



The Caller

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Be Our Guest...

For Vacation Bible School

When: Saturday, June 5, 2010

Where: Elizabethtown Church of Christ
1211 North Dixie

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
****Cookout/Picnic to follow...
Food Provided!!****

Theme: *Jungle Journey —
“Exploring the Nature of God”*

*“You are great, O Lord GOD. For
there is none like You, nor is there
any God besides You.”
2 Samuel 7:22*



For More Information or to Pre-register
please call 270-765-6446

What is Your Life?

Without the biblical context of James chapter four, one might wonder exactly where I am going with this article. Even from a biblical perspective from other Bible writers the question could be answered a little differently. The book of Genesis could reveal to us our life is a gift from Almighty God (Genesis 2:7). The book of Ecclesiastes would reveal that our life should be about “fearing God and keeping His commandments” (Ecc. 12:13). Even Jesus indicated much regarding the value of our life/soul (Mark 8:36). The focus of this article though is James’ thought regarding our lives. James writes a very sobering thought—our life is but a vapor that appears for a short time and then vanishes away (4:14).

It is not surprising at all to me though that James’ statement fits perfectly the other biblical teaching regarding our lives. We need to realize our lives are a gift from God and as such realize how little time we actually have to serve Him and others. We need to realize that our life is about fearing Him and keeping His commandments; this needs to be the most serious pursuit as we are not guaranteed any amount of time here upon the Earth (we could die or the Lord could return at any moment). We need to realize as well the value of our life/soul as we approach the decisions we make in life. James’ statement, though thought by some to be totally independent even of chapter four, is not only tied at least in part to chapter four and worldliness, but is also tied to the rest of God’s message revealed throughout Scripture.

James chapter four addresses the subject of worldliness. Verses 1-3 address the cause of conflict—selfishness. Verses 4-6 address the result of conflict—friend of the world/enemy of God. Verses 7-10 provide the remedy for conflict that leads to enmity with God—humble yourself and submit to God. In verses 13-17, James continues his warning to those who possess a worldly mind in another area—an arrogant self sufficient attitude of planning daily life without regard for God.

Before we dismiss this article as not applicable to ourselves and move on to something else in the bulletin, let us seriously consider some thoughts regarding James’ message. Have we ever been guilty of expressing our need for God in public worship settings and then disregard God in the restless pursuits of daily life? Though James employs the motif of tradesmen to illustrate his point, his rebuke is intended for all Christians who are guilty of self willed independence of God as they go about their everyday lives.

Consider the serious nature of what James has to say. The original language in verse 13 has James saying, “Now listen.” I could probably better convey the original with an exclamation point! “Listen” (*age*) is an imperative (command form) and is enhanced by the addition of the adverb “now” (*nun*). Though the expression is common in secular Greek writings, it is only used in Scripture in this place and in James 5:1. James the Lord’s brother has something important to say—one commentator says James uses “the signal for an attack.”

In verse 14 James conveys the absurdity of the position these people hold; though they are among a class of beings who do not know the future, they act as if they do. They held Proverbs 27:1 in total contempt. Their planning with total disregard for life was the root of worldliness.

But more importantly to our study, they also were living not recognizing the uncertainty of human life. What is your life? James warns that they do not even know what will occur on the morrow, and as some have noted is probably indicated even more strongly, “they do not even know if there will be a tomorrow” for them, or anyone else. The word “what” (*poia*) is used to call attention to the precarious nature of our lives. James enhances the application to the reader by saying “you are” (this calls attention by the reader to themselves for application). He continues to show just how our lives are like vapors—just as vapor is expected to appear and understood to remain visible for only a short time (think breath on a cold winter day), then is something that is “sure” to follow—that breath will disappear (Heb. 9:27). One way or another, our life here upon the Earth will have a sure end; either death or the Lord’s return is certain.

Truly as we might say in the English language, our *life appears* and then *disappears*. We are provided no guarantees. Death is no respecter of persons—it takes young and old alike. The question we need to ask ourselves is, “Are we living our lives with consideration of God and His will?” A sobering thought but one that could not be more important to consider in view of not this life, but eternity!

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, Ky.

