

Info from CBC July 2016 Newsletter

RECOGNIZING TIME

Time. The older I get, the more I think about it. I think about how much time has passed me by, and I think about the failures of the past and possibilities of the future. It's crazy; when I was in my teens and twenties, I never thought of time because I thought there was an unlimited amount of it. That is the great deception because we are only promised this second. If Satan can blind us to this, we will settle into a mindset that "I will be more committed to Christ later because I have more time."

I don't know if any of you think this, but I can't understand how my doctors are all younger than I am. I can't understand how when I go back to my hometown, all those folks I went to school with got so old, and I stayed so young. It is a mystery. **I am recognizing time.** I think it is wise to do. Time is a commodity that you cannot buy more of, and I have never heard a person say in his final days, 'I want more money', or 'I want more houses or boats', or 'I want more land'. When you **recognize time**, it puts all things in perspective if you are wise. The deception that we face is that we have an unlimited amount of it. We assume we will be here tonight and tomorrow or next week, and that false thinking impacts our ministries. We do not 'redeem the time'; therefore, ministry goes undone, and lives go unchanged, and people are denied the Gospel because we can 'do it later'. There is a reason the Bible says, 'today is the day of salvation'. It is implied in the text that you may not have more time than today.

I am reminded of a story in the Scripture where a man built up barns and stored his crops, and in the end, he looked at all of his stuff and was very happy with himself. He was deceived by time, and he thought he had lots of it. He even wanted to party and celebrate his commercial success. However, his inability to **recognize time** and acknowledge it is limited in its scope was his downfall. The Lord called him a fool and told him that he would die that night. The things that were important had a low priority. Playing with his children would not be possible, seeing his grandchildren grow up would only be wishful thinking, that dream vacation with the wife and building for retirement would be lived out by

some other man, and the ministry that he put off will never impact a single soul. What will he do with the few hours of time that he has left? What will you do? This is the deep, soul-searching that we all must do. It is not morbid or negative unless the teachings of Jesus are morbid or negative. I want to call on you to **recognize time**. If you do this, it will motivate you to serve the Lord today. You will not put off witnessing to that neighbor; you will not fail to evangelize the lost; you will not put off starting that Bible study at work; it will burn in you to go on that mission trip you always thought you should do; you will be motivated to care for people instead of cursing them. **Recognizing time** is the great motivator. It is the cosmic slap in the face that we all need. Why? Because when it passes you by, you cannot retrieve it again; it is gone. You can't go back to school and play football if you did not seize the opportunity when it came. You cannot go back and have that relationship that you could have had; it's gone. You cannot go back and impact your school for Christ; that time is irretrievable.

We can, however, take the moment God has given us right now. **Recognize time** in the moment. Understand it is fleeting. Know that it is a vapor. Believe you have a limited resource in it. Cash in your stocks of time and invest it in the only two things that matter - the Word of God and people. This should help you to take inventory of your priorities. If your time is monopolized in other places, then your time is wasted. You are building bigger barns. I want to challenge you as a disciple of Christ to evaluate your life and **recognize your time**. You must reflect on this and commit to the things that are eternal, the Word of God and people.

Remember, the Bible tells us to 'everything there is a season...a TIME to live and a TIME to die.' **Recognize it!** And do something with that time for Christ. Then, you can say that your time was well spent.

Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 3** Patriotic Service/No evening services/activities
4 Church Office Closed
10 Business Meeting to follow a.m. worship
11-15 Camp Longridge
12 Deacons Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
17 Pastor Jon Jones preaching in morning Camp Longridge Testimony ~ FLC ~ 6:30 p.m.
19 Whirlin' Waters Outing
22 Movie Night ~ FLC ~ 6 p.m.
25 Nominating Committee Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
31 5th Sunday/Dinner to follow/No p.m. activities

** Youth Schedule Under CBC Happenings Section*

Looking Forward to August

- (14) Guest Speaker: Rick Arnold/Nom. Com Report/Back to School Rally (21) Ice Cream Social (27) "War Room" Movie Night (28) Vote on Nom. Com. Report/Promotion Luncheon for Rising 6th Graders & Families (31) AWANA Kickoff ~ FLC ~ 6:30 p.m.

