

### NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– The Claridy and Marschall families, Leon Miller, Ken and Arlene Turner, Vivian Dillman, Tammy Sadler, Ronnie Henderson, Madge Hicks, Steph Marschall, Wayne Ryland, Shelly Chalmers, Ava Wharton, and Keri Rice’s mother (Diane Fields).
- ◇ Heather Capuana was out of town Wednesday, while Eric Stevens and Eddie Lawson were working.
- ◇ The Wisdom’s nephew (Jeremiah Crapps) is home and doing well.
- ◇ Please remember also our shut-ins:
- ◇ Group 1 meets tonight.

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

- Teen Bible Study will be held on the 22nd
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Singing (*Today*)
- 2nd Monday night of each month— Ladies’ Bible Class. (*Tomorrow night*)
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Class

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### Assignments

#### Wednesday Night: 3/13/13

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: Eric Stevens  
 Invitation: Jeremy Wharton  
 Announcements: Bob Marschall  
 Closing Prayer: Butch Morgan  
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

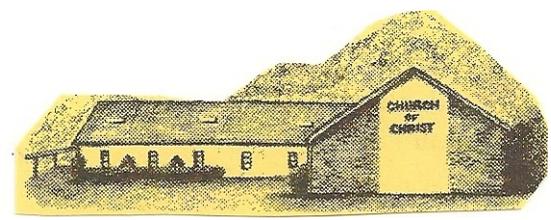
#### Sunday Morning: 3/17/13

Lord’s Table: Nick Groenhof (B)  
 Clay Sadler (C)  
 Serving: Ed Lawson  
 Jim Abram  
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler  
 Opening Prayer: Mike Sadler  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn  
 (9:50) David Williams

#### Sunday Evening: 3/17/13

Song Leader: Nick Ross  
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams  
 Lord’s Table: Nick Groenhof  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Keith Marschall  
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

*The Ladies’ Bible Class will meet on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Tammy Sadler at 7pm. Ruth Miller will be teaching “Deborah- A Wise and Courageous Mother”- pages 63-71. All ladies are invited to join us for this study.*



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<p><b><u>ELDERS</u></b>          Larry Hicks (863) 899-7405          Leon Miller (863) 640-6378</p>	<p><b><u>SERVICES</u></b>          Sunday          Bible Study 9:00 A.M.          Morning Services 9:50 A.M.          Evening Services 6:00 P.M.          Wednesday          Bible Study 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p><b><u>DEACONS:</u></b>          Robert Marschall          Michael Sadler          Eric Stevens          Moses Stevens          David Williams</p>
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### *“The Last Time”* By R.J. Evans

The wedding ceremony was about to begin. Everyone was nervous. The father of the bride was almost in tears as he was in deep thought with a question rushing through his mind. “I wonder when the last time was that I picked her up and held her as a little girl? If I would have realized it was the last time, I would have held her longer, tighter, and with more feelings.”

The last time. Those are serious words. The last day of college for a student. The last day of work for a retiree. The last letter from a soldier killed in battle. The last kiss for a widow. The last time!

Life is so brief and uncertain. We are reminded of the words of James: “For what is your life? It is even as a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (Jas. 4:15). So the next morning as you kiss your wife good-bye when you leave for work, kiss her as if it were your last kiss—because it could be. The next time you hug your children as they leave for school, hug them as if it were your last hug—because it could be.

What if we were to invest our energy into every day as if it were our last day? How would it be different from our normal routine? Many today are filling their days with too many useless, time-wasting activities. In our present culture, a great emphasis is being placed on recreation and entertainment. Yes, there are times for good, wholesome entertainment, and we do need some recreation, i.e., to be “re-created.” But in the process we must not lose sight of

what should be the most important ways to spend our time. The Apostle Paul tells us to “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16). Our Lord tells us to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matt. 6:33-34).

Today there may be opportunities which will never come again. Doors may be open today which may be shut tomorrow. Remember the warning given in Hebrews 3:7-8, 13: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts...but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” If you need to obey the gospel and become a Chris-

tian, do it now! If you need to repent and be restored to a right relationship with God, do it now! “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2).

There will be a last hug for all of us—a last worship service, a last sermon, a last singing of a favorite hymn, a last kiss, a last good-bye...the last time.

We close with a poem (by Robert

H. Smith):

The clock of life is wound but once

And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hand will stop,

At late or early hour.  
Now is the only time you own!

Live, love, toil with a will;  
Place no faith in tomorrow

For the hands may then be still.

