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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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## **TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY**

**Bible Classes\***

**10:00 AM**

**AM Worship**

**10:45 AM**

**PM Worship**

**6:30 PM**

## **Today's Sermons:**

*AM: Destruction of  
One's Faith*

*PM: The Jerusalem  
Church*

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feel free to ask.*

## **"I'm Too Busy For Church"**

*Jonathan Perz*

*via-The Charlottesville Beacon*

It is Sunday morning—time to assemble with the saints of our Lord. Believe it or not, for many, this is a moment of decision. There are so many things around the house calling your name—lawn mowing, repairing the thing-a-ma-jig, washing the car, etc. As all of these things flash through your mind, the Lord calls. You may actually find yourself asking, "Whose call do I heed?"

Do you decide on Sunday morning, or evening, or Wednesday evening, whether or not you are "going to church?" Do you find that chores around the house, fishing, hunting, watching sports, working, or other things, win out over the Lord? What a shameful predicament many place themselves in!

It is shameful because, some day, when the Lord returns again, you will have to explain to Him why you said, "I'm too busy for church." It is written, *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether*



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*good or bad*" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Though it is true that attending church is not the 'end all' of Christianity, it is nevertheless commanded (Hebrews 10:24-25). Any Christian who must ask himself at the appointed time if he is going to assemble with the saints needs to realize the dilapidated condition of his soul. For the convicted, faithful, zealous Christian, such an appointment is automatic! There is never a doubt, only the faithful fact that he will be there when the saints meet!

When one is too busy to go to church, what they really say is: "I'm too busy for my brethren" (Hebrews 10:24-25) and "I'm too busy for the Lord" (Ephesians 1:22-23; Matthew 25:40, 45). If one is too busy for these, he is too busy for heaven! The next time you find yourself thinking, "I'm too busy for church;" remember what that translates into—"I'm too busy for heaven!"

## *100 People*

*Ed Harrell*

*via-The Charlottesville Beacon*

In a recent book, historian Leo Braudy estimated that the average person in medieval society saw only about one hundred other people in the duration of his or her lifetime. That statement astonished me. When I ran it past two of my historian friends who teach courses on the middle ages, they gave me another tidbit. The average person during those centuries never journeyed more than ten miles from home.

These pieces of historical trivia pretty well destroy romantic notions of chivalry and courtly elegance. Throughout most of human history, life has been grim, provincial and short.

Think of the problems of living in such a society. How did you find someone to marry? Of the one hundred people encountered by the average person, half were probably kinsmen. Half of the remainder would be of the same sex, and no more than a quarter of the rest would be near your age. That leaves five or six girls for the average boy to choose from. What if they were all homely? Maybe you would have to marry your cousin, as people frequently did.

Thinking on the harshness of medieval life should cause us to reflect on modern opportunities. I know thousands of people, perhaps tens of thousands. In some hours of some days I encounter hundreds. The same is true of most modern people.

We live in the most mobile time in history. I can remember preaching to farmers in the rural churches of Middle Tennessee who had never left the county of their birth. But I have not had that experience lately. Most everyone has traveled to the next county, and the state beyond, and the state beyond that. Many have visited foreign nations.

Such thoughts highlight our opportunities and responsibilities. I remember thirty years ago going through Harold Dowdy's card file where he kept a hundred names all the time of people that he was trying to teach the gospel. And I know of churches today that are teaching several hundred people at a time through correspondence courses and home studies. It is possible today to be acquainted with Christians in many lands. In just a few hours, one can go places that would have taken weeks only a hundred years ago.

I have wondered lately what a medieval Christian would have thought when he read the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (**Mark 16:15**). In the profound personal confinement of the middle ages, could one even imagine the dimensions of that command?

Surely no generation in history has been better able to comprehend the Great Commis-

sion. "All the world" and "every creature" are a part of our consciousness. We know they are there, and, within certain limits, we have access to the world and its creatures. It is fitting that good men in our time show a growing concern about taking the gospel to other lands.

In some ways, however, our world is not so different from that of the middle ages. While we encounter thousands of people during our lives, we do not deeply influence many. One hundred might be a good number to keep in mind. If you come truly to know that many people, if you can share with them the things that you deeply believe, that probably will be a productive lifetime's work.

Technology, modern communications and transportation rightly set our minds to soaring about the contemporary potential to spread the good news. On the other hand, your life, like the lives of medieval people, is made up of a few years composed of twenty-four hour days. You will fill it up with one personal encounter after another. Live life wisely. Make those personal relations worth something. If you significantly touch one hundred lives, you will have done pretty well.

## *He Can Rebuild A Ruined Heart*

*Gary Henry  
via-WordPoints*

*"He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ... to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." — Isaiah 61:1-3*

As far as God is concerned, none of us is a hopeless case. If our hearts have been ruined by sin, He can rebuild them. And not

only *can* He do so, He *desires* to give us "beauty for ashes" and "the oil of joy for mourning." Yet we should not be naive. God's help is not unconditional, and it can't be enjoyed without commitment on our part. A renovated heart doesn't come from:

*Wishful thinking.* Whatever has gone wrong in our lives, it is possible to recover from our mistakes, but more is required than simple dreaming. An actual "conversion," or turning, must take place. The apostle Peter said, "*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*" (Acts 3:19). In the Scriptures, there are no "times of refreshing" without radical repentance.

*Faith only.* In the New Testament, we find a clear pattern with regard to conversion. Beginning with Pentecost (Acts 2:37-39) and continuing through each subsequent account of conversion (Acts 8:35-39; 16:14,15; etc.), those who had heard the gospel and were convicted of their sinfulness were told to be baptized in order to receive the remission of their sins. Paul, for example, was told by Ananias, "*And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord*" (Acts 22:16). If we want God to reconstruct our broken-down hearts, we must be on the inside of a forgiven relationship with Him, and in the New Testament, baptism was always the door through which that relationship had to be entered (Romans 6:3,4; Galatians 3:27).

Let us not miss the point, however. When we turn to God, faithfully obeying the gospel, what we're seeking salvation from is *the wreckage of our own hearts*. And the wonder of the gospel is that God can do this. He can rebuild a heart that we have wrecked.

***"O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruined, O repair it! It displeases your sight; I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, or to whom shall I cry but unto you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare your servant from strange sin."***

**Augustine of Hippo**

## Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Ezekiel 43:15-27
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Tim Henderson
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Blake Headen
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dan Marton

**Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.**

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Ezekiel 44:1-15
<b>Reader</b>	Terry Smith
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.

## Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Singing/Praying
<b>Invitation</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dave Harless

# News N Notes

**Please continue to remember these in your prayers:**

### Traveling: Alfred and Mary Jane Myers

## Recovering:

- Earl Miller
- Ann Rudolph
- Marie Roberts
- Phyllis Coen

### Prayer Requests:

- Zeda Goddard is in room 816 at Weirton Medical Center
  - Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother is in Weirton Medical Center
  - Betty Hunter
  - Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother.
  - Cary and Grace Lancaster
  - Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
  - Albert Miller, Earl Miller and Marie Robert's brother.
  - Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
  - Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
  - Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
  - Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
  - Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Special Note for**

**Business Meeting**  
**after Morning Worship**
- Send them a card—give them to know we are thinking of them.

If someone needs help, please call me.

## Don't forget our Shut-ins

**Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

### At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

### Special Note for the Men:

**Business Meeting next Sunday  
after Morning Worship Services**

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added  
to this list, please call:  
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