



LET'S VISIT

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WHAT, ME WORRY?

Growing up and coming of age in the 60's, reading Mad Magazine was almost a rite of passage. Alfred E. Neuman was the fictitious mascot and cover boy of this American humor magazine. He had a distinct smiling face, parted red hair, a gap-toothed smile, freckles, protruding ears and a scrawny body. His signature "catch phrase" was "What, me worry?"

Perhaps that same "catch phrase" would be appropriate for many of us in our day and time. With inflation at an all time high, with the high cost of gasoline, with the political unrest both domestically and internationally, it would seem that more people are worrying about what has not happened than at any period in the history of the world. Perhaps what we need to hear is to make a success of today and you need not worry about tomorrow.

Most of our worries are about tomorrow. We wonder if we will be able to make a living tomorrow. We wonder if we will be able to buy groceries tomorrow. This tends to cause us to forget that we are making a living today and we are able to buy groceries today. In fact, worry over tomorrow may cause us to cease to live as we should today so we can get ready for tomorrow. Jesus answered this question for us when he said, "*Be not anxious about the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*" (Matthew 6:34) In the verse before this he gave the true cure for such worry when he said; "But see, ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He was talking about such things as food, clothing and shelter. It would do us all good to read the sixth chapter of Matthew and read it often. No one will deny that life in our world

today is complicated, but the God who has brought us thus far can carry us on from here. Making a living and being able to put food on the table is only one of many worries that people have in our day.

We should be concerned about making a success of today. There will be no pleasure tomorrow in looking back on the failures of today. Most of us live between two parts of our lives which are constantly dealing us a lot of misery. We are afraid of the future and worry about it while we regret the past. Why should anyone be forced to regret the past? The answer is found in the fact the often we fail to realize the value of taking care of today. We often try to escape from the responsibilities of today by saying as Scarlet O' Hara did, "After all, tomorrow is another day". If we stop and think we will realize that if tomorrow does come, we cannot enjoy it unless we have made a success of the day before it. Anything that I might put off today by saying I will do it tomorrow, will either never be done, or else I will be forced to neglect something tomorrow so I can do what should have been done today. One thing we cannot do is cheat in the matter of time. Each day has the same amount of hours as the day before.

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
KSLA 12 - Shreveport - 11:00 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 373 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 83 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



He Is Risen

**For The Pantry. . .
March 31 – Sugar**

Offering – March 24, 2024. . . . \$1,923.00

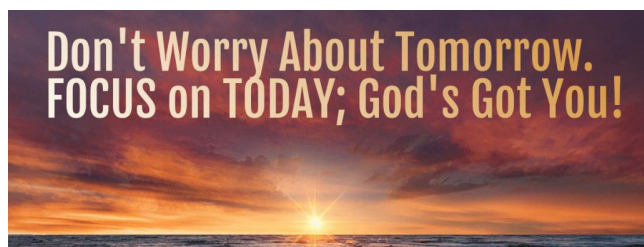
The Lord's plan of giving . . . "as ye have prospered"

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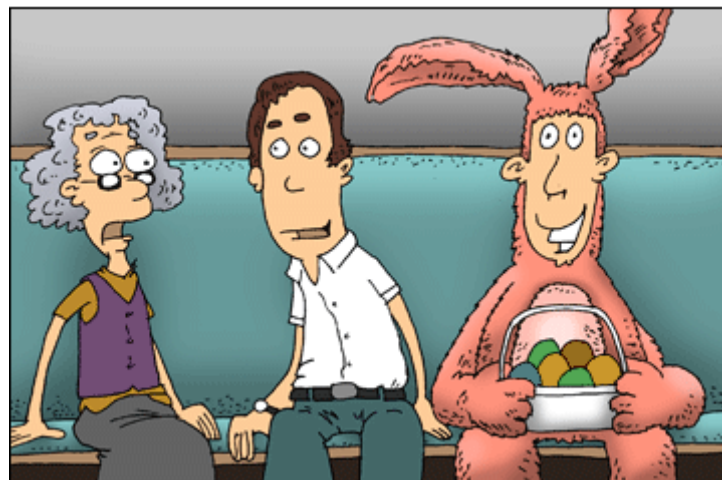
Those hours demand certain things of us. We will never have time to make up for the hours we have lost. They are gone, and will never return. We all know this is true and yet we go on acting as though we did not realize it. All of this does not mean that I may not be able to be a greater success tomorrow than I have been today, but it does mean that the measure of success tomorrow depends on how well we succeed today.

