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Time: Illusions and Illustrations

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For our benefit, we measure time—sixty seconds in a minute, sixty minutes in an hour, twenty-four hours in a day, etc. Such measurement helps us in allocating time for tasks and in managing the time to accomplish them.

Apparently from the beginning of time, man has felt that time was moving faster or slower than those increments given above. For example, in what may be the oldest of the Bible books (if Job lived before Moses), Job wanted his friends to see time seeming to move slowly as well as swiftly. In his answer to Elihu's accusations, Job described his life of suffering in terms of time, especially time as seen through picture of a hired worker and his labor for wages (1-2). As a worker toils and toils, the time seems to go by so very slowly until the wages are received. Job could only see the drudgery of such time, because to him his labor (suffering) had no payoff in sight.

In Job 7:4, 5 Job spoke of a condition with which most of us are familiar: inability to sleep. He described a "long" night (7:4), waiting for the dawn. Those dealing with chronic pain can especially identify with Job and his "tossing until dawn" (7:5). His point is well taken: when one is suffering or in discomfort, time seems to slow down. The minutes seem like hours and the days seem like months. However, the minutes still have sixty seconds and the days still have twenty-four hours.

In the same chapter, Job described another illusion regarding time: his life seemed to be going by swiftly. He said, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and come to their end without hope" (7:6 ESV). His point in this description appears to be that without purpose (at least one that he could see), his life seemed to be, as we would say, "flying by." Yet still, the minutes and hours were the same in measure.

Job's experience and words teach us that we may experience illusions regarding time to us in different parts of our life. Sometimes life, because of our circumstances and/or attitudes, can appear to crawl or creep. In other parts of our life, because of different circumstances and/or attitudes, time can appear to fly or move swiftly.

Purpose and intention will help us as we go through the seasons of life. Moses, who lived 120 years and undoubtedly experienced the same two illusions said, "So, teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12 ESV).
—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

January 12—Caring Cooks
January 13-15—Evangelism University
January 15—Devotional at Stilley House 1:30 p.m.
January 15—Youth and Family Devotional
January 22—KFC Family Devotional
January 23—MNftM
January 26—Caring Cooks
January 29—5th Sunday

A Pause . . . And Reflection

Our church library is now ready for book-check-out! As most of you know, the library has been moved to the west wing of the church building for sometime now. However, a delay was necessary for processing the books and obtaining newer, easier-to-use library software. So now that those things are accomplished, it is time to begin taking advantage of this valuable resource!

Take heed, however, to the following information—with the new library and its possibilities there are some new protocols that must be followed for you to check out books. Check-out will be done electronically. When all is said and done, it will be very easy for you to use the library and its materials.

For the next two weeks (beginning Wednesday, January 11), **Leslie** or **Bettie Bean** will be in the library about ten minutes before and ten minutes after church services to help anyone who wants to check-out a book and learn the way to do it for themselves. If you are a Bible class teacher or anyone else who frequently needs resources from the library, please take advantage of this opportunity. We also have plans to make a tutorial video for process in the near future.

While I am at it, I need to express our gratitude for the wonderful job **Bettie** and **Leslie** have done, not only the last few months, but since the beginning of the library several years ago. Thank you, Bettie and Leslie! Your hard work has helped this congregation immensely.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

WBS Student Baptized

Several members of our congregation have been involved in World Bible School as teachers. One of those has been **Jackie Travis**. Jackie just received word this week, that one of his students, **Julius Ojunga**, of Kenya was recently baptized. We rejoice with our new brother, Julius and with Jackie at this great news. Please pray for Julius as he begins his life in Christ. If you would like to write to him, check with the office. We have his address.

Lads to Leaders, Keepers' Project

One group of our Lads to Leaders called the Keepers has selected the project of a cookbook. Please make copies of your favorite recipes and write your name on each recipe you submit. Please place them in the plastic containers in the lobby. Deadline is Valentine's Day, February 14.

Birthdays: January 15-21

- ◆ 15—Mitzi Roberts
- ◆ 16—Jennie Devine, Galon Riley
- ◆ 17—Karen Hicks

5th Sunday in January

As was the case last year, we will have guest speakers and alter our service times on the 5th Sunday of the months that have them. In January, that Sunday will be January 29th.

Nathan Woolard, former summer intern at Briensburg and current youth minister for the Henderson church of Christ in Henderson, KY, will be the speaker for the day's services.

We will have our morning Bible class and worship at their regular times and we will eat lunch immediately after the morning worship. We will then assemble again at 1:00 p.m. There will be no 6 p.m. service that week.

Remember in Prayer:

JoAnn Will—now at Lakeway Nursing & Rehab in Benton. Room 201

Monroe Hall—father of Debbie Brandon, has been in the hospital in Bloomington, IL and is now back in the nursing home.

Charles Allen, Nelda Beth, Norman Bradford, Richard Darnell, Billie Davis, Jimmy Davis, JoNell Dawes, Robert & Modean Driver, Cindy Grubbs, Dot Morehead, James Metheny (brother of Lillie Dunn), Rudell & Ernestine Noles

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—**John Main**

CCCtr—**Betty Clark, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen, Bobbie Travis**

Lakeway (Benton)—**Joann Will**

Stilley House—**Ed Odell, Ralph Steury**

Military: **Cory O'Bryan**—Ft. Campbell



“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.”

Isaiah 40:31

**Record:
January 8, 2017**

Mid-Week (January 4)	149
Sunday Bible Study	158
Sunday Morning Worship	225
Sunday Evening Worship	132
Contribution	\$8,313

Use a Better Mirror

Jesus' miraculous powers were demonstrated in many ways. He healed people of leprosy, blindness, deafness, and paralysis. He cast out evil spirits, fed the multitudes, destroyed a fig tree, and turned water to wine. On top of all that, he raised three people from the dead.

However, Jesus also demonstrated His power in ways that were not so easily seen. In John 2:25 we learn that “He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.” Jesus not only observed men's behaviors, but He knew their character and their thoughts. He knew the grumblings of His disciples (John 6:60-61), even though they thought they whispered so He would not hear.

Jesus not only sees our actions, but He also knows our hearts. He knows whether our Sunday contribution comes out of love or duty. He knows whether we are sincere or hypocritical in our lifestyles. He is fully aware of our hates, prejudices, and gripes, even when we successfully hide them from others.

Looking in the mirror to see ourselves is very important. We are able to change those things we do not like and adjust the behaviors that are not flattering. However, asking the Lord what He sees in us is even more important. My evaluation may be tainted by my pride or the compliments of others, but the Lord's analysis will be perfect. Why not spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to open your eyes to see yourself as He does. The mirror of the soul speaks the truth

—Don Loftis

Pew Packers @ 5:45 p.m.

January 15

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, January 15, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Dale Roberts
Opening Prayer: Jackie Travis
Closing Prayer: William Hamilton
Convalescent Center: Larry Davis
Gary Smith

6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Dale Roberts
Opening Prayer: Ronnie Cox
Closing Prayer: Stan Gautney

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Announcements: Mark Hart
Song Leader: Danny Walker
Opening Prayer: Jared Higginbotham
Closing Prayer: Jeff Hall