

The Reminder

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study
5:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY:
7:30 PM Study and
Devotional

Upcoming Meeting:
Ralph Walker
October 23-26



“Don’t Miss This Moment’s Grace”

If God lives in an eternal “now,” there is a sense in which we should also live in the present moment. The past is something we should learn from and the future is something we should plan for, but the present is the only chance we have to actually do anything. If we let the present moment go by unused, then we’ve wasted the very “stuff” of life. So we need to do three things:

(1) **PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE PRESENT MOMENT.** Many of us miss the value of the present moment because our minds are somewhere else.

Whether we’re “living in the past” or “daydreaming about the future” or we’re just too busy with trivia to savor the moment, the end result is often the same: we find life getting away from us without our having **THOUGHT** about it as it went rushing by.

(2) **USE THE PRESENT MOMENT.** A normal human life is comprised of millions of “moments” — so many that there seems to be an endless supply of them, at least while we’re young. It doesn’t seem such a great tragedy to let some of them go by “unimproved.” But truly, there is no “present moment” that should be despised or thrown away. To throw away any moment is to insult its Giver.

(3) **APPRECIATE THE PRESENT MOMENT.** I used to think that life was made up of many drab, ordinary moments and only a few that could be called wonderful or gracious. How wrong I was! And how sad I am now to see how much of life I missed while I was waiting for some “big” moment to come along. God’s best gifts are often delivered to us in plain paper wrapping. **THIS** moment is almost always an extraordinary thing, if we have the eyes to see and the heart to appreciate it. Let us never underestimate the grace that may be in the present moment, whenever it may be.

In general, we need to be better stewards of all the “little” things that God’s grace sends our way. Paul said that we need to be vigilant in prayer “with thanksgiving.” And he also said, “In everything give thanks” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). There is not much that happens at any moment of any day that we shouldn’t give thanks for — either because it is enjoyable or because it is useful.

“The small moment is the carrier of God’s most endearing gift. It must not be permitted to slip away unsavored and unappreciated” (Gerhard E. Frost).
Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

Morning Lesson

"Better Servants of God"
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

Steve Garrett

News and Notes:

Please keep Don Hurd in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness.

Hope the Cecil family is better. Zara and Kale were out last Sun. Chris came down with same thing and was out Wed. night. Deb Haley is having some difficulties with an implant that helps back pain. She will have surgery to remove the implant and work on the infection. Keep her and family in your prayers. Anita seems to be fine, but continues testing to locate whatever is causing the ECG to do "funny" things. Bethany's mom had surgery to repair a torn tendon. She will need quite a while to recover. Pray for that whole family. When mom's out of commission, it's serious.

Many out of town this weekend. We'll try to come up with a complete list this morning.

Welcome to Paden, Lucy and Liam Selgas who are placing membership with us. They've been visiting for a couple of weeks, and want to join us permanently. 16215 Greenport Ln, Houston, 77084. Phone is 972-786-5593.

Bill Gates Said It

Bill Gates, computer software czar and reputed world's richest man, is reported to have said the following at a high school in California. Here's some advice he recently dished out.

Rule 1: Life is not fair, get used to it.

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will not make \$40,000 a year right out of high school.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now to you. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself.

Rule 10: Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - J. Smith
Hymn Director - L. Williams
Scripture Reader - B. Mann
1 John 1:5-10
Opening Prayer - T. Walker
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - M. Robinson
Opening Prayer - J. Moon
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

BIBLE CLASSES

- **Genesis** - John Moon
- **Gospel of John** - Steve Garrett and David Haley
- **Prayer and Providence** - Jack Smith
- Graded classes for children

"There is no such thing as fun for the whole family."
- Jerry Seinfeld

"Know yourself. Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."
- Ann Landers