

# Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. • Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: [oakswestchurchofchrist.com](http://oakswestchurchofchrist.com)

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## The Danger of Waiting Until Later

by Ken Weliever

“My advice is, never do tomorrow what you can today. Procrastination is the thief of time,” wrote Charles Dickens’ in his novel David Copperfield.

Also, as my favorite author anonymous once opined, “Procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried.”

In a recent facebook post on Jay Shetty’s page is this piece by a Japanese author and playwright, Toshikazu Kawaguchi, from his book Before the Coffee Gets Cold. It is wonderful advice about avoiding putting things off until later.

Don’t leave anything for later.  
Later, the coffee gets cold.  
Later, you lose interest.  
Later, the day turns into night.  
Later, people grow up.  
Later, people grow old.  
Later, life goes by.  
Later, you regret not doing something...  
When you had the chance.

Life is a fleeting dance, a delicate balance of moments that

unfold before us, never to return in quite the same way again.

Regret is a bitter pill to swallow, a weight that bears down upon the soul with the burden of missed chances and unspoken words.

So, let us not leave anything for later. Let us seize the moments as they come, with hearts open and arms outstretched to embrace the possibilities that lie before us. For in the end, it is not the things we did that we regret, but the things we left undone, the words left unspoken, the dreams left unfulfilled.

The wise man of Proverbs warned about the danger of procrastination when he advised, “Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth “(Prov 27:1).

Likewise the apostle Paul admonished, “Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because

### Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

### Important Dates

**Gospel Meeting -  
South Loop church of  
Christ in Taylor, June  
28-30**

**If you know of  
upcoming events,  
please inform Darrell  
so they can be  
included here.**

the days are evil” (Eph 5:15-16).

Putting off what we know we ought to do until later will not only hinder us financially, handicap relationships, and frustrate us emotionally, but may be dangerous eternally. More serious than an unkempt house, an unpaid bill or an unfinished task list is the problem of spiritual procrastination. Through the years I have talked to people about their spiritual responsibilities and I hear responses that begin with these words, “I know I should...” “I ought to...” Or “I gotta....”

The Bible warns “Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins” (Jas 4:17).

Furthermore, Scripture reminds that today is the day of salvation. Now is the time to hear God’s voice, heed God’s Word, and take action (2Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7, 13, 15).

Later is the voice of procrastination.

Later is the excuse of laziness.

Later is the alibi for apathy.

Later is the failure to face reality.

Later is the evasion of duty.

Later is the smokescreen for poor time management.

Later is the inability to delay immediate gratification.

Later is the disguise of never.

Don’t wait until later. Do it now.

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## Prayer Requests

**Jack Wilson** is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

**Jerry Richardson’s** injured his tongue and had stitches.

**Dinah Williams** continues to have mobility issues.

**Don Simmons** is at home and still on constant oxygen.

**Debbie McMurray** is doing well but will require regular testing.

**Terry Behrns** is recovering at his sister’s home

**Margaret Vanaman** is recovering.

**Lisa Trammel** is at home and restarting her cancer treatments.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

*“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”* (Ephesians 6:18)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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