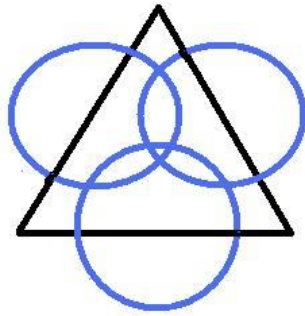


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The Life that Counts

"You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14).

Summer is coming. School vacation is here! This is the time of year usually associated with vacation trips and relaxation. Unfortunately this is also the time of year associated with low church attendance and a vacation from living the Christian life. God blesses us with good weather, and we show our gratitude by ignoring him until September. What I want for us to consider is how hurtful this is for our faith relationship to God, and also in our witness to our family and the world around us ...

A little clock in a jeweler's window stopped one day for only half an hour. The hands stood at 8:20 a.m. School children on their way to school, noticing the time, stopped to play; people on their way to work, when they saw the clock, slowed their pace; and a man, hurrying to catch a train, slowed down his steps when he saw that he still had plenty of time.

But all of these people were *late* because one little clock had stopped! The children were tardy for school; the people were late for work, and the man missed his train.

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Church Office Summer Hours

Beginning June 6th, the church office hours will be:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am to 12 noon.

Deadline for the **Messenger** is Thursday morning at
9 am each week. You can always reach me at:
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Stewardship Corner

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). It is impossible for faithful stewards not to be fruitful. With our connection to Christ, the vine, we will naturally bear fruit. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). Works are the fruit of our faith.

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All because of one clock. Never had these people realized how much they had depended on that little clock in the jeweler's window until for the first time in their lives it had led them astray.

In a sense, everyone who professes to lead the Christian life is very much like that little clock. People all around us are, consciously or unconsciously, being influenced by what we say and do. If we permit our Christianity to "stop" for just a little while, if by careless speech or improper conduct we set a bad example (or by not doing the right thing in a given situation we fail to set a good example), we are likely to lead those around us astray - just as surely as did that little clock.

It is wrong to assume, even for a moment, that our lives, just because they are "little," do not count; that our actions are unimportant; that our influence is insignificant. Christ tells EVERY Christian, even the humblest: "You are the light of the world." And then He adds pointedly: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." By our very lives we are to point the way for others, even (and maybe especially) during the summer months of vacation and relaxation.

Your life is an instrument in the hands of Christ to bring others to Him and to heaven. How important, then, that each of us make his or her life count to the fullest! Each of us is a light in the world.

(Adapted from Each Day with Jesus)

-Pastor Sherry

Kitchen Remodel

The school kitchen and cafeteria will be closed from June 6th to June 25th for the kitchen remodeling. The gym is still open during this time.

OUTDOOR SERVICE IN JUNE

Because of the popularity of the outdoor service we hold in August, the Board of Elders is again adding another outdoor service this summer. On Sunday, June 12 – our 10:30 service will be held out in the Church Grove. For this outdoor service we will be setting up chairs on the asphalt for those who forget their lawn chairs (or would prefer a more solid chair.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – BE HERE JUNE 12!

Deadline for the August *Monitor* is Wednesday, July 20th.

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