News and Notes

LAWRENCE WELLS had an outpatient procedure last week to replace his pacemaker. **DAN MARCUM** is scheduled for outpatient surgery at Jewish Hospital in Louisville Thursday.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	J Martin
Carl & Delsie Axton	Carl Mercer
Barry Barclay	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Rosa Lee Norman
Faye Guess	Pansy Sells
Dorothy Hawkins	Grace Speer
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Ruby Keister	Lonnie Underwood
Ashlee Leister	John & Dorothea Weaver
Diane Lewis	Jim White

Remember the following military personnel:

Afghanistan—Kelly Leverett, Travis Clonch
Iraq—Drew McAlpin
Fort Knox—Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, A. J. Anderson, Roni Reed
Others—Robert E. Wooten, Korry Leverett, Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Aaron Wellman, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack, Tim Gil

Additional Prayer List: John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, George Briggs, Roy Buckles, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Elizabeth Cooper, Tyler Dile, Lindsey Dyer, Jim & Peggy Fryer, Brenda Gaddie, Royce Goodman, Peggy Hagler, Ginell Harris, Betty Jabrocki, John Kavanaugh, Ricky Mann, Sherry Marcum, Steven Martin, Gayle Massey, Terri McDonald, Kathy McNutt, Anne Miller, Bobby Montgomery, Debra Morgan, Hailey Nontell (MI), Joe Pawley, Penny Pirtle, Joe & Patsy Richter, Larry Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Terri Thompson, Juanita Tillery, Tanya Waters, Kevin Weaver, Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 6/06/10

pork'n'beans

Summer News

Ladies Bible Class and Tuesday lunches will not be held during the months of June and July but will resume in August.

Thank You

To my church family,
 Thank you for your prayers, visits, calls and cards these last several months. Your encouragement has helped me through a very trying time. I am still having difficulty writing and making phone calls. Again, I appreciate so much your thoughts and prayers.

Rosa Lee Norman

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, Saturday, **June 5**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a picnic in the South Wing following VBS. Theme: Jungle Journey — Exploring the Nature of God.
- **MANDATORY CAMP STAFF MEETING**, Saturday, **June 5**, at 4:00 p.m. CDT. The bus will leave the building at 3:00 p.m. See Jason or Carrie White if any questions.
- **K-5th GRADE BIBLE BOWL MEETING**, Sunday morning, **June 6**, in Room 10 for the parents and children participating in this year's Bible Bowl.
- **WELCOME GET-TOGETHER** for Daniel & Asia Capshaw, Sunday night, **June 6**, in the South Wing. Please bring finger foods and desserts.
- **DIANA SINGING**, **June 11-12**, in Tennessee
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **June 14**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **June 27**, at 3:00 p.m.

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE MAY 2010

Food Center	182
Clothing Center	82

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE MAY 2010

Courses graded	290
New enrollees	56

OUR RECORD FOR

May 30, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	142
Sunday Morning Assembly	214
Sunday Evening Assembly	115
Wednesday Bible Study	127
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,888)	\$6,220

Elder/Coordinator for June
Rick Whobrey

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Who said: "What I have written I have written"?

Last Week's Bible Question: Who was called "a chosen vessel?" The correct answer is Saul of Tarsus, Acts 9:15. Those who correctly answered the question are: Mary Walker, Lorene Harris, Edna Ashlock, Jean Smith, Joyce Pack, Bloria Taylor, Rick Eiler, Wilma Stull, and Nadine Fulkerson

Please write down your answer and put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to chofchrist@windstream.net by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule
 June 7 — Job 21-23
 June 8 — Job 24-28
 June 9 — Job 29-31
 June 10 — Job 32-34
 June 11 — Job 35-37
 June 12 — Job 38-39
 June 13 — Job 40-42

June 5 — Vacation Bible School
 June 5 — Mandatory Camp Staff Meeting
 June 6 — Bible Bowl Meeting
 June 6 — Welcome Get-together/Capshaws
 June 11-12 — Diana Singing, TN
 June 13-18 — Taylor Christian Camp
 June 14 — Church Workers Workshop
 June 27 — Singing at Atria

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