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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship..... 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class..... 9:30 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class On Break
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Jim Moore

Don Smith..... James Thomas

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey.....

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
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House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
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Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

REDEEMING THE TIME

By Tom Moore

Paul, in a context of exhortation to regulate their conduct with wisdom, says, "See then that you walk circumspectly [carefully - ASV], not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (*Eph. 5:15-16*).

Paul informs us that we need to travel the Christian walk carefully, accurately, and diligently. We are not to walk as "fools" (i.e. a person who **does not** consult the Lord's instruction as to the proper way to walk), but "as wise" (i.e. one who **does** consult and obey God's instruction). One of the instructions we are to abide by is "redeeming the time."

What does Paul mean by "redeeming the time"? "Redeeming" comes from the Greek word *exagorazo*, and in this context means to "make wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good." As Christians on a long journey toward heaven our desired goal **must** be to take advantage of every opportunity that comes our way to teach, edify and work benevolently.

How many times do we allow the Lord's work to suffer because we do not make time to be involved in these crucial efforts? There are many things that cry for our time. I am sure that we have all, at times, bewailed the fact that there were not enough hours in the day to accomplish all we would like. But beloved, we do not need more time; we need to "redeem the time." But how do we redeem the time when it seems that it is always in such short supply?

Have you ever wondered, now be honest, how we somehow find the time to do the things we really want to do, but those things we care less about we never seem to find the time to do them? Could it be that we "redeem the time" when it suits us? Are we "redeeming the time" when it comes to the Lord's work?

There are three avenues we can travel in regard to "redeeming the time" or opportunities: 1) Make opportunities, 2) Use opportunities, or 3) Waste opportunities. Surely no one would contend that a faithful Christian should waste any opportunity to do good! Remember, we always seem to find time to do the things we want to do.

Let us consider a few things Christians must take time to do - thus, "redeeming the time."

1. We must "Be diligent [study - KJV] to present yourself approved to God, a

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*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;
but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

Mark 16:15-16

Do You Want To Go With Me?

By Steve Higginbotham

Presence. We all value it whether we realize it or not.

I can remember a frequent routine that used to take place in our house when my youngest son was about six-years-old and my youngest daughter was about two-years-old. It would be evening, the family would be upstairs, and I might ask my youngest son to retrieve something from the first floor.

He would quickly say, "But dad, no one's down there." To which I would say, "I know." Then he would reply, "But it's dark and the lights are out." I'd say, "Then turn on the lights and it won't be dark anymore." Then he'd say, "But I'm afraid." And I'd say, "There's nothing to be afraid of, now go on down there and get what I asked you to get." Finally, he would turn to his two-year-old sister and say, "Hey Anne Marie, do you want to go downstairs with me?"

Through the years, I've laughed about that. I mean, what's a two-year-old girl going to do to help you when you're scared? (Actually, I think I figured out his logic. I think he planned on sacrificing her to the "monster" while he made his get-away!)

Anyway, to seriously answer my question, "What's a two-year-old girl going to do to help you when you're scared?" Presence. She'll give you her presence. We value presence more than we may realize. Our fears aren't as great when we're with someone else. The darkness doesn't seem quite as dark. And our imaginations are kept in check by the presence of others.

Friends, being alone is scary! In fact one of the frightening things about Hell is that the presence of God will not be there, and we will be all alone (2 Thessalonians 1:9). But thank God for two-year-old little girls who will go downstairs with their older brothers, and thank God for Jesus who promised to never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

Humility

By Wade Webster

Biographers of Abraham Lincoln tell of an occasion when Lincoln visited General George McClellan, his general-in-chief. Frustrated with McClellan's inactivity, Lincoln wanted to persuade the general to go on the offensive. Not wanting to appear harsh, Lincoln decided to go to the general's home and visit with him there. When Lincoln and his Secretary of State, William Seward, arrived at McClellan's home on the night of November 13, 1861, a servant informed them that McClellan was at a wedding and would return shortly. The servant then ushered Lincoln and Seward into the parlor to wait for the general's arrival. About an hour later, McClellan returned home. Even though the general was informed of Lincoln's presence, he marched upstairs and went to bed! The Secretary of State was so outraged at McClellan's actions that he advised the President to fire the general. However, Lincoln calmly replied, "This is no time to be making points of etiquette and personal dignity. I would hold the reins of McClellan's horse if it would bring us victory" (Jeffress 83-84).

Abraham Lincoln was not only honest, but humble. He was willing to swallow his pride and to suffer wrong for the good of the country. It is easy to see why Lincoln remains one of the most loved and respected leaders that our country has ever had.

As you know, long before Lincoln, an even greater man, Jesus Christ, was willing to humble Himself in order to gain the victory (Phil. 2:5-8). Lincoln was willing to stoop to hold the reins to his servant's horse, but Jesus was willing to stoop to wash the feet of his disciples (John 13:4-17). The

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Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)
Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org and on Roku
TV: Sunday @ 6:30 am on
Dish: 267, DirectTV: 376

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)
Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

God's Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).
Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)
Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)
Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Study Schedule

Week 84
Psalm 21-26
& Galatians 5-6

Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.
Also anyone interested can join us at 5 PM each Sunday in the fellowship hall to discuss the questions and answers.
"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)



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- worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 *Tim. 2:15*). Are you spending time each day to feast on God’s word?
2. We must “do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” (*Gal. 6:10*). Are you giving benevolent, emotional and spiritual aid to those in need?
 3. We must “Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 *Tim. 4:2*). Are you telling your friends about the good news of the Gospel?
 4. Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (*Mt. 5:16*). Do those around you know that you are a Christian by the way you act and speak?
 5. We must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as some habitually do (*Heb. 10:25*). Are you attending every Worship Service and Bible Class? Our attendance manifests our true desire for spiritual things. Actions speak louder than words.
 6. We must love not through mere words, but “in deed and in truth” (1 *Jn. 3:18*). Again, remember, actions speak louder than words.
 7. We must “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (*Jude 3*). Are you opposing that which is false and standing by that which is true?

