



Faith Christian Assembly

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I'm sure we all would agree that time - it does fly! I've heard people say this all my life, but it has become even more of a reality to me of late. I've been receiving mail notices alerting me to the fun fact that I need to apply for Medicare in October. My mind keeps telling me that this cannot possibly be right, but alas it is.

J.R.R. Tolkien has a great quote about time: "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

The other day in a favorite J.R. Miller devotional of mine I read, "Oh the fair, blessed possibilities of the days and hours

and minutes as they come to us from God's hands! But what did you do with yesterday? How does the little acre of that one day look to you now?

What are we doing with our time? Every moment God gives us has in it a possibility of beauty as well as something to be accounted for. Are we using our time for God?"

The best way we can answer this question is to soberly and prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead us each day in His ways and in light of God's Word.

So, what do the Scriptures have to say about time? I'm glad you asked,

because God's Word is full of wise counsel concerning how we should spend the days God has blessed us with. I find myself often referring back to the following verses in Ephesians 5. If we want to use the days God has given to us as an offering of worship to Him, we would do well to pay careful attention to this...

Ephesians 5:16, NKJV
"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." ~ Continued page 2

Victory Ahead *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

God wants us to experience VICTORY in our daily life. He trains us to be strong by defeating giants! Anything that "intimidates" us can be a giant. It can appear suddenly or threaten us for years. We either face it, and become stronger, or back away and not move forward. Giants can be spiritual, emotional, or even wrong attitudes. We must trust in God's ability to defeat them...NOT in ours.

I Samuel:17 says David protected his sheep, by using

stones in a slingshot to kill a lion and bear. When facing the giant Goliath, he chose five smooth stones as his weapon. Perhaps he thought, "He is so big that I can't miss him. I will just keep slinging stones until he is defeated." Whatever his reason, David chose to use the weapon that always worked before. God's Word is our BEST weapon. Choose your "stones" to hurl at the giants and declare "by faith, I see the victory ahead"!

Good Slinging-Stones:

Luke 1:37, For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Phil. 4:13, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

II Timothy 1:7, For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Exodus 15:26 I am the God that healeth thee.

PLUS.....Psalm 91:10-11, and Psalm 103:1-5

~ Earlene

Thou Shalt Not Kill Time! *continued from page 1*

"Circumspectly" is not a word we hear very often today. It means "looking around" or "being cautious." In a biblical context, it refers to living with careful consideration, wisdom, and prudence, especially in one's walk with God. The concept is closely associated with living a life that is pleasing to God, marked

by vigilance and moral integrity.

In the early church, the call to live circumspectly was particularly relevant as believers faced persecution and moral challenges from the surrounding pagan culture. The exhortation to walk wisely was a reminder to remain steadfast in faith

and to be a light in a dark world.

The same is true for us as we face the current culture...

Colossians 4:5, NKJV

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

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October Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

October 5 — Communion Service

MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Church Office Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Please call for appointment



WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study: 11:00am

October 1—The Cornells in concert

October 22 —Nutrition for Gut Health with Jacqueline Atwood, R.D.

THURSDAYS

October 16—1:00pm

Men's Ministry and Touch of Love Women's Ministry meeting

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

please call for appointment

Thou Shalt Not Kill Time! *continued from page 2*

In 1674 Thomas Ken composed three hymns: one for morning, one for evening, and one for midnight. Each hymn ended with the same verse—the verse we now know as the Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The hymns are wonderful reminders to think of God through the day, to begin and end the day with prayer, and to be ever ready for the day of His coming.

~Pastor Sheri

Morning Hymn

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

Thy daily stage of duty run;

Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise

To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Evening Hymn

All praise to Thee, my God, this night,

For all the blessings of the light;

Keep me, O Keep me, King of kings,

Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Midnight Hymn

May I always ready stand,

With my Lamp burning in my hand,

May I in sight of Heaven rejoice,

When e'er I hear the Bridegroom's voice



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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ October 1, 2025

Fall has come! October is here! Let us never forget that we serve "The Lord of the harvest!" This is the season we can enjoy the beautiful colors and give thanks to our Creator God, who could have made everything in gray, but He gave us such beauty to enjoy! Thank you, Lord!

Join us as we start October off with a beautiful concert! Wednesday, October 1 at 11am we are thrilled to have the Cornell's back with us. If you love beautiful harmonies, and hearts that love to proclaim Jesus, you won't want to miss this

concert! Invite a friend - you will be blessed!

Please join us for Bible Study every Wednesday @ 11am. God's Word shows us His plan for the way we should walk around this world as He draws others to Himself. Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away."

I am excited to be speaking at two break-out sessions for Grace OC's Women's Retreat, October 10-11. It is an honor to teach others on a topic I am passionate about, "How to Study the Word of God." Thank you for

keeping this retreat in prayer.

Please take a close look at the FCA Calendar in this issue to keep you aware of all that is going on.

We invite you to join us this first Sunday in October at our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This is the time to partake together, and, in this way, we obey Jesus' command to, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

*Looking forward to Sunday,
Pastor Sheri & Gary
Leming*