



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship*

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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## What My Broken Clock Taught Me About Time

*Written by Steve Ridgell*

*It was the most productive hour of the whole week -- maybe the whole month. I happened to look at the clock at about 10 in the morning. I got busy answering emails, returning phone calls, doing some writing, and even outlined part of a sermon. When I next looked at the clock, it was only 10:15. I was amazed and thrilled at how much I had accomplished in such a short time. Then I looked at my watch. It said 12:15. The clock on the wall had stopped. Then I decided I really had not accomplished near as much as I should have. I did the same amount of work; it was just my perception of time that changed my outlook.*

*My grandfather only knew three times on the farm. Sun-up: time to go to work; Sun straight overhead: time to eat; and Sun-down: time to quit working. He really didn't even need a watch. But someone who gets paid an hourly wage has a much different perspective. We worry about too much time on our hands.*

*We even speak of life in terms of time. We refer to people who live a long time. Or we wonder how much time we have left. We plan how long we must work before we can retire. We want more hours in the day and years in our life.*

*We mark time, measure time, and calculate time. But we cannot make time. Nor can we determine how much time we have. So maybe it really is about what we do with time and not about how we try to quantify time.*

*How much time do I have left in this life? I don't know. How long can I be productive and active? I don't know. What do I know about time then? I know that I want the time I do have to be filled with the things that will matter when time is no more. I have found that purpose in Jesus.*

The previous article written by Steve Ridgell reminds us of the value of time and encourages us to use it effectively. I think we will all agree that our world revolves around time. I too want to encourage you to use your time wisely and invite someone to study the scriptures with you and/or invite them to our weekly services. Plant the spiritual seed of the Word in the heart of a precious soul before the month of August. Let us follow the pattern put forth by the apostle Paul. *(1 Cor. 3:6) I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.* You plant, let the pulpit message water, and God will give the increase. Spend some time this week sharing the gospel. ~ Larry

## Greener Grass on the Other Side

Once I was driving down a country road and noticed an amazing thing. I saw several cows that were out of the pasture and in the ditch alongside the road. Now the fact that the cows were out was not what was amazing because that is a common occurrence. But the thing that was amazing was that one of the cows was along the ditch, outside the fence, with its head through the fence eating grass back in its pasture. I thought about the saying, “the grass is greener on the other side of the fence” must be true regardless of which side you are standing.

We can learn a lot by observing the behavior of animals. For instance, if one goat finds a place to shimmy under the fence, then all the others will follow behind it. People are often like that. If someone is willing to lead, then many others will follow. We tend to be content to let someone else make decisions for us and tell us what to do. While this might be all right in some things, it’s a very serious and dangerous thing in the realm of religion. When your soul’s destiny is at stake, it’s important that you know what the Lord expects you to do to be saved and not rely on what someone else tells you that you need to do. Take what the Apostle Paul writes to Christians. *(Phil. 2:12 KJV) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.* Peter echoed the same thought on the day of Pentecost. *(Acts 2:40 KJV) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.* There is an individual responsibility.

Another thing we can learn by observing animals is that they are often discontented. They always seem to want what they can’t have. Now this too describes many people. You see a husband work two or three jobs trying to keep up with the latest gadgets. He is not content with what he has but insists on having more. This drive most often leads a person down the road to sorrow and heartache.

There is a difference between contentment and satisfaction. A person can be dissatisfied with his lot in life and want to make things better. He peruses some educational field to better prepare himself for an improved standard of living. Yet all along the journey of improvement, while unsatisfied, he can be content. Contentment means he is not bitter in his situation, he does not blame God for his circumstances, nor does he complain. He has learned to be content regardless what may befall him. This is what Paul has in mind in Philippians 4. *(Phil. 4:11 KJV) Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*

If you were a cow, I’d say, “Learn to content with your own grass and don’t think the grass is greener on the other side of the fence.” Larry

## **Family News**

- **Bill Money** will be having hernia surgery in the near future.
- **Frank Caldwell** is scheduled for a heart procedure on Tuesday.
- **Bob Girton**, a former member at Blodgett, had a seizure last Monday which they think was a mini-stroke. He is now back at home.
- **Peggy Hatfield**, a cousin to Jean Martin and friend to many at Blodgett, sustained head injuries from a recent fall.
- Our condolences to **Bill Money** on the death of his cousin, John Watson.
- **John David Wright**, long time preacher, passed away last week. His funeral service was yesterday in Talco.
- A men’s business meeting is scheduled for tonight after evening services.
- We are to host the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House on Aug. 11 at 2:00 p.m.
- HRR pantry item for July is Kool-Aid or assorted fruit drinks.

## *Youth Activities:*

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| July 15 | SYS at Greer Blvd., Pittsburg. Van leaves at 6:30 p.m. |
| July 22 | SYS at Mt. Vernon. Van leaves at 6:30 p.m.             |
| Aug. 5  | SYS at Oak Grove (coincides with their gospel meeting) |

There is an ancient story about a botanist who was studying the Heather Bell flowers found in the highlands of Scotland. While looking through his microscope at this beautiful flower, he was approached by a shepherd who asked what he was doing. Rather than trying to explain, the botanist invited the shepherd to peer through his microscope and observe for himself. When the shepherd saw the wonder of the flower, he exclaimed, “*My, and I have been tramping on them all my life!*” Is that the word of warning we need? Wake up. Pay attention. Look around you. You may be tramping on the work of God or the heart of someone nearby without giving it much thought.

**The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.**