All the above requires time to accomplish. With all the above we make or take opportunity to fulfill. Are we redeeming the time? Life is so short and there will come a time when time is no more - no more opportunities! Again, are we redeeming the time?

Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week 21 **contacts** were made.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars in advance:

- ◆ August 6: Summer Youth Series at 5th & Grape in Abilene. Contact Ryan if you need a ride, we will be leaving the Brownwood area around 5 PM.
- ◆ August 7-9: VBS at Hamilton.. Classes for all ages (even adults) with a life-size replica of the Tabernacle.
- ◆ August 13: We will be hosting the last Summer Youth Series for this year. There is a **sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium for food items that are needed**. Thanks in advance for your help and I hope you will make plans to be here that night; it is always an enjoyable and encouraging time.
- ◆ October 20-23: Our Fall Meeting with Rick Popejoy.

We hope you can join us today for our first Sunday fellowship meal following the morning worship.

Celebrate

“Rejoice with those who rejoice...” (Romans 12:15)

August Birthdays: Joe Dennis (02), Jessica Dennis (13), Don Smith (14), Royce Ford (16), Roy Dodson (29).

August Anniversaries: Kaci & Matthew Churchwell (15), Pam & Terry Teague (16), Darlene & Don Smith (29).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	July 21, 2013	July 28, 2013
Bible Class	62	60
AM Worship	84	82
PM Worship	69	65
Wednesday PM	56	42
Contribution	\$1856	\$1827

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 8/4/13	Next Week: 8/11/13	August 2013	
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Make Announcements: Garrett Barnum	
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Allen & Linda Griffith	Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox	
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	Gene Bannister	Clean Building: Jim & Peg Moore	
Communion	Ken Maninger*, Caleb Dennis Hank Wheeler, Garrett Barnum	James Fuller*, John Barnum Jim Moore, Don Smith	Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	Allen Griffith	September 2013	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey	Make Announcements: John Barnum	
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister	
Opening Prayer	Jim Moore	Garrett Barnum	Clean Building: John Barnum Family	
Scripture Reading	Joe Dennis <i>Ephesians 4:17-24</i>	John Barnum	Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey	
Communion	Ken Maninger	James Fuller		
Closing Prayer	Mike Bannister	Billy Chism		
Wednesday Devotionals:	August 7 Allen Griffith	August 14 Tom Wilcox	August 21 Kevin Wilcox	August 28 Garrett Barnum

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of August 4, 2013	Sunday ClassRalph Williams, Mission Presentation Wednesday ClassRedemption Through The Bible
<p><i>(Continued from page 2)</i></p> <p>King of kings and the Lord of lords was willing to take the lowest and dirtiest job of all.</p> <p>What about us? Are we willing to humble ourselves for the good of the church (Phil. 2:3-4)? Are we willing to swallow our pride and to serve others (Mt. 5:38-41)? Are we willing to take patiently the wrongs that are done to us (1 Pet. 2:20)? In order to gain the victory, will we hold the reins of McClellan's horse?</p> <p><i>SOURCE: Robert Jeffress. Coming Home. Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah, 1997.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Ralph Williams will be with us this morning making a presentation concerning his mission work during the Bible Class time and preaching during the morning worship. Ralph is associated with the Bear Valley Bible Institute, overseen by the Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver, Colorado. His work with the school involves setting up and overseeing extension schools in various countries; he and his wife have also worked to setup orphanages overseas.</p>	<p>Christ Formed In Us (Galatians 4:19) <i>What Paul desired for the Christians should be our goal as well.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Goal: Be Christ-Like. He wants to see Christ living in them even as seen in his life (Gal. 2:20, 4:12; Phil. 1:20-21). The inward character shown in outward action, a goal to which we should ever strive (Phil. 2:5; Eph. 4:13; Heb. 12:1-2; Phil. 3:13). The Means: Be Christ-Like In Mind. Won't happen by accident; we have to grow in knowledge. Knowledge of our Creator (His existence, nature, and will) (Col. 3:9-10; 2 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 4:22-24) for reformation of our lives starts in our minds (Mark 7:20-23; Phil. 4:8). We must focus on emulating the character of Christ rather than the world (Rom. 12:2; Ps. 19:14; 139:23-24; 119:11, 105). This is gained by knowledge of the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17) for here we learn of His nature, example, and will (Col. 3:10; 1 Pet. 2:21; Rom. 6:13,17; John 14:8-9; Col. 3:16-17). The Result: Be Christ-Like In Mission. We will be like Him in our mission (Lk. 19:10; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 8:4). We first learn and obey what He taught, then take that message to the world in word and action. As such we will imitate Him (Eph. 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16-18) as lights of the world and salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:15-16), it will be evident that we are followers of Christ (Jn 13:34-35; Acts 4:13; Lk. 6:40). The Obstacle/Warning: A Christ-like Ordeal. As we strive to do this, we will suffer, even as He did (1 Pet. 4:1; John 15:18-20; 2 Tim. 3:12). We will endure chastisement for our good (Heb. 12:6, 10; Jms 1:2-4); but God is for us (Rom. 8:28, 31-39) and will reward us (Rom. 8:18; 2 Tim. 2:12; Heb. 11, 12).