

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Charles Berryhill

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Blake Eddy

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Mary Eddy

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Leonard Key / David Key
Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

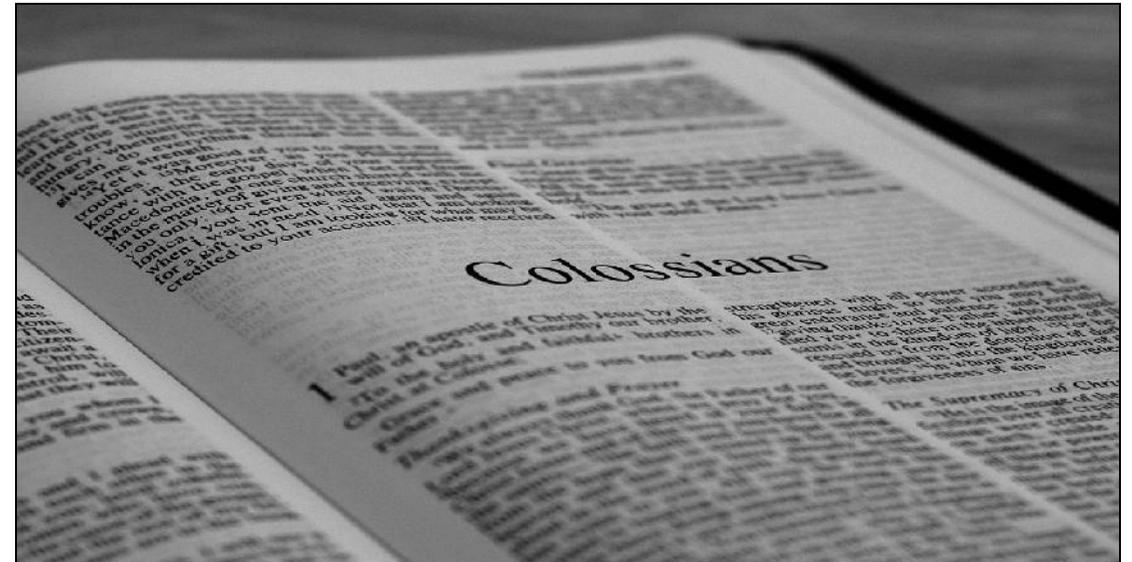
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How Long Has It Been?

By Roby Ellis

The days seem to begin much earlier today than they used to, and they don't seem to last quite as long as I remember from my childhood. From early morning until late at night, it seems that there is never enough time to do all that needs to be done. Americans are the busiest people in the world. Our schedules have become so tight that necessity has taught us to "multitask"—a word that didn't even exist a generation ago. Because there isn't enough time to do everything we would like to do, we have also learned to prioritize (whether we think consciously about our priorities or not). Where do the most important things rank among our priorities?

How long has it been, fathers, since you took some time off work to spend with you wife and children? More than half of all first-time marriages in this country end in divorce. One of the reasons for this is that husbands and wives are not spending the time together that they once did. Men often spend more time with female co-workers than they do with their own wives. The same could be said for many of the working women of this country. Our homes—the fabric of American society—are falling apart, and nobody seems to be disturbed about it anymore. God says that He hates divorce (Malachi 2:16) We should hate it, too. Take some time this week to spend with your family, and make time to read the Bible with them and talk with them about the importance of serving God (Deuteronomy 6).

How long has it been since you studied from the pages of God's Word? We know we cannot please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6), and Paul says that faith comes from hearing the Word (Romans 10:17). Be honest with yourself: if you were to spend as much time reading the Bible as you spend watching television, how much would you know about God's will? Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). If you don't know what His will is, how can you do it?

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn's Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: his surgery went well, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd's in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: found two new spots on his brain, please pray that he will win this fight and defeat this cancer

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) has some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to help him

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Tyler Upton: is in Atlanta going through rehab for injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

W. H. Box: recovering from recent bypass surgery, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Kloe Moore (infant) : dealing with RSV, please be praying that she improves

Winfred York: bladder cancer has returned, please be praying for him and Mrs. Vertie

Larry Eads: (member at Carbon Hill) diagnosed with stage 4 esophagus cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that this cancer can be defeated

How long has it been since you prayed to the Father? Most of us probably remember to thank God for our food at mealtime, but when was the last time that you spent an hour before the throne of God to thank Him for all He has done for you or to plead for His aid during some trial? Perhaps you feel separated from God. If there is sin in your life, you are separated from Him (Isaiah 59:1–2). Peter says that God will not hear the prayers of those who are living ungodly lives (1 Peter 3:12).

