

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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"...For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it,"

—Romans 8:24,25



Servants during October/November: **Wednesday Lesson:** Larry (5), Stanley (12), Kris (19), Larry (26)
Songleader: Dwight (2), Stanley (9), Larry (16), Dwight (23), Stanley (30)
Lawn Mowing (week starting): Marty (2), Stanley (9), Larry (16), Kris (23), Marty (30)
Reading: Larry
Area Meetings:
Announcements: Marty
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Hope for Eternity

By Frank Vondracek

Hope is defined by Webster as: (1) a feeling that what is wanted will happen, and (2) to want and expect. When we hope, we are counting on our desires becoming reality. Something hoped for is not yet come to be reality. The apostle Paul wrote, "For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance," Rom 8:24,25.

All of us have wishes, desires, dreams and hopes. It has been said that "life void of all hope would be a heavy and spiritless thing". Hope helps to stimulate us on in life. We are refreshed by the expectation that tomorrow hopefully will be a day for us to enjoy being alive. We hope for the pleasant welfare of

ourselves and others. We have high hopes for our children' lives to be better than ours have been. We hope for the recovery of a sick loved one. We hope that our world will be at peace more often than at war. Hope takes a priority place in our days of living. It is as a fuel which feeds the fires of life.

Do you have a capacity for hope beyond this life? Do you look forward to the time when time will be no more and we will be enveloped by eternity? The Bible teaches us—"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," Heb 9:27. Each person will be in eternity someplace. Jesus Christ said, "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life," Mt 25:46. Where does your hope lie for eternity: in

everlasting punishment because you are yet in your sins, unforgiven by God, or in eternal bliss because the Lord has found you faithful in all things? I believe that everyone reading this article has hope of spending eternity in life with God and not in eternity separated from God. What have you been doing NOW with your life to have the confidence that your hope will become reality in eternity?

Jesus Christ declared, "you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," Jn 8:32. God's word is truth, Jn 17:17. The truth of God's word is that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom 3:23. The of God's word is that the saved (those whose sins have been forgiven by God) are saved "by grace through faith," Eph 2:8. You cannot forgive or remove your

own sins, only God can do that, Mk 2:7. And yet, some people tend to live in careless and reckless lifestyles which put their souls in jeopardy for eternity. Living in such a manner and saying at the same time, "God will forgive me," is folly.

But to learn God's will and see His expectations for man's life, Eccl 12:13,14 is a much better way to go through life. Without repentance (changing one's mind about how one is living and living in God's way) is the safest way. Remember, if you really want to have true hope for eternity, it can only be found in God's Son, Jesus Christ. That's why God sent His Son to find the lost. To bring them to God for all eternity. Is your hope in Christ? Unless it is, one does not have much to hope for in eternity.



The Clock is Winding Down

By Terry Wayne Benton

With each second, minute, hour that passes our time is winding down, and we are that much closer to death and facing eternity. We have never been this

close, and yet as we live we keep inching closer. God commands all men everywhere to repent because He has appointed a day of reckoning, Acts 17:30,31, and He

has given assurance of this by raising Jesus from the dead. That was a permanent demonstration that there is life, existence, beyond death. So, it is not like we can pretend there will be no judgment and accountability if we just wish it away and pretend it is not real.

We are inching our way to eternal damnation or eternal life with God, and ALL the preparation work must be wisely done now, because final judgment comes down to making wise choices over foolish ones, Mt 7:21-24. The wise think about the King coming for final judgment, how to use today to get ready and stay ready, and the foolish "neglect" so great salvation, Heb 2:1-4, that is freely offered in Christ, Rom 6:23. The wise know that "great salvation" and "no condemnation in Christ," Rom 8:1, is accessible, Rom 5:1, to us in the power of the gospel,

Rom 1:16. They have "tasted that the Lord is good" and therefore have a craving, like newborn babies crave milk, 1 Pet 2:1-3. But the foolish never take time to taste the good word of God and the power of it Heb 4:12. They are focused on the visible and temporary, the things that perish, and have no internal insight into the eternal, 2 Cor 4:16f.

The clock ticks but they stay blind to their true purpose and destiny. They build their lives on the sand. Even as the clock keeps ticking, we all know it will stop for us at some point, and the older we get the more precious each tick of the clock should become. This article is truly worth some deep reflection, but some "have no time for this." Little do they realize that they don't have time NOT to think of this. Are you wise or foolish with your time?

Remember in Prayer

Alice had a setback last week, and continues to be tested for a variety of significant health issues. Elliot B is in rehab, and is doing well! Cindy V is scheduled for surgery this Tuesday (11/4). Heather V still has a kidney stone; it has been bypassed, and will be scheduled to be broken up and

flushed out at a later time. David V did indeed have Rhabdo... possibly his second time; but is doing much better. Please also continue to pray for Betty; Carolyn; Deborah and Serenity; Hazel; John, Sylvia, and Paige Pollard; Joshua and Kayla V; Pam B, Kaylee, Julie and Violet; and Pam McNatt.