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Just a thought....



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One wonders "where has time gone". As I get older, I am reminded of the statement made when I was a kid. I was told the older you get the faster time goes. I understand that more now than ever before. It seems just yesterday I was graduating from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary but it has been over 35 years ago. My children should still be children but they have grown up. Grandchildren are a delight and tiring at the same time. My energy does not seem to be what it should be. All of this is a result of time flying or of each of us getting older.

The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes three that there is a "time" for everything. There is a time to plant and a time to cease from planning, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to speak and a time to refrain from speaking, a time to be born and a time to.... The last word here is not one we want to hear or to think about. I don't mean to sound morbid but all of us are on our way to the grave. We are born to die. Paul says that the last enemy that shall be destroyed is "death". (1 Cor. 15:26) Death is an enemy. It robs of friends, dreams, and family. Everyone reading this article has experienced the loss of a loved one or a friend. Yet, Paul says that we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We have a hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. Because He lives, we also live. Not just when we die, but right now.

As we approach 2013, let us really live. Lord, help us to put away our fears, because we know you have not given them to us. (2 Tim. 1:7) Help us deal with our situations in and through prayer. Help us help someone else along the way. Help us to be the witnesses you said we should be. Help us to see the lost around us and be willing to share our testimony when we have the opportunity. We will have the opportunities but sometime we do not see them. Open our eyes Lord.

What will 2013 hold for you or me? None of us knows, but we do know who holds tomorrow. (2 Tim. 1:12) Let us live as if we have all eternity, while at the same time live as if we have no more time left. What changes would that make to how we approach life? I pray each and every one who reads this will have a wonderful and glorious year. Trust me, try me, prove me says the Lord of Hosts, and I will pour you out a blessing you cannot contain. (Mal. 3:10) Lord, I am your vessel. Pour yourself into me and allow me to pour myself out for you.

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone

Financial Issues facing Churches and Ministers

February 11
6:30 to 8:30 pm
McKenzie FBC

**This seminar will save your church and minister
TIME, MONEY, & HASSLES**

Renewing our hearts to our Master,
to our Marriage, to our Ministry

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." -Psalms 51:10

Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat
February 21-23, 2013

This will be at the Music Road Hotel & Convention Center located in Pigeon Forge, TN
Call the Mission Center for more information.

speak out

Missions Get-Together AND Connection
2013

March 15-17 . Gatlinburg Convention Center . Gatlinburg, Tennessee
www.tnwmu.org

For the ministry project they are collecting postage stamps, copy paper, gift cards (any denomination to Wal*Mart, OfficeMax, Staples or Kroger), journals, writing tablets and paperback Bibles or New Testaments (HCSB version). Bring items to the Gatlinburg Convention Center on Friday or Saturday. Go to www.tnwmu.org for more information.



Walking Together in Prayer

McKenzie First Baptist Church

Marriage Encounter

Friday, February 22nd
Ice Breaker 6:30 pm
Experience 7:00-9:00pm

Parent Encounter

Saturday, February 23rd
Breakfast 8:30 am
Experience 9:00-11:30 am

Special Guests:

Don & Trish Pierson

Childcare Provided Each Session

For more information call the church at 731-352-5391

America's Favorite One Handed Pianist Brian Arnold Ministries

Prospect Baptist Church
Hollow Rock

February 3
6 pm



America: Stand Up Standing on the Truth of God's Word

Men's Conference

Camden FBC
March 15& 16, 2013

Friday: Dinner 5-6:30 pm
Conference 6:45-9 pm

Saturday: Breakfast 7-8:30 am
Conference 8:45 am-12 pm

Speakers: Ronnie Coleman
(www.ronniecoleman.com)
Ergun Caner
(www.erguncaner.com)
Ken Freeman
(www.kenfreeman.com)

Cost: \$20
Call 731-584-6061 for reservations

Accounting News

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the standard mileage rate for 2013. It is **56.5 cents** per mile.

Free Commentaries

The following commentaries are free to anyone who wishes to have them: "Broadman Commentaries", "Pulpit Commentaries" and "Twenty Centuries of Great Preaching". Call the Mission Center or come by and see them. Also, if you know of a young pastor who is starting out that would like to have them, let me know.
Bro. Jimmy

February, 2013

Feb 4, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center
Speaker: Terry Wilkerson

Feb 11, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center
Speaker: Rudy French

Feb 21-23, Bi-Vo Retreat,
Pigeon Forge, TN



Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

March 11, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center

March 25, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center

March 29, Office Closed
Good Friday

March 31, Easter



Union University 2013 West TN Ministers Conference The Power of the Gospel Romans 1:16

Mar 5 The Gospel
and the SBC
10 am

Apr 2 The Gospel
and Community
Outreach
10 am

May 7 The Gospel
and Race
10 am



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Baptist Association is to encourage
fellowship & equip churches to
carry out the Great Commission*

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**For Ministry Assistants
Details Coming Soon!**

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