How long has it been since you felt close to God? Do you know that your heart is right in God’s sight? The Bible is the only trustworthy instrument that we have for discerning the nature of our relationship with God, and it is the only guide that we have for putting our lives on the right track.

As you think about the year to come and what lies in store, think about the things that really matter, and make the decision to give priority to the things that really matter.

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Christ - Our Great Power

The power of His **RESURRECTION**
Philippians 3:10

The power of His **LOVE**
2 Peter 1:3

The power of His **GRACE**
2 Corinthians 12:9

The power of His **WORDS**
John 12:48

The power of His **MINISTRY**
Acts 1:8; 3:12; 4:3

The power of His **PROMISES**
John 14:1-3

The power of His **SPirit**
Ephesians 3:16-17

The power of His **GOSPEL**
Romans 1:16

The power of His **STRENGTH**
2 Timothy 1:12

The power of His **PRESERVATION**
1 Peter 1:4

“All power has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

Matthew 28:18

Barnes Bible Charts

If He Is Wrong, What Does The Christian Miss?

By Ancil Jenkins

Doubt is a subtle demon. It creeps in at times of distress, pain, and fear. Doubting is not sinful; failing to act on doubts is. Honesty demands an examination and a resolution of doubts. As one examines doubts, his heart is comforted. Truth will silence doubts, or will show a different path that should be taken. But often the search for truth is a long one, and doubts must be endured until the answer is found. During that interim, how should one reason? Must he abandon his faith until study has removed the last question? Let me raise questions for consideration by those who may be wavering in their faith, plagued by doubts: As a Christian, even if the doubts are true, what have I missed through believing in God? Even if there is no God, no true Word, and no heaven, what does a Christian miss by living a righteous, faithful life?

• **A Christian is far better off physically than an unbeliever.** Our bodies, says Paul, are the temple of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1). A temple must be treated with respect and care. Proper diet, exercise, and preventive medicine should be a part of a Christian's life. He will not abuse his body with drugs and other harmful substances. He will avoid putting himself in situations that are evil and hurtful. Drunken driving, fights, and other law-breaking activities can not threaten him physically. Why? Because they are not a part of his life!

• **A Christian is better off materially because of his values.** Basic honesty affects one's business. He does not seek illegal or unethical advantage. He is careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody (Romans 12:17). People will want to do business with him because they know they will be treated fairly and truthfully. God's child is doubly blessed. He has enough for himself and enough to share with those who are in need (Ephesians 4:28). He enjoys the pleasure of having all he requires and the greater blessing of giving to help others.

• **The Christian loses nothing socially by his commitment to Jesus Christ.** Like Jesus, he should grow in favor with men (Luke 2:52). He may not be liked for his faith and practice, but he will be respected for his dedication to what he believes. A man once remarked that he intended to go and hear a certain preacher. Someone asked him why since he did not believe as that preacher did. His response was, "Because he believes what he preaches and I like to hear people like that."

• **Christian relationships are not corrupted by many of the practices of the world.** Because he will be true to his marriage vows, the Christian will not know the attendant heartbreak of adultery or sexual perversions and a broken home. "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it . . . husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies ... " (Ephesians 5:25, 28). A stable marriage adds to life's pleasures and meaning. A Christian is also a good neighbor since he loves his neighbor as himself (Matthew 22:37-38).

• **What about a Christian's emotional life?** Emotional turmoil may cause the Christian to seek counsel. There is no shame in this. Yet, Christian counsel will bring insights that will provide help and recovery faster and in a more meaningful, permanent way than the counsel of non-Christian advisors. With God at the center, the child of God is not disturbed and plagued by many of the world's emotional ills.

What does one lose by being a Christian? Nothing but negatives and problems! Even if there is no God, no heaven or hell, no biblical authority for moral values, the Christian's quality of life is still far better than that of the unbeliever. The really important question is not "What does the Christian lose if the unbeliever is right," but "What does the unbeliever lose if the Christian is right?" Even if somehow the unbeliever managed to gain the world, he would lose his own soul, and that is the greatest loss of all.

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Upcoming Events

January 5 th	Country Place	2:00 pm
January 12 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
January 19 th	Fellowship Meal	
January 19 th	Bible Bowl	2:00 pm