

From Here To Eternity!

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"There's a Great Day Coming" are the words to a familiar and favorite song. Christ's return is a reality; it is neither some riddle to be solved nor a code to be broken, but it is a day to be anticipated. However, when that day will occur remains a mystery to all except God (Matthew 24:36). Therefore, it should not be when that day will come that concerns us the most but how we live until that day arrives. Peter taught how we should live from here to eternity - "in holy conduct and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11 NKJV).

We should live Christ-like lives. Christ is our example (1 Peter 2:21). We should consider His "steps" (1 Peter 2:21), His "mind" (Philippians 2:5), and His deeds (Acts 10:38). Jesus' life and teaching were in perfect harmony. He cared enough to die, loved unconditionally and did the Father's will. We will walk in the paths of righteousness by living like Christ.

We should strive to save our families. One man said, "I've gone the world over saving souls and lost my son." Noah was a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), and yet, he saved only his wife, three sons and three daughters-in-law (1 Peter 3:20). Joshua was a busy leader, but he said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). The world needs more fathers like Noah and Joshua (Genesis 18:19; Ephesians 6:4).

We should be supremely committed to the Church of Christ. Brethren, never be ashamed of the "Church of Christ!" It is the Church of the New Testament. Christ died for it (Acts 20:28) and He reigns over it (1 Corinthians 15:25). When He returns, it will be delivered unto God (1 Corinthians 15:24).

We should strive for unity, peace and harmony within the Church. Ephesians 4:1-6 details the dispositions and doctrines for Christian unity. The pulse of the Church must beat in unison. With the Bible as our guide in faith and practice, we should never allow false doctrine, opinion or supposition to lead the church into error, liberalism or legalism. Let's stand four-square on the Bible, not swaying to the left or to the right (Acts 5:29)!

We should live so that our names are always in the Book of Life. Right now in Heaven, there is a Book of Life. Moses was aware of this book (Exodus 32:32) and so was Paul (Philippians 4:3). Jesus told the disciples, "Rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). The names of the redeemed are in the Book of Life. Is your name in that book right now? One's name is placed there when he or she becomes a Christian. A person's name remains there by living a faithful life. When the Book of Life is opened (Revelation 20:11-15), will your name be there? The most important thing in life is having one's name written in Heaven!

Life is short, death is sure, sin is the cause, but Christ is the cure! May we live for Christ all the days of our lives - from here to eternity!

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So live here that you can live eternally with God.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the Leslie family at the recent passing of **David Ulbright** (Tracey Leslie's brother-in-law). God bless and comfort this family.

COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY about noon at the Fellowship Building. Our **early afternoon service will follow at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Sharon Sprout is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery this **Tuesday, Oct. 8th** at Southwoods in Boardman.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled until further notice.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Open to all.

FALL CAMP: Next Friday, Oct. 11th, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7:30 a.m. Grades 7th - 12th, Columbiana Church of Christ. **Free. Pre-registration needed.** Additional details on the bulletin board.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Oct. 12th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana Church of Christ.

WEDDING RECEPTION: for Montgomery & Jaydn, **Saturday, Oct. 19th, Noon - 2:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship Bldg. Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

BABY SHOWER: for Sarah Hill, **Sunday, Oct. 20th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship Building. Sarah is expecting twin girls. Additional details on the bulletin board or contact Tammy West.

PANTRY: Corn muffin mix.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: David Michael (brother of Ed), and **Kim Cox** in a Cleveland hospital (Noah Toomey's grandfather).

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Scharlotte Jones (stroke). **Beaver Medical Center:** Bob McMahan. **At Home:** Mae McMahan, John Sprout, Becky McKitrick, Lois Hissom, Dean Spencer, Harry Huff, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox-Chester:** Audrey Geer, Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere: Carolyn Carbone**, 103 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

Gospel Meetings

Bridge St., New Martinsville Oct. 6- 9 J. D. Conley
 Hanoverton Oct. 13-17 Terry Jones
 Weirton Heights Oct. 13-18 Andy Robison
 Lake Milton, OH Oct. 18-20 Ed Melott & David Deagel
 WVSOP Lectures, Moundsville Oct. 20-24 Different Speakers
 Lubeck, Washington, WV Oct. 21-24 Glenn Colley
 CHESTER Nov. 3- 7 Hiram Kemp

(Additional details on the Bulletin Board)

A.S.A.P.
Always Say A Prayer.