

657,450 Hours

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit." —Ephesians 5:15-18

If you live 75 years, that calculates out to 657,450, hours, including leap years. During my daily Bible reading and prayer times, one of the many thoughts that roll in the back of my mind is, am I wasting time and is this productive? My counter-thought is God gave me ALL of those 657,450 hours. They never belonged to me to start with. Each golden, unrepeatable hour of life is a gift from him. Every celebrity death reported in the news shocks us because of our feeling that some people will be around forever. They won't, we won't.

Christ's short 33 years resulted in a hugely disproportionate impact for good. I'm no Jesus, but I can see how he used his time. Put simply, he spent time with the Father, he spent time with people, and he knew God's word. That calls me to something greater than electronic screens, the recliner, the fridge, and more stuff.

Wouldn't it be interesting if we discovered in eternity, that every hour we spent in prayer, God just graciously tacked on to the end of our given life? Something similar may be happening when prayer prevents my walk on destructive paths, frees me from addictions, turns me from sins and mistakes that would take hours and days, even years to clean up. God's word steers me around traps, shines holy light on avoidable obstacles. He cures my blindness so I can see him, and so I can see people.

I cannot afford NOT to pray and open God's word. I just have to trust that any time I give to God is a blessing to me, not to him. He already has all the time in the world.

Mark

Trip to Play Performance: Our own *Carl Smith* is performing in the play "*Beauty and the Beast*" in the starring role as the "Prince/Beast". Tony Sr. is coordinating a group to see his performance Saturday, May 7th, 11am at St. Joe's Bluett Theater, 56th & Overbrook Ave., Philadelphia, PA. Cost is Adults \$14, Child \$12. Group of 15, tickets will be \$8 each. ***See Fay TODAY or call TODAY 856-456-6222.*** We need to order the tickets right away. We will order yours if you are on our list. We will meet there, and give you the tickets as you go inside. For directions go to _storybookmusical.org

"National Day of Prayer" is This Thursday, May 5th, at 12:00 Noon. In our Collingswood community, Christians are meeting for a brief 30-minute time of prayer at First Baptist Church, 23 Frazer Ave, in Collingswood, to pray for our nation.

Youth Group:

TODAY at Kenny's home 12:30pm.

See Nawana for details.

May 7th at Red Bank Park for Cinco-de-Mayo after party & games. See Nawana for details.

Remember Mother's Day is Next Sunday

Haircuts for Missions: is Saturday, May 14th.

We Will Be Serving Breakfast To The Homeless at "New Visions" May 16th. See Brenda.

Remember to Sign-Up: for Our Camp
Manatawny Church Retreat **May 20-22**

Cathedral Kitchen: We will be serving 3:30-5:30
on May 24th. See Vivian for details

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Bret Goen (Psalm 1:1-6)

Opening Prayer: Tim Jones

Lord's Supper: Jack Swinehart, Kevin Finn, Henry Duncan, Larry

Scripture Before Message: Ed Francoeur Jr. (Rev. 19:11-16)

Announcements & Prayer: Rick Boyle



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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain**
of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Nursery: Debbie & Layla Next Week- Jaela & Alexia

Green Cleaning Team: 4-7 Hardee Coordinates

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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Worship 125

Bible Class 69

Wed. PM.....

L.I.F.E. Groups

Contribution..... \$3,460

Budget Goal.....\$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 35

