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#### *Time of Services:*

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

*Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class*

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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### **"Life Happens Fast!"**

Watch closely. Pay attention. Slow down. Take time. Life comes at us full force from the first breath and does not slow down until the last. There is no time to waste.

Scripture calls it "a vapor" ([James 4:13-14](#)). Paul said, "Make the most of every opportunity" ([Eph. 5:15-16](#)). Jesus offers in "abundance" ([John 10:10](#)). How many reminders do we need for us to get the message? "Life happens fast!"

Pull out your box of photos, or photo album, or pull up your photos on your computer, and you will be amazed how quickly life has happened. "Where did that little girl go?" "How did he grow up so fast?" "Wow! He looks old!"

Watch the news: Another horrific tornado where lives were lost and property was destroyed in seconds; a plane goes down; an automobile accident on the Interstate; a shooting in the city; a murder in one of the wealthiest neighborhoods; a heart attack took the life of a young husband and father. "Life happens fast!" It comes so quickly that about the time we get comfortable in one phase of life, we move into a different phase. We start feeling good being single, and suddenly we are talking marriage. Then we work and work at being the best husband or the best wife, and then here comes children. We feel like we get the parenting thing figured out, then we are empty nesters, and before long we are grandparents.

With life coming (and going) so quickly, how do we manage it? Here are a few things to remember.

Live today, not tomorrow or yesterday. Spend too much time looking ahead or behind and you will miss what is happening in the present. Jesus said, "Take no thought in tomorrow." Paul said, "Forgetting what is behind I

press on."

Slow down. Try to eliminate hurry from your life. If you have small children, try not to say "Hurry up!" too many times. When you get on the freeway, drive the speed limit. If you are walking and see something worth looking at, stop and look at it. Remind yourself that you have all the time you need to do what God wants us to do.

Enjoy the moment. When you work, work hard. When you rest, rest. When you are with friends, shut your phone off and be with your friends. When you are with your spouse, really be with him/her. When you are with your children, be with them. "Life happens fast!" Yet it does not have to overwhelm us. We do not have to miss it. We can enjoy it. God has given us life and life abundantly. We have the tools to live it at His pace and in His time and like He wants us to.

This week I hope you can receive the life God has planned for you and enjoy it to the fullest and not just at it's fastest! *Written by Tom Norvell*

### "It's an Odd Bank!"

I once read the following written by my Russell McLaughlin and wanted to share it.

*What if you had a bank that credited your account with \$86,400 each morning? You may be answering, "That's about the right amount for my weekly bills!"*

*But there's a catch. If you don't spend the money that day, no balance is carried over to the next day! So what you don't spend that day is gone tomorrow.*

*So what would you do with a bank account like that? Obviously you would rush to the bank each morning and draw out every last cent so that you would lose none of it.*

*Well, do I have a surprise for you. You do have a bank like that. It's the **TIME NATIONAL BANK**. Each and every morning of the world, it credits your life account with 86,400 seconds. And at closing time each day, there is no balance left. It has all been spent. If you invested your time well, that's good. If you wasted it, it's still the same result. All the time is gone. So make up your mind. You got a time deposit when you woke up this morning. It will all be gone in the dew of tomorrow morning.*

The book of James gives us some insight about time. **James 4:14** *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.* Time is here and then it's gone. Let's use our time on earth wisely. Each day we have 86,400 seconds. How will you spend today? ~Larry

## Family News

- We extend our condolences to **Debbie Reynolds** and family in the death of Tom. His funeral was yesterday.
- **Sharon Fields** hopes to have another steroid shot to relieve some of her back pain while awaiting bone density tests.
- **Patti Lopez** continues to have some health problems.
- **Vicki Dodson** spent several days in TRMC following a fall. She is still traveling to Texarkana for medical tests.
- Kay Walsh's daughter, **Paige**, had surgery last week, and things went well.
- **Jerriann Hawks**, Robert and Pat Slone's daughter, had successful surgery last week.
- **Megan Chaline's** mother has been diagnosed with lupus.
- VBS begins tomorrow from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Wednesday night schedule will be adjusted to accommodate VBS.
- HRR pantry item is assorted disinfectant products.
- The men will meet next Sunday after the evening service to discuss the service time change.

## *The best vitamin for a Christian is B1*

### Johnny's Dust

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and the preacher greets the family. "Preacher," Johnny says, "I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did," he says.

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the preacher replies. "Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"