

The Purpose of Life...

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Life is a precious gift from God. It is God who “forms the spirit of man within him” (Zechariah 12:1), and it is to God that our spirits return after death (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Consequently, it would seem that men ought to use their lives to please God. But rather than striving to “seek the Lord” (Acts 17:27), men often expend their energies in other ventures.

Some, for example, act as if their purpose in life is to gain physical wealth. And to that end they focus all of their efforts. Those who struggle in this area should be reminded of several basic Biblical truths:

- 1) “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses” (Luke 12:15);
- 2) Christians ought to “lay up for [themselves] treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:20); and
- 3) “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10). Life’s purpose is not to amass earthly wealth.

Others act as if their purpose in life is to maintain their physical health. While it should be granted that our bodies are important to God (1 Corinthians 6:19), and that “bodily exercise profits a little” (1 Timothy 4:8), it must be remembered that at the longest, our lives are but brief (James 4:14). For this reason, we must make sure that we do not become so consumed with caring for our bodies that we lose focus upon God.

Still others act as if the purpose of life is to experience pleasure. This, too, misses the point of our existence. Our purpose is to “Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man’s all” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Ladies’ Bible Study will resume Sept. 3 rd	
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

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) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.



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

Ron Cameron had a tooth extracted Monday and it might take two months to heal.

Ruth Knepp sends her greetings to everyone. Please keep Ruth in your prayers as she recovers from a stroke.

Lula Elder, Jeffrey Elder's mother, will be having radiation treatments soon.

Eileen Johnson It was good to see her out and about recently. Let's keep her in our prayers.

Denise Garlitz' father in law broke his foot.

Betty Leistner is dealing with pneumonia on top of other health issues.

Dennis Phillips Sr., Louella Hopkins former spouse, in Florida, has stomach and liver cancer.

Kelly Payne, Louella Hopkin's former manager, hurt her back and may have to retire.

Coleen, a friend of Candi Butcher, is not doing well and she also has CP.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Let's pray for the congregation in Fenwick, ONT as they do the same.

Also

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 not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to 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 those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

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

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Aug. 24 - Sep. 04 Niagara Falls church of Christ *Revival* Please see posting.

Sep. 02 Labor Day

Sep. 07 Jamestown church of Christ 28th Annual Area-Wide Sing Please see posting.

Sep. 07 - Nov. 23 Niagara Falls church of Christ *Christian Home Class* each Sat. 2 - 3:30 PM

Sep. 15 Men's Business Meeting

Sep. 21 Potter Children's Home "Fall Festival" Please see posting.

Sep. 22 **Congregational Meeting.** To nominate men for trusteeship.

Sep. 29 Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Southtowns church of Christ

Sep. 29 *Day of Prayer & Giving For Children* for Potter Children's Home

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Matthew

Sermon Topic Today: What The Church Can Learn From
A Story About A Sinful Woman

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-39

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study - will resume Sept. 3rd

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Kings

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies, please join us for our first Bible Class of the fall on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 10 AM sharp.**

Jean Cameron will facilitate our first lesson from the series **"She, Being Dead, Still Speaks"**.

All ladies are encouraged to join in the study as we deepen and grow in love for our Father, each other and His Word.

See Audrey if you'd like a copy of the lesson so you can be prepared to join the bible study discussion.

Lessons are \$3.

Also, there will be a "SSS" (Soup, Salad and Sweets) luncheon following our bible study on 9/3.

There is a sign-up list on the back bulletin board of needed lunch items.

Drug Inspection via House to House / Heart to Heart

A Drug Enforcement Administration officer stops at a ranch in Montana and talks with an old rancher.

He tells the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs."

The old rancher says, "Okay, but do not go in that field over there," as he points out the location.

The DEA officer verbally explodes, saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the federal government with me."

Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removes his badge and proudly displays it to the farmer. "See this badge?"

This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish, on any land. No questions asked or answers given.

Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?"

The old rancher nods politely, apologizes, and goes about his chores. A short time later, the old rancher hears loud screams and sees the DEA officer running for his life, chased close behind by the rancher's prize bull. With every step, the bull is gaining ground on the officer, and it seems likely that he will get "horned" before he reaches safety. The officer is clearly terrified.

The old rancher throws down his tools, runs to the fence, and yells at the top of his lungs,

"Your badge! Show him your badge!"

"He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast." PROVERBS 15:15

Sept. Birthdays

04 Maria Swindlehurst 16 Ron Cameron
08 Marissa Stine 22 Yolanda Davis
13 Joan Nair 24 Matthew Nichols

Sept. Anniversaries

02 Charles & Heather Bennett



Serving Today

Announcements Michael Rice

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Bruce Brink

Serve Michael Rice

Serve Zach Hansen

Serve Richard Wheeler

Clean Trays Sherry Carter

Minutes of the Aug. 18th
Men's Business Meeting
are on the back table.