

God Is Waiting For You

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Sometimes those who become Christians remain faithful for a short time, and they leave the church. They usually convince themselves that the people at church are full of hypocrisy or do not care about them so they can justify leaving the church. However, deep down, they realize they are just making excuses for breaking their commitment to God.

I wish those who choose to leave the church would remember how important their commitment to God is and realize that God never fails to keep His commitment to them.

As Jesus says: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Mt. 6:33). Furthermore, the writer of Hebrews says: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25).

When a person leaves the church, not only does he break his commitment to serving God, he also neglects his brethren. Whether that person realizes it or not, he is important to God, and he has the power to make a difference in God's kingdom, but that person cannot do anything to help the cause of God if he forsakes the kingdom of God. While a person may find temporary satisfaction by being involved in manmade activities or charities outside of the church, true satisfaction only comes from laboring in the Lord's kingdom.

If you see yourself in this article, can you think of any valid reason you should not honor your commitment to God? Why not return home like the prodigal son did (Lk. 15:11-32) and know that all of heaven will rejoice (Lk. 15:7, 10)? God is patiently waiting for you (2 Pet. 3:9). The only thing holding you back is you.

Today or Tomorrow

by Jesse Flowers Church of Christ at Pruett & Lobit St. Baytown, TX

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.' But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil" (James 4:13-16).

Please notice with me three very important points that James made in this passage.

1) We do not know what will happen tomorrow (**James 4:14**). In fact we do not what will happen the rest of this day. Life can change quite suddenly and unexpectedly. Life is uncertain and unpredictable. So, *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).*

2) Our life is but a vapor (**James 4:14**). In other words, our physical life upon this earth is very, very brief. *"For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:9-10).* The prayer of Moses concludes by saying, *"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (v. 12).*

3) *"If the Lord wills..." (James 4:15).* We must always live our lives with the Lord's will in mind. God is in control, not you and not me. Making plans is not wrong. We all make plans. However, making plans without God at the center of them is very foolish. That's exactly what Jesus' point was in His parable of the rich fool (**Luke 12:16-21**). We are but flesh and blood. Dust, and to dust we shall return. How foolish then for us to boast of our big plans tomorrow or a year from now. *"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."*

While it is true that we do not know what will happen tomorrow, death and judgment are certain (**Hebrews 9:27**). And yes, life upon earth is short, but the next life will be forever. Will you be spending eternity in heaven or hell (**Matt. 7:21-23**)? And finally, are you presently making your plans with God in them or out of them? All of which begins with obeying HIS plan of salvation (**Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38**).

"Today or tomorrow..." You may not have today or tomorrow!

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Because of Covid
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Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



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Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “**Quiet Please**”

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Jessica Alcorn let's continue to pray for her health.

Maria Swindlehurst had hip surgery Tuesday and is home undergoing rehab.

Louella Hopkins is asking for prayers as she ministers to people in her life. She also twisted her ankle recently.

Hope Rice twisted her ankle recently also.

Bill Kinney Let's continue to pray for him.

Pat Hazlett is dealing with several medical issues.

Eileen Johnson (NF congregation) was taken to Memorial Hospital on Friday with a high fever.

Greg Flanagan had knee surgery this past Tuesday and is doing well.

Crystal, Anna Brink's niece, continues to recover.

Cheryl (Bruce Brink's fiancée's mom). There is a slight growth noted in the mass on her lung. She will have a follow-up appointment in 3 months.

Bill Fisher, Sharron Gantt's brother in FL, has cancer and is not doing well at all.

Mike Fulford (Diane & Linda's nephew) He went to Roswell for kidney tests. Results are not back yet.

Brandon Cryster & family (great nephew of Linda & Diane) His wife had their baby, Salvatore, prematurely. He weighs only 2 lbs. 2 ozs. He is in a N.I.C.U. in Pittsburg.

Billy Oharrow (Diane's girlfriend's son) He was diagnosed with throat cancer.

Jay Boyle (friend of Maria Swindlehurst) was diagnosed recently with an aneurysm.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House/Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

July 04 Independence Day

July 05 Independence Day observed

July 10 Graduation Party for Noah

July 11 Congregational Picnic

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,490.00

Attendance Last Sunday 42

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Graduation Party honoring Noah Bennett.

Place: Cameron/Bennett household.

Date: July 10, 2021 **Time:** After 2 PM

All are invited.

Congregational Picnic

July 11 after services

Whirlpool State Park (Approx 12:45 PM)

More info to follow.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Tony Grana who will be turning 95 years young on July 22.

The family is hoping for 95 cards to help him celebrate.

Cards can be sent to: 20303 Sterling Pines Ct. Spring, TX 77379

Note: Tony does not know about this and the bulletin he receives will not include this information.

Please send him a card to help him celebrate. Thanks



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



If you have something for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.