Workers for July

Audiovisual:

- 7/3** Colin Gaff
7/10 Will Thomas
7/17 Cory McWhite
7/24 Patrick Lester
7/31 Mark Evans

Nursery:

- 7/3** Christi, Julia, & Morgan Morris
7/10 Kathy Lee, Lauren Lee, Vassar Turner
7/17 Adriene Jones, Nancy & Elizabeth McInnis
7/24 Beth Lyles, Julie Rickenbacker, Crystal Thompson
7/31 Erica Eaddy, Beth Lyles, Casey Pelfrey

Toddler Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 7/3** Heather Olsen
7/10 Crystal Thompson
7/17 Adrienne McCabe
7/24 Kim Gardner
7/31 Nancy Mitchum

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 7/3** Linda Eaddy
7/10 Allyson Goff
7/17 Lynn Beatson
7/24 Erica Eaddy
7/31 Chandace Tanner

Building Attendant: Jay Gardner

Flowers:

- 7/3, 7/10, 7/24, 7/31** Open
7/17 Taken

Ushers:

Chris Jordan, Derek Lee, Gary Lee, Tommy Lee
Patrick Lester, William Locklair, Dan McInnis

Prayer Ministry

Tami Blascak, Patricia Flowers, Juanita Hunter, Mary Frances Lee, David McCabe, Berneice Smith, Will Thomas, Sara Thompson, David & Melva Young, Francis Young

Happy Birthday

- 1** Schyler Gaff
Taylor Lee
2 Chase Lee
7 Ben Jordan
Mac McCabe
Morgan Morris
8 Steven Flowers
Hunter Grace Layton
9 Michelle Belt
10 Tabitha Gardner
Mary Frances Lee
11 Copeland Lee
13 Russ Harrelson
14 Adelaide Eaddy
15 Lauren Lee
Camryn Morris
18 Allie Turner
20 Gail Richardson

- 21 Donnie Briley
Mary Louise Jones
Daphne Powell
- 22 Will Ard
William Locklair
- 24 Emma Jean Joyner
Joey Williams
- 25 Mary Kathryn Jordan
- 30 Hannah Lee
- 31 Edward McCabe

If we have missed your birthday, please call the church office so that we can add your name to our birthday list.

June Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 131
Avg. Worship Attendance: 163
Monthly Offering Total: \$28,121.06
Building Fund: \$14,538.59

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Mission:

George & Kim Aguirre & Family
Via Ghandi 19
06019 Umbertide, PG, ITALY
passionate4christinitaly@gmail.com

Student of the Month:

All students as they enjoy their summer vacation.

Shut-in of the Month:

Francis young
The Crossings at Columbia
2300 Clemson Rd.
Apt. 225
Columbia, SC 29229

CBC Happenings

Youth Schedule for Wednesdays ~ 6:30 p.m.

July 6	Tom & Amy Chappell's House
July 13	Camp Longridge
July 20	Youth Room Work Day
July 27	Justin & Nikki Woodard's House

Camp Longridge Campers

It is imperative that you register online ASAP. In addition, ALL campers need to be at CBC NO LATER THAN 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 11. Carry any questions to Pastor Jon.

Elderberry Outing

McLeod Farms, McBee, SC
Thursday, July 14 ~ Please sign up.
Meet at CBC 10:45 a.m. w/departure at 11:00 a.m.
Freestone peaches. Home made ice cream.
Market place. Antiques. And, of course, lunch.
Point person: Doris Daniel

Whirlin' Waters

Tuesday, July 19 (9:00 a.m. – 5/5:30 p.m.)
Cost: \$10 Please sign up.
Open to everyone, but hose 5th grade and under must be accompanied by a chaperone.
Transportation: Church bus provided up to 28 + additional vehicles
Church provides drinks.
Need to bring: Money to get in, Bag lunch, Towel, sunscreen
Optional items: Change of clothes, \$ for snacks, \$10 for locker (\$5 all day + \$5 key deposit)
Contact person: Pastor Jon

Missions Opportunities

Moldova

Just because you may be unable to physically be there, that doesn't mean that you're not a part of the team. You can be a prayer warrior and also collect items that can be taken on the trip.

Over the Counter Medication – ibuprofen, Tylenol, children's Tylenol/Motrin, baby aspirin, cough/cold medicine, Tums

Other items (some for Women's Ministry) – toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel-size soap, shampoo, deodorant, lip-gloss

Harvest Seeds

Collecting Sunday school literature, devotionals, and other religious material to send to brothers and sisters who faithfully labor in the vineyard with limited resources. *Periodically, volunteers needed to sort, pack, and deliver materials to the*

*associational office. If interested, please speak
with Karen DeCosta.*

Donations for Ukraine

Collecting warm, gently used children's clothes
to send to Dr. & Mrs. Crane to be used in their
ministry with Ukrainian orphans.

Point person: Donald Morris

Operation Christmas Child for July

Only 4 months until time to pack our shoeboxes!
Through OCC, children ***around the world*** will get a
gift for Christmas ***and*** learn about Jesus. Items for
July: tennis balls, inflatable beach balls, small cars
(Hot Wheels or similar), and any small toys that fit
into a shoebox. Don't have time to shop? Write a
check to CBC *with OCC on the Memo Line*, and we
will shop on your behalf!

Thank you for giving to the Lord!