Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: Following 1st Service
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Services are live-streamed to our website: oakswestchurchofchrist.com

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Taking Time For God

by George Slover

Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:59-60)

The advertising slogan of a well known insurance company is: "Life comes at you fast". Indeed it does. It always amazes me at how quickly the week ends only to start another. The months and years pass by so fast. Our lives are so full of activities- school functions, ball games, vacations, and civic duties. It is hard to find time for God.

God must be first in our thoughts. Connecting with God is a prerequisite to a successful walk with him. Do you engage in daily Bible reading, meditation, and prayer? (Psalm 1;1,2) Is a daily devotional at the top of your list? Do you give time to spiritual thoughts only when it does not crowd other things out, or is the rule of God the passion of your life?

God must be first in your decisions. Life is full of decisions such as what kind of career will I pursue, or where will I live? Band, athletics, speech, drama, and homework all compete for the time of our children. All of these are important to the development of the child, but none of them as significant as learning that God must come first. When I choose a place to live which is more important – living in a popular neighborhood or living