectation. The Christian does not merely wish that he might one day see God’s face; he actually expects to do so. When Paul said, “I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Timothy 1:12), we do not detect a trace of doubt in his conviction.

Now these three things — *love, desire, and expectation* — combine in the Christian’s heart to produce hope. And, of course, hope is the thing that produces the Christian’s joy. Volumes have been written over the centuries about the joy that is in Christ, but what I want to say about it here is simply this: *it can’t be hidden*. If you not only desire to see your Father but actually expect to do so, it will show in your face. “They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.” There are simply no brighter faces in the world than the faces of those who are turned toward God.

“The joy of the heart colors the face” (Anonymous).

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