



BULLETIN

If I Knew...

If I knew it would be the last time that I would see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time I saw you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I would hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would record each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I would spare an extra minute to stop and
say 'I love you,' instead of assuming you would know I do.

Just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I would like to say how
much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow-is-not-promised-to-anyone, young or old alike, and today may be
the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you are waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if
tomorrow never comes, you will surely regret the day that you
didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and that you
were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be a lone last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them and that you will always hold them dear.
Take time to say 'I'm sorry,' 'Please forgive me,' 'Thank you,' or 'it's okay.'
And if tomorrow never comes you will have no regrets about today.

'Walk in wisdom...redeeming the time.' Colossians 4:5

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Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM

Bible Class - 11:00AM

Sun. Evening - 6:00PM

Wed. Bible Class - 7:00PM



Dear Lord,

Sometimes I become impatient for
things to happen. Sometimes, I want
the world to unfold according to my
plan, not Yours. Help me to
remember, Lord, that Your plan is
best for me for today and all eternity.

Amen



Family Events

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

If you are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.



- **NOV 29** - 5TH WEDNESDAY SINGING
- **DEC 2** - ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY FROM 5-9PM AT THE SKERRY'S HOUSE. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish. There will be a Yankee Swap with a \$10 limit. If you choose not to participate in the Yankee Swap, please come join for the food, fun, and fellowship.
- **DEC 4** - MNFM @ 6PM
- **DEC 7** - LIFE LINE. We host Life Line and need greeters that Thursday. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- **DEC 10** - TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY FROM NOON TO 3PM AT THE PAUL'S HOUSE. There will be a gift exchange with a \$5 limit.
- **DEC 16** - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BEGINNING AT 5:30PM.

DISASTER RELIEF

Penny is donating money from her card sales to the Disaster Relief effort. Cards are \$5 a pack and are in the basket in the foyer. Please leave your money in the envelope.

Ladies' Bible Study

There was a potluck breakfast held on Tuesday. This class will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 10 AM.

Wed. Night Supper

No Wednesday Night Supper this week.

There are still open times to sign up and cook. Call the church office if you want someone to cook with. Plan your menu and call the church office by Tuesday so it can be posted.



To those who work behind the scenes so things go smoothly.

To Gerry Millette and Barry Fogal for filling in for Park this morning so he could drive and chaperone the teens at the Manchester, CT. youth rally.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will offer an event that we will host on Dec. 7 beginning at 9AM. Greeters will be needed as well as help moving chairs Wednesday evening and Saturday to prepare for worship on Sunday.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/com.**



Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations. Please check expiration dates to be sure the food is still safe.

Turkey Baskets



If you or someone you know needs a basket, please let David know or call the office. It is best if the people come to pick their basket up. They should be ready for pickup about 6PM..

- Please bring food by today, Sun., Nov. 19 and put on the table in the fellowship hall.
- Baskets will be put together on Nov. 21 at 5PM.
- After the baskets are put together, pizza will be provided between 5:30 and 6PM.

Lord's Supper to Shut-ins

Volunteers needed, **now**. Please talk with Doug Paul about this.

Mowing and Grounds

- We need everyone's help to keep things tended. It gives a caring impression to those around...if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.
- The snow is coming! There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for snow removal.

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Nov. 19- Nov. 25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19-Ezra 9-10	20- Acts 1 Joy Glenn - BD	21-Nehemiah 1-2 Thanksgiving Turkey Prep and Handout	22-Neh. 3-4	23- Act 2 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	24-Neh. 5-6 Office Closed Casey Jones - BD Jon Potter - BD	25- Neh. 7-8

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you want to lead an event, or help, please call the church office to check that the date is free and **PLEASE volunteer!**

Giving Tree: Melissa Therrien is heading this up. If you would like to help or know people who could use some help, please let Melissa know or call the church office.