One might well ask, "Where do I start, since I have already made some failures in days gone by?" We can start today. God will forgive us for our past failures in His service if we are willing to genuinely repent. When God has freed us from the burden of yesterday's failures, then we should make today what it should be so that we will have no worries tomorrow. This does not mean we will not have problems, but we are serving a God who can solve all our difficulties if we succeed in living for him, one day at a time.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



You'll have to forgive him. He's new to the faith and this is his first Easter.

Which Is Your Class?

Do you belong to the jawbone class,
The class of folks who talk
About the many things they'll do,
The paths of fame they'll walk,
Who boast about their conquered world
While yet their efforts end with words,
And deeds right nobly done,
No task is e'er begun?

Do you belong to the wishbone class,
The class of folks who long
That wealth and fame might flow to them
For just a little song,
Who wish that ease would be their lot
And praise their fortune, too,
While all the while they nod and smile
And naught but nothing do?

Do you belong to the backbone class,
The class of folks who work
From early morn till late at night
And never duty shirk,
Who dig right in and fight their way
Toward the grand success
That waits ahead for folks who give
And always do their best?

-R. Rhodes Stahley



AREA WIDE SINGING!



Mark your calendar for Friday, April 26, 2024. We will be hosting an Area Wide Singing. Make your plans to be here, invite your friends and neighbors to

come and plan to stay for a time of fellowship after the singing.

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**There Will Be No
Wednesday Night
Fellowship Meal
in April**



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Upcoming Area Events

GOSPEL MEETING – San Augustine Church of Christ, April 7-10, 2024. Ivie Powell will be doing the preaching.

LADIES' DAY – April 27, 2024 at the Tenaha Church of Christ 9:30 a.m. til 12:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

- April 26, 2024 – Area Wide Singing
- June 2, 2024 – Covered Dish Luncheon
- September 8, 2024 – Friends & Family Day
- December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
- December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) **Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother), **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Gail Foster** (Cancer) **Bobbie Gray** (Jerry Pate's Aunt) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick's mother) **Glynn Hartt** (friend of Cissy Amos) **Joe Hughes** (Cissy Amos' father); **Sonya Hughes** (friend of Gene and Martha Bradshaw) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Verven Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. **Stephanie Richard** (Friend of Norma Perkins) cancer; **Traci Roden** (friend of Norma Perkins) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Buddy Sowell** (friend of Debra Pate) **Suellen Swank** (friend of Norma Perkins) **J. C. Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father) **Clark Paul Williams** (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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Have you noticed that kind words take less breath and effort than harsh ones?

It would seem that some of the people we know have exchanged the pearl of great price for a mud ball.

54 in 24
Invite Someone Each Week!



Across The Preacher's Desk

We are and have been in that season of the year that we often refer to as the “Easter Season”. Today is what is almost universally referred to as “Easter Sunday”. To be sure, the world has made a great thing and big deal of Easter Sunday. This is a time when the world focuses a little more intently on the empty grave in a garden and the resurrection of Jesus than at other times of the year.

We need to make sure that our focus at this season of the year is not on a bunny rabbit that lays colored eggs. Our focus is not on a spring fashion show. It is more than a time for a spring festival. It is the time of the year that the world focuses on what happened that we read of in Luke 24:6; “He is not here but He is risen”.

Because Jesus Christ went to the cross on Calvary, was buried in the tomb and came forth from the grave, we can rejoice as Paul rejoiced in I Corinthians 15:54-57 where he writes, “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” However, let's make sure we celebrate his death and resurrection every Lord's Day, not just one day a year.

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
54 in '24!**