



The Beacon

Harrisburg Christian Church

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Greetings HCC,

I am writing this article on Day 18 of the “One Month to Live” Challenge. I have taken the challenge and have spent the last 18 days doing the following:

- A. I have asked myself each day: What would I do today if I had one month to live?
- B. Each day I have read a chapter in the book One Month to Live by Kerry and Chris Shook and used it as a devotional reading by talking with God about the content, answering questions and writing my thoughts in the book.
- C. I have been participating in a weekly challenge group with others who are taking the challenge.

I’d like to share with you some of my thoughts about this experience so far. As I contemplated the idea of not living through November, it brought my activities into much sharper focus. I didn’t want to waste an opportunity or a day. I started thinking things like: “I only have 2 sermons left, I want to make sure I communicate what is important”, or “This is the last chance I have to vacation with my family, I need to make the most of it”, or “I may never talk to this person again; what should I say?” Questions like this have begun to change the way I look at each day and have increased my passion about the opportunities that God has given me. This mentality has made some very simple things, very meaningful; holding my wife or daughter’s hand, coaching my son’s team, watching the frost and the changing leaves, appreciating the uniqueness of each person.

I have discovered that I have the “someday syndrome.” I put off things thinking that I will get around to it someday, but that someday seems to never come and I have taken the initiative over these last 18 days to move “someday”, up to today if possible. I have sought to speak words of encouragement to people as they come to mind instead of staying silent.

I’ve found that considering October as my last month on earth has helped me realize that I don’t have time for certain things, like watching most TV programs and reading forwarded emails (I’m sorry if you sent me a good one, I’ve been deleting the ones sent to a group of people). I’ve also discovered that I don’t feel like I have delegated or trained the congregation as well as I have needed to and if God gives me days beyond the next 12, I hope to do a better job in the months to come.

All in all, these last 18 days have caused me to look at how I handle the things the Lord has given me and how I can be more in tune with His plan for the days ahead. What has God done in your life over these last 30 days? Would you write to me and let me know how “taking the challenge” has affected you? Sent it to me @ hcc@socket.net, I’d be interested in hearing your story.

God Loves You,
John Gillman

Other tidbits:

1. Youth group has started back up on Wednesday nights. 6:30 – 8 PM at the Garage!
2. How has God gifted you and prepared you for ministry at HCC? Class 301 is designed to help you work through that question. If you have completed Class 201 and are interested in taking Class 301 on November 22nd; contact John Gillman to sign up.
3. Congratulations to the Moore family on your baptisms! Robert, Stephanie, Trista, and Ashley. Also congratulations to Krista Brown on your baptism.
4. I love Thanksgiving! Our Thanksgiving Service is on November 22nd and our Church Fellowship Meal is Nov 8th at 5:30 PM.
5. Thank you God for each day that you have given us to live in your mercy and grace.

HCC is a great place to worship our Lord! We invite you to join us this Sunday!
Bible Study for all ages at 9:00am. Worship Service at 10:00am
(Childcare is provided for children less than 5 years during Worship Services)

Baby Announcements

Fox David Morgan

Oct. 3, 2009
7 lbs., 3 oz., 21 ½" long

Parents: Justin & Jill Morgan



Nash Gregory Sublett

September 9, 2009
8lbs., 9 oz., 20.5 in long

Parents: Sterling & Meghan Sublett

Berkley Mae Sublett

September 29, 2009
8 lbs., 3 oz., 21.5 in long

Parents: Brock & Jamie Sublett

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Let us give thanks for the Lord's many blessings

Sunday, November 8th, 2009

5:30 p.m. in Church Fellowship Hall

Meat, drinks and table service will be provided.
Each family is asked to bring a covered dish.

Third Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet

It's time to thank Sunday School
Teachers, Sunday School Substitutes
and Bible Study Leaders.

Theme for this year

“Building a Solid Foundation”

Date: November 1st, Sunday, 2009

Immediately after church for . . .

“A Special Time of Thanks, Great
Food, and Fellowship”

MOVIE REVIEW

Love Comes Softly and **Love's Enduring Promise** are two movies that were recently viewed. Reminiscent of Little House on the Prairie, these movies are directed by Michael Landon Jr. Love Comes Softly had just enough action to hold the interest of boys despite it's mushy title. The scenery was amazing and a Christian theme is woven throughout. The sequel, Loves Enduring Promise, follows the family into further trials and transitions. Total reliance on God and his promises keeps this family strong and is key to the decisions they make. Throughout are positive Christian values. These are great Sunday night family movies and are available on Netflix.



CONGRATULATIONS

WINK AND EDITH BLAKEMORE

75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

October, 2009

November Dates to Remember!!

Board Meeting – Second Wednesday (Nov. 11) 6pm

Health Clinic – Second Thursday (Nov. 12) 12-1pm

Women's Bible Study – Mondays at 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study – Fridays at 9:30am

Men's Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:00pm

Bulletin Information Due Wednesdays

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Beacon Articles due the 15th

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Take The Time

The colors are slowly blanketing the hills.

Brilliant yellows, vivid oranges, reds that glow and shine,

To go unnoticed is a mistake.

Give yourself time to be surrounded with His beauty and wonder.

The moment may go and never come again.

Cast your eyes on such wonders, take the time.

November Service Assignments:

Church Opening

- 01 Mary Gilbert
- 08 Toddy Hardman
- 15 Al & Doris Querveaux
- 22 Charlie & Paulette Thurston
- 29 Ray & Judy Cochran

Greeters

- 01 Wally & Jill Williamson
- 08 Bobby & Brenda Carey
- 15 Cory & Randi Hancock
- 22 Doc & Karen Kinkead
- 29 Ray & Judy Cochran

Communion

- 01 Herb Owens, Karen Kinkead, Anita Pingel, Jodi Gilpin, Roy Francis, Cara Douglas
- 08 Randy Foley, Herb Owens, Sean Cochran, Cec Blakemore, Angie McBride, Nancy Dixon
- 15 Johnny Spry, Ray Cochran, Nancy Dixon, Colin McBride, Mary Gilbert, Judy Price
- 22 Bobby Carey, Karen Kinkead, Judy Price, Cindy Roller, Cec Blakemore, Vonna Foley
- 29 Ray Cochran, Herb Owens, Kim Lanes, Debby Thomas, Brenda Carey, Jimmy Ott

Church Closing

- 01 Joy McBee
- 08 Cindy Roller
- 15 Kim Lanes & Betty Ham
- 22 Keith & Jennifer Overton
- 29 Dale & Rinda Blakemore

Candle Lighters

- 01 Ray & Judy Cochran
- 08 Steven Moore Family
- 15 Mike Lewis Family
- 22 Bobby Carey Family
- 29 John Gillman Family

Nursery

- 01 Guy & Tracy Stroud
- 08 Paulette Thurston, Judy Cochran & Deana Ott
- 15 Heidi Salter, Mary Gilbert & Sami Dixon
- 22 Cara Douglas, Kathleen Gillman & Jami Wake
- 29 Vonna Foley, Brett Blakemore & Keely Long

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 15, 2009

Following 10 a.m. worship.

Class 301

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Following 10 a.m. worship.

TLC Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

6:30 p.m.



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Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moths and rust cannot destroy and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desire of your heart will also be.

Matthew 6:19-21

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