Dec. 10: Teen Holiday Party at the Paul's house from noon to 3PM. Lunch will be served. More details to come.

Dec. 16: Family Movie Night @ 5:30PM - Polar Express. This will be in the Fellowship Hall so we can serve hot chocolate. Come in your PJs and bring a sleeping bag and pillow and have fun.



Question of the Week

How are you taking care of your name? Do you bring honor to it?

A Good Name

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches...."
(Proverbs 22:1)

When I was a boy, my father rarely spanked, but he had a method of correction I feared far worse than a sore backside! He would set me down, quietly telling me what a disappointment I had been. The feeling of failing all the Fellmans since my great-grandfather took the ship from Sweden, was enough to set me straight. Later, as I headed off to college, my dad gave me a plaque with our family name inscribed at the top and these lines below:

You got it from your father, it was all he had to give.
So, it's yours to use and cherish for as long as you may live,
If you lose the watch he gave you, it can always be replaced.
But a black mark on your name, son, can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it, and a worthy name to bear.
When he got it from his father, there was no dishonor there.
So be sure to guard it wisely, after all is said and done;
You'll be glad the name is spotless when you give it to your son.

Looking at that plaque as it hangs in my office, I am reminded of the other name I have received from my heavenly Father, Christian, meaning 'Christ's One'. In humble thanks to Him for my earthly father's example, I hope always to bring honor and never shame to either of my names.

A good name can be sold, but it cannot be bought.

Adapted from Eric Fellman

A Parting Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it."
Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

WHAT LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE?

Legacy. Webster's Dictionary defines it as "something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past." Our faith is very much a legacy (cf. 2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Pet. 1:16). We have been taught by those who have gone before us. As children learn to brush their teeth by example and instruction, faith is learned from parents and grandparents who want their children to "grow in stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). We want to raise godly children who will pass that legacy on to their children. Hope will not produce these results. We must do more than mentally wish that generations will increase in their love for God and His Word.

Commitment. Webster's Dictionary defines it as "an agreement or pledge to do something in the future." We think of commitment in terms of our jobs, relationships, and financial obligations. Going on a job interview, proposing marriage, and buying your first house all evoke those rapid-pulse and butterflies-in-your-stomach feelings that accompany big commitments. However, these commitments pale in comparison to your commitment to Christ. To submit to Him in all aspects of your life is the larger umbrella under which all these other commitments fall. It is the filter by which all things should be viewed. What kind of job do I want? What spouse will I choose to marry? What type of home can I afford? All of these decisions should be made based on our relationship with Christ. Our thought process should be "How does He want me to walk?" (Col. 1:10).

Producing a legacy of commitment requires action. We must teach our children

and grandchildren the basics that God teaches in the Scripture. We must teach who God is (Gen. 1), who man is (Gen. 2), and who our enemy is (Gen. 3). Submission does not occur until authority and supremacy are established. Jesus understood that (Matt. 28:19). We must teach that God is our spiritual Father (Eph. 1:2) and that He loves us more than we can imagine (John 3:16). He has given us direction and guidance so that we might have salvations (2 Tim. 3:15-16). He has given us a support system through other believers, the church, to help us in our walk (Gal. 6:1-10). Jesus paid the price for us to be a part of His church so that we might be redeemed in the great day of the Lord (Acts 20:28; Rev. 21:1-7).

Teaching is only one part of cementing our legacy of commitment. Because we learn from seeing and doing, we must also be committed to living what we teach. God gave us the ultimate example in the form of Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man, we must follow His example in our interactions with people and in His submission to God. In turn, our children will follow our example, fostering a faith that is their own based on the example and teaching of devoted Christians. A legacy of commitment begins and ends with our commitment to God. Sundays won't do. Sundays and Wednesday nights won't do. God wants full commitment (Mark 8:34-35), and when that commitment is made, we can trust Him to take care of the rest (Matt. 6:33).

Randy Duke, Gospel Advocate