

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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SEIZE THE DAY

Before entering the broadcasting field, Jim Valvano led the North Carolina State University basketball team to a national championship.

Then cancer developed in his lower back. Invited to address the Duke University squad, Jim had this to say: "Life changes when you least expect it to. The future is uncertain. So seize this day, seize this moment, and make the most of it."

God gives us an urgent directive in Hebrews 3:13, "But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Why is there such a strong insistence on "today"?

It may be that today, this very day, could be the last one for us here on earth. Today may be your last opportunity to obey God's plan of salvation, or to share His love with a friend or a loved one.

James has this warning about presuming upon our tomorrows: "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Seize the opportunities that God gives us today. That's sound advice-not just for basketball players, but for all of us.

Vernon C. Grounds via *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

This week we have been reading the book of Jeremiah in preparation for our class studies. Jeremiah's message from God to the people is consistent and persistent. The message is-"Our only hope is repentance" (Jer. 3:12-14). It is hard for most of us to conceive how Israel and Judah had gotten so far away from God. They charted their sinful path one day at a time. Every day we are away from God puts us deeper into sin and closer to death with the Devil and his angels. Every day we are walking with God we are drawing ever near Him and closer to our eternal life with Him in heaven. Each day is important in my life. Why not let today be the turning point if you have not decided to follow Jesus or if you need to renew your walk with him? A battle won today puts us closer to the victory (Romans 7:23-25). Then we can confidently again sing that beautiful children's song, "I'm in the Lord's army."

Gary Puryear

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Bible Class at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Karl Dawson, Bob McIndoo,
Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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GREAT BIBLE TRUTHS

Brethren we need reminding of the fundamentals from time to time. It is also important to remember that this bulletin is read by many who are not yet in the body of Christ. The issues discussed in this article are absolutely essential to grow a faith. (G.P.)

The Bible, God's word, is true from cover to cover. God's great truths are for both time and eternity. Following are some great Bible truths which should help in preparing for eternity.

God is real. The first words of the bible speak of God. *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1). Only a fool would say there is no God, *"The fool has said in his heart, There is no God..."* (Psa. 14:1).

The Bible is God's inspired word. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works"* (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible is simple, profound, beautiful, deep and powerful. It will not pass away (Matthew 24:35).

Salvation is only through Jesus. Jesus came to save His people from sin. *"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins"* (Matthew 1:21). His mission was that of seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:19). There is no other in whom salvation is found. *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

Though salvation is available through Jesus, not all are saved. God desires the salvation of everyone. *"Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4). Even though God desires salvation for all the majority of mankind is still lost. *"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it"* (Matthew 7:13-14).

Only those who obey the gospel will be saved. God's vengeance will be taken on those who obey not the Gospel of Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:8-10). To obey the gospel one must hear the word (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of all sins (Acts 17:30); confess Christ as Lord (Acts 8:37), and be baptized to be saved (1 Peter 3:21).

Have you obeyed the gospel? Are you faithful to God? If you died today would you go to heaven?

Charles Box

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (6/3/09)

Opening Prayer:	Leland Steely
Closing Prayer:	John West
Devotional:	Gary Puryear
Song Leader:	Glenn Lewis

SUNDAY (6/7/09)

AT THE TABLE

Greg Shepherd	Mark DeLong
*Mike Coffman	*Bob Eckels
Micah Busbey	Leland Steely
Bill Bridwell	Johnny Hancock

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements:	Rodney Newton
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Lewis
Scripture Reading:	Russell Barker
Closing Prayer:	J.B. Slaughter
Ushers:	Jim Hayes Larry Bundy

DOOR GREETERS

Iris Newton
Jamie Newton
Sam Morris

PM Worship

Opening Prayer:	Stephen Stilwell
Scripture Reading:	Juan Nunez
Closing Prayer:	Josh Fletcher

FOR THE RECORD (5/24/09):

Sunday Morning Worship:	234
Sunday Morning Bible Study:	137
Sunday Evening Worship:	144
Wednesday Bible Study:	102
Contribution:	\$6398.75

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Carolyn Clevenger, Wanda Gish, Vera Sue Pleasant, Kathy Riggs, Debbie Newman, Mike Coffman, David Crocket (Upcoming surgery), Jonna West, John Jenkins, Earline Scott, Carol Buford, Jim McIlwain, Dorothy Shiver, Marion Baker, John Kavanaugh, Gene Thomason, Joann Hayes, Wayne Moore, Caroline McShane, Karen Horton.

College Graduates: Laken Fletcher, Malia Hanley, Erica Watwood. If we have missed any let us know.

Sweet Social fellowship: Tam Smith will moving to Houston, Tx. in a few days. Tonight following services please bring some ice cream, cookies, cake, etc. as we wish her well in her move. We will miss her being with us.

Appreciation luncheon: For our local emergency responders (EMT's, police, sheriff's dept., fire department and rescue squad) will be held on June 6 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There is a sign up sheet for those who would like to bring food for this event. Any questions ask Fred Barnett/Micah Busbey.

Homecoming: Westside Church of Christ; June 5-7 with B.J. Clarke as their speaker. See bulletin board for details.

Sympathy: To the family of David Moschner. His brother Louis and wife Donna have been attending with us for the last few months.

Give generously: All of today's contribution goes to the building fund.