



Hours That Shine

The moment may be temporary, but the memory is forever. The word "remember" has been described as one of the golden words of religion. The first thing the Lord said to the church at Ephesus, after they had left their "first love," was "remember." Remember the way it was! Then, maybe you can recapture what you had. God called the Israelites back to faithfulness by admonishing them to "Look to the rock from which you were cut." (Isaiah 51:1).

Someone has said, "A good man doubles the length of his existence. To have lived so as to look back with pleasure on life is to have lived twice." Pleasant memories must be arranged for in advance. God gave us memories so we could have roses in December.

Some memories are good, some are bad. A noted editor once said, "The true secret of editing is to know what to put in the wastebasket!" So it is with life! Success in life is to know what to put in the wastebasket - what to forget.

"Forgetting what is behind, and straining toward what is ahead, I press on," Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14. Profit from the past, even from past mistakes, blunders, sins! But you cannot live in the past! If you look back too much, you will be headed that way. The past is a good guidepost, but a poor hitching post. You can't hook yesterday's plowing to today's plow. "It isn't the backward glance that counts," observed George Gibson, "but the motive for looking and what one sees when he looks."

"Memories are a key, not to the past, but to the future." An old sundial in England bears the inscription: "I Mark Only The Hours That Shine." How much better our lives would be if we "marked only the hours that shine," if we had sundial memory!

Remember the good times - the "hours that shine." Through memory they continue to bless your life. Recall it as often as you wish; a happy memory never wears out. Count your blessings! Be thankful!

- Charles Cash, via *Lifelines*, Bella Vista Church of Christ, Bella Vista, AR

Don't forget to remember.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To Charlie Delong, Jr. and Mindy Lamp who were married here a week ago. Best wishes to them.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Today following the morning service to honor Jeremy & Karen Main who will be moving to Coraopolis, Pa on Saturday, Aug. 22nd to begin their new work there. Their new address is: 1636 State Ave., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Phone: 412-262-1611. We wish them God's richest blessings!

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All of the ladies are invited to participate in this activity to make bears for children.

PANTRY ITEM: Oatmeal.

LECTURESHIPS:

- Ohio Valley ----- Fairmont, WV ----- Aug. 21-23
- North Central Ohio ----- Lorain, OH ----- Aug. 23-26
- West Virginia Christian ----- Pennsboro, WV ----- Sept. 13-16

MEETING:

- McKinleyville ----- Aug. 30-Sept. 2 ----- Different Speakers
- Daybrook ----- Sept. 6-11 ----- F. Higginbotham
- East Liverpool ----- Sept. 13-16 ----- Winford Claiborne
- CHESTER ----- Sept. 20-24 ----- Brent Gallagher**
- Bridgeport ----- Sept. 27-30 ----- F. Higginbotham

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS: City Hospital: Carl Miller. At Home: Rich Robinson, Marie Jones, Crystal Baker, Herb & Beulah Rice, Docie Moore, Jack Board, Betty Carlin, Ruth Brewer, Harry & Imogene Nice. In Georgia: Melvin Sprout. **Check the bulletin board for others who are shut in.**

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

The New is in the Old concealed, the Old is in the New revealed;
The New is in the Old enfolded, the Old is in the New unfolded;
The New is in the Old contained, the Old is in the New retained

Moments With God

Happy moments, **praise** God.
Difficult moments, **seek** God.
Quiet moments, **worship** God.
Painful moments, **trust** God.
Every moment, **thank** God.

- Pulpit Helps -