

AN APPOINTMENT TO KEEP

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Hebrews 9:27

How certain is it that Jesus will appear a second time? It is just as certain as death itself. To make that point the writer referred to a simple fact of life, "it is appointed for men to die once." In other words, we are all going to die. The only exceptions would be those who are alive at the time Christ returns (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

Death is certain. If we kept that truth ever before our eyes it would make a difference in a lot of ways. It would make a difference in the way we treat the people we love. It would make a difference in the way we viewed every new day and in the way we viewed service to God.

Christians ought to understand that death is never the worst thing that can happen to us. View death from God's vantage point. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones" (Psalm 116:15). View it from the vantage point of His faithful children. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on" (Revelation 14:13).

This past week one of God's faithful servants was called home. Sister Opal Jones was such a great example as a Christian. Her relationship to God was demonstrated in her life as a godly wife and mother. She will be missed by all who knew her. Our prayers go out to all of her family.

--Ron Harper--

Things I Wish... Teen/Young Adult Girls Knew

“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves...not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works...” 1 Timothy 2:9-10

As hopefully you can tell from the title, my article section for the next few weeks is going to be titled “Things I wish...” and then proceed to explore an area of the chosen topic. Today, I would like to address our young ladies. Here are some things I wish you knew:

1) You are beautiful! Today's society often objectifies our women into an item used only for the pleasure and fulfillment of men. We focus on outward beauty so much that we become hardened to what God truly sees. God chose David to be king because, even though he didn't look like anything special (like Saul did), God looks at the heart. Remember to keep your heart pure.

2) Social media is great, but don't forget people see that stuff. Okay, before we move on, I am writing this to myself as well. I love social media, and I am on it quite often. But sometimes what we think is a good idea actually turns out to be a terrible idea. Just think, “Would I want my Associate Minister to see this?” because I probably will. Remember who you are and whose you are. Let that show in your social media posts.

3) Act now how you want your daughter(s) to act in the future. For example, how would you feel if your thirteen-year-old daughter wore clothing that barely covered her body? Would you feel uncomfortable? You are the example for our younger girls now. If they see you doing it, they will want to do it. Remember number one: YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL! You don't need to reveal your body to show beauty. Do what Paul says in the verse above: adorn yourself with good works. As a young, single guy, trust me, that is way more attractive than revealing clothing.

I know this is a weird thing for a 23-year-old unmarried guy with no kids to talk about, but hopefully you can see that these are things I (and I think the Lord) wish girls knew. Solomon tells us “there is nothing new under the sun” and Paul was thinking the same thing about 2000 years ago. Actions speak louder than words. Let your actions speak for you.

Grace and Peace,
Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene Maddox, Selma Boyd, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson, Janneil Brown, Sue Reeves, the Hoover family, Lois Arnold, Nora Fann, Louise Smithson, Louise McKnight, Peggy Gilbert, Bessie Bowman, Willis Clark, Pam Jackson

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

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We have received donations to the Food Box Program in memory of **Bob Hoover** by the following:

***Janice Morrison**

***Bryan & Robin Vaughn**

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NEWS & NOTES

- We extend sympathy to the family of **Opal Jones**, she passed away on Wednesday, September 7th. Funeral service will be held today at Jennings and Ayers at 2 pm. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- **Men's Breakfast at IHOP** on Tuesday, September 13th at 8 am.
- **Ladies Class** – Wednesday, September 14th at 10 am.
- A **bridal Shower** in honor of **Jessica Jordan**, bride elect of John Wright, will be held on Sunday, September 25th from 2-4 pm at the church building. Jessica is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. John is the son of Russ and Bonnie Wright.
- If you are interested in playing in a **golf outing** on September 30th and October 1st please sign the list in the foyer. Questions? – see Robert McKnight or Keith Short.
- **Tennessee Children's Home** – the truck will be here in our area on Friday, September 30th. See Mike Bowman if you have any questions.
- Christmas boxes for students at the **Nicaragua Christian School** are due Friday, September 30th.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
 Morning Worship 9:00 am
 Bible Classes 10:15 am
 Evening Worship 5:30 pm

Wednesday
 Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May) 10:00 am
 Evening Bible Classes 6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
 Jim Hatfield
 Jon Holland
 Andy Mitchell
 Randall Phifer
 Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin Rick Corum
 Larry Benson Andy Melton
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 Craig Buckner Alan Pepper
 Joe Byars Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

September 4, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	232
	Bible classes	166
	PM worship	135
	Contribution	\$6,545.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	132
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather AM ladies class will be cancelled

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
 15 minutes prior to services!*

September 11

Robert & Mary Ann McKnight



September 18

Steve & Martha Hill