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BEFORE TODAY IS GONE

There are 1,001 things you can choose to do this day that will lighten the load of someone else's burden and give you a warm feeling of satisfaction that the day has been well spent.

- Do something thoughtful for a sick or homebound person.
- Write a note of appreciation to someone who has helped you.
- Cook, make, or buy a gift for someone. Give it anonymously.
- Offer to baby-sit one night for a young couple.

Salvation is not a matter of doing good things and earning your way into heaven. But those who are Christians find it joyous and rewarding to do things that help others in the name of Jesus.

- Forgive someone who has hurt you.
- Take someone to lunch that has recently lost a family member in death.
- Do something to make a child smile.
- Hug someone tightly and say, "I love you."

When tomorrow gets here, the chance to do any good with today will be gone. You

don't have to cross the ocean or go across town. You can start in your own house with your family.

- Spend a full hour of one-on-one time with your mate.
- Go wherever your child is and communicate your love for and pride in that child for who he/she is.
- Get out the checker board, Uno cards, and Monopoly board and challenge the entire family to take you on.
- Tell your parents how much you love them.

- Surprise your brother/sister by saying, "I love you and I thank God for putting us in the same family."

Little things make an eternal difference — whether by being done or by being neglected. Just one loving thing done by you today can make a difference in someone's eternal welfare.

- Write a note to someone who recently asked you to pray for them and let them know that you are doing so today.

- Visit with someone you think is close to becoming a Christian. Encourage them to obey the gospel.

- Call a Christian you know who is struggling right now and let them know you are thinking of them_

- Tell a Bible class teacher how much you appreciate what they are doing.\

You can't do all the things above today — but you can do one or two. And you can keep the list handy for tomorrow or next week. Use today for God's glory — before it's gone!

Announcements

SECOND CONTRIBUTION: Today is the first Sunday of the month. There will be a second offering during morning services for our benevolence fund.

GREAT ATTENDANCE!! Last Sunday, with our members and visitors, we had 92 people at morning services to worship our Lord and to hear His word. What a blessing!!

THANK YOU!! Thank you for your contributions toward the purchase of our new song books. Your generosity means we will not need another special collection for this effort. The Lord has certainly blessed us with a loving and giving congregation.

NEW SONG BOOKS: Please help to keep the books in good condition by putting them back on your chairs when services are over. Doing this also helps Myron when she cleans the building. Thank you. And thank you, Myron.

MEN'S REMINDER: The next men's prayer breakfast is this coming Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m., at the church building. This is a great time of fellowship and study of God's word with your Christian brothers. We hope you can make it.

BABY SHOWER: John and Evelyn Marco's new baby boy is due to arrive on May 12. There will be a baby shower for Evelyn and the little one on Sunday, April 21, following morning services. Please see her list on the bulletin board for items that are needed. More details to come.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTE: We know accidents happen, but there are things we can do to help avoid them. Such is the case with the beautiful handmade cloth cover on the communion table/baptistery. Please do not set any beverage or food containers on it that could tip over and stain the delicate material. Thank you. And thank you, Robin, for taking the cover home and laundering it so well.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

- † Apr. 11 Ladies Bible study, Riddick house., 6:30 p.m.
- † Apr. 13 Men's prayer breakfast, church bldg., 9 a.m.
- † Apr. 16 Ladies Bible study class, church bldg., 10 a.m.
- † Apr. 18 Ladies Bible study, church bldg., 6:30 p.m.
- † Apr. 21 Marco baby shower after morning services
- † Apr. 25 Ladies Bible study, church bldg., 6:30 p.m.
- † Apr. 28 Monthly fellowship meal
- † Apr. 30 Ladies Bible study class, church bldg., 10 a.m.