

THE OUTLOOK

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Making the Best Use of Our Time

Can you believe a month has already gone by in the New Year? I was thinking about that as I was deciding what to write about this month. Time is one of our most precious commodities. We often complain that there is never enough time or that we don't have time for certain things. We love to spend time with our families or on vacation or just enjoying leisurely activities. But what we must realize is that whatever time we have is a gift from God. Whatever time God chooses to give us is His business. Jesus tells us that none of us can add to the days that God has given us. When God is ready for us, there is no way around it.

It's amazing to me that the time goes by so quickly. It is when we look back over time that we realize how we either used time wisely or we wasted it. Sadly, most of us waste time rather than use it wisely.

There is no question that the Lord wants each of us to use our time wisely. In Ephesians 5:15-16 the Apostle Paul instructs us to "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Ours is a day when it seems that the grip of Satan on the world we live in is stronger than it has ever been. Paul tells us here that it is imperative how we live in these days and what we choose to do with the time God has given us.

I say all of that to say this: What are you doing with your time? God has given us a very short time on the earth. No matter what you may think now, talk to any elderly person and they will tell you, just as Solomon does in Ecclesiastes, that "life is but a vapor." It will go by before you know it. Don't come to the end of your life and regret that you had opportunities to serve Christ and you chose not to.

We have a wonderful opportunity before us as a church. I pray we see

that and endeavor to do everything that we can to make an impact for Christ in this community. In the remaining portion of my letter, let me outline a few ways you can make an impact by serving Christ in the next few months here at Cherry Ridge.

In the time leading up to our spring revival on March 18-21 we are going to have many opportunities to serve. Some things are still yet to be determined but I am planning to have a day where we get together as a church and go invite people from the community to come. These would be inactive members, prospects, neighbors, and anyone that lives around the area. We are going to go door to door with our invitation to come. What a wonderful thing it would be if we had the whole church come to take part in this.

On May 4-5, as you know, we are going to have our Impact One Men's Conference with Dr. James Merritt. I have already challenged some of our men to buy two tickets: one for yourself and one for someone else, preferably a lost man or an unchurched man. I want to issue that same challenge to all our men in the church. We need you praying for this event, we need you there and we need you to bring someone with you! If we will all take part in this an eternal difference will be made in the lives of many men.

And, of course, our multi-ministry building is nearing completion. This is an investment, by our church, into the future ministry of this church. I am excited about the possibilities of this facility. This is a tool for us to reach people in Bastrop for Jesus Christ and if we are faithful to serve the Lord will bless this church in great and mighty ways.

I am simply saying that each and every one of us has a short time, no matter how old or young we are. So we must do everything we can to make sure as many people as possible know the Lord Jesus Christ as we do. That must be the heartbeat of our church!

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **IMPACT ONE MEN'S CONFERENCE**
- ◆ **VBS WORKSHOP**
- ◆ **VALENTINE BANQUET**
- ◆ **CENTRIFUGE SIGN-UP**
- ◆ **PRESCHOOL NEWS**
- ◆ **REVIVAL**



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Zach's Point of View

LAYMAN'S 10
 COMMANDMENTS

4. ALL THINGS IN
 LIFE ARE
 TEMPORARY. IF
 THEY'RE GOING
 WELL, ENJOY THEM,
 THEY WON'T LAST
 FOREVER. IF
 THEY'RE GOING
 WRONG, DON'T
 WORRY, THEY
 CAN'T LAST LONG
 EITHER!

As I think back to my summer I can recall countless moments where God was intervening in the lives of students. Thousands of students come to camp expecting to have the time of their life, or meet who they thought would be the love of their life. Despite that teenage thought process, many of them do find the love of their life; they just had no idea it was going to be Jesus. I have countless stories of where God has shown up for students, but who knew that this summer He would show up in my life in a radical way. When I met your students this summer, I had no idea that I would be their youth pastor a few months later. That is what's so amazing about our Savior, that He can take something that seems so minute, and mold it into something big. The relationship I had with your students started out as something so brief, but God was just setting the stage for something so much more. Now I am finally here, and very excited about what all God has in store for us. Kristin and I are so grateful for the love that you have shown us in our first month. We have enough food in our house now to probably host a church wide dinner, so let us know if you're hungry.

