



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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2 Corinthians 6:2 “for He says, ‘At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.’ Behold, now is the ‘acceptable time,’ behold, now is the day of salvation.”

We have come to the final day of this year. There will never be another A.D. 2025. As we open new calendars, we begin filling them with plans—vacations, appointments, and commitments yet to be lived. Was this year a good one? Was it difficult? What lessons has the past year taught us?

Along the way, we have met new faces, and with tears we have said goodbye to loved ones who have met their appointed time. We have walked through triumphs and tragedies, blessings and trials, beginnings, and endings. Through it all, time has continued its steady march.

In Scripture, the word time appears more than 700 times. As Paul was discussing righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come with the ruler Felix, he became frightened and responded, “Go away for now, and when I have an opportunity, I will summon you.” Is this how we will be in 2026?

Have you ever paused to consider what it means for time to be no more? There is an old hymn by James Black that begins, “When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more...” You and I have never known a moment when time stopped. Time governs our lives—we hurry to avoid being late and rush from one place to another. Yet beneath it all, we know this truth: our time is limited.

The time we are given is a gift from God. Each day comes from His hand, precious and unrepeatable—once it is gone, it cannot be reclaimed.

When time is no more... Let’s give this some thought much of life is spent moving on—leaving one thing for the next, life is measured by time.

But when time is no more, there will be no rushing and no next destination. For the first time, we will truly arrive—finally in the place where we belong.

Then we will see clearly what truly mattered. Here, life is crowded with work, schedules, and endless busyness. But in eternity, only our walk with the Lord will matter. Did we help others see Him? The things that once consumed us will all fade away.

The end of time also means God's plan is complete. All will be gathered. The books will be opened. Judgment will follow. We will finally understand that with the Lord, time has no measure. "Ten thousand years" will be beyond our understanding. One day, we will be where time no longer exists at all. As we begin a new year, we do not know what lies ahead—but we know this: faith makes all the difference. [submitted by Janice Casey]

Lesson From Dewy

We once had a pet cat named Dewy, and like all of our pets, he was spoiled. Sadly, Dewy had an incurable illness and was put to sleep, but his memory lingers. As I think about him, I remember a trait he had that would be good for us – that trait is vigilance.

Dewy was an outside/inside cat. Most of the time, he was outside, but then there was a time he wanted to come inside for a period of rest, refilling his stomach, and to quench his thirst. After doing that, he will be ready to go back outside. What I noticed was regardless how anxious he was to go outside, he always stopped in the doorway and looked in all directions for any possible dangers (like dogs) that might be waiting for him. Sometimes he watched for as long as a minute or more before cautiously easing outside.

That reminded me of what Peter through inspiration tells us about our spiritual foe – the devil. *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 1Peter 5:8.* Note that we are instructed (not suggested) to be vigilant because of the danger of our adversary. Dewy was very watchful and careful by nature. We need to be likewise by choice.

A second thing I noticed about Dewy's vigilance was when he drank water. Some of the time we would pamper Dewy. He would drink out of a water bowl but preferred the bathroom sink. He would jump up on the counter and wait for the plug to stop-up the drain and fill the bottom of the sink with water. Now by comparison, this is a much deeper container than the water bowl, so he drank with caution. Again he looked around and then gently and slowly eases down to the water. Then he would touch the water with his paw and quickly look up to make sure it is safe before going back down for a drink. He repeated this process over and over until he had all the water he wanted. Again the lesson learned is to be vigilant; be careful; be alert.

This reminds me of the time God instructed Gideon on selecting men for his army to fight against their enemy (see Judges 7:5-6). One of the ways to reduce the men down to the right amount was to watch them drink water from the river. If they lowered themselves down to the water and lapped the water like a dog, they were cut. If the picked up the water in the cup of their hand to drink, they were kept.

What was the difference? When you lowered yourself down to the water's edge to drink, you were unaware of your surroundings and vulnerable to a surprise attack; you were careless. On the other hand, if you picked up the water in the cup of your hand, your eyes could still see all around while you drink. You were more cautious and alert.

This was the type of person God wanted in his army with Gideon, and it's the kind of person God wants in His army today. If Dewy were a person, the Lord would be pleased with him. Let us learn a lesson from Dewy the cat. ~ Larry

Family News

- **ean Martin** had a port inserted last week and will be receiving cancer treatments soon.
- **Pat & Robert Slone's** granddaughter has "walking pneumonia."
- **Dwayne Porter** had a very powerful devotional last Wednesday evening on the subject "I'm Working On It." In his message, he asked for the prayers of the church to help him incorporate some of the more difficult characteristics of Christian living.
- Our Bible Bowl team will practice tomorrow evening at 6:30.
- There will be NO covered dish luncheon today.
- There will be a "youth training session" next Sunday evening at 5:00 pm. We ask that all of our youth attend this session.

PRAYER LIST:

Vicki Dodson, Mark Sharpin, Lisa Fields, Robert Ballard, Clem Williams, and Debbie Reynolds, Nina Wharton

Many Special Memories Are Made Around The Dinner Table

UPS and DOWNS

As a Christian, your life will be filled with peaks and valleys – ups and downs. We see this in the life of Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. When the angel told Joseph it was proper for him to take Mary for his wife because she carried a divine child, I feel certain that Joseph was excited, and most fathers are. Then the child was born and again Joseph and Mary were lofting in the peaks of life. However, it wasn't long until the decree came that all infant boys were to be killed.

The angel, when he announced to Joseph the birth of Jesus, didn't tell Joseph what was in store for him as provider for the child. Little did Joseph know that the king would try to kill the child. But when the dreadful attempt came, he played the role of any normal father by moving his family to safety even though that place was a foreign country.

We can learn much from Joseph. Just as he entered a great adventure when he married Jesus' mother, so we enter a great adventure when we become a Christian. Just as Joseph experienced joy and anguish as Jesus' earthly father, so our relationship with Christ may have "ups and downs." God doesn't lead all Christians into foreign countries but every Christian who would draw closer to God faces problems. God promises to care for His people today just as he cared for Joseph's family centuries ago. It is so great to be a Christian and know we are never alone when problems arise.

(1 Peter 5:7) Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.