We have begun to lay the ground work for this year's Vacation Bible School, and I am excited to announce that our church will host the VBS Workshop April, 23. This is where the Baptist association brings in workers to set up our church how it would look during Bible school, and then they will do a brief trial run of what the week should look like. This is a great opportunity for our church workers to see exactly how to teach the lessons, or set up the rooms. This is also a very good outreach to our sister churches. We are expecting around two hundred guests, so we will need some volunteers to help things run smoothly. The food will be provided, but they have asked for people to serve the food, as well as clean it up. I would love to have at least eight volunteers, but more are always welcome. Our VBS date is scheduled for June 10-14, so go ahead and start clearing your calendar now. VBS is one of the churches largest outreach projects, and it will be impossible without plenty of workers.

The youth will be going to camp once again at Union University, in Jackson, TN. Our camp dates are July 16-21. The deadline to sign up is March 4th, so don't delay

in signing your kids, or grand-kids up. There is a fifty dollar sign up fee to reserve their spot, but if money is an issue, please talk to me about a sponsor for your child. We also have a youth lock in tomorrow at the church, but by the time you read this it will be over; so I will go out on a limb and say that it was a big success. We are expecting around fifty kids, so I am very excited to see what God is going to do through that.

Thank you for all the support you give to these students, and continue to pray for them, because they are the future of this church.

God Bless
 Zach Anderson



**Regional VBS
 Workshop**
April 23, 2012
 Hosted by
**Cherry Ridge Baptist
 Church**
 Led by leaders from
Lifeway



It's time to commit to
 Centrifuge
 Union University
 Jackson, TN
 July 16-21, 2012
 A Non-Refundable
 deposit of \$50 is
 due by March 4, 2012
 Please see Zach for
 details.



Preschool Corner

**New Class for
 Pre-K and
 Kindergarten**

Sunday evenings at
 5:00 P.M.
 Led by Vivian Eppinette
 Children's Building

Cherry Ridge Baptist Church is currently looking to employ a nursery worker for the Sunday morning & evening worship times. If you are interested, please call the church office. This will be a paid position.

We are also seeking to enlist more volunteers to help in the nursery during the Sunday evening activities. Please contact Tabatha if you can help.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REVIVAL COMING! MARCH 18-21, 2012 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!			1	2	3	4
5 3:00 Finance 4:00 Deacons	6	7 9:30 Quilting	8 5:30 Supper 6:30 Business Mtg	9	10 Valentine Banquet	11
12	13	14 9:30 Quilting Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Keenagers	21 9:30 Quilting 6:30 Visitation	22	23	24	25
26	27 Angels' Meeting Myra Tullos'	28 9:30 Quilting 10:30 Quilt Class	29	IMPACT 1 Men's Conference May 4-5, 2012		

Sympathy

The church family wishes to express Christian sympathy to :

Betty Langston in the loss of her mother
Velma Nichols
Betty Langston in the loss of her husband
Sidney Langston
Huey Evans in the loss of his brother
“Hookey” Evans and sister-in-law Velma
Louise Evans

Thank You

Thank you notes have been received this month from:

Annie Lois Graves
Janie Lowry
Donna Goodman
Robbie Tomlin
Glenda & Thomas Cox
Mildred Vail

Memorials in December

Multi-Ministry Building Fund

In Memory of **Dorothy/Max Masee** by the Jim & Jo Amerson
In Memory of **Mary Amerson** by Jim & Jo Amerson
In Memory of **Cindy Driggers** by Jim & Jo Amerson
In Memory of **Duane Ray** by Jim & Jo Amerson
In Memory of **Billy Hurst** by Jane Ward
In Memory of **Sid Langston** by Ladies 3 Sunday School Class
In Memory of **Velma Nichols** by Ladies 3 Sunday School Class

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MEN'S CONFERENCE COMING TO:
Cherry Ridge Baptist Church

May 4-5, 2012
1005 Cherry Ridge Road, Bastrop, LA 71220
(318) 281-3633 www.cherryridgebaptist.com

\$35 Per Man
Registration Deadline: Friday, April 27, 2012
After Registration Deadline, \$40 Per Man

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with James Merritt

Valentine Banquet

Friday, February 10, 2012

Meal & Entertainment

6:30 P.M.

\$6.00 per person

\$20.00 Maximum per family
Get your tickets from any youth
on Jan. 29th or Feb. 5th
Proceeds benefit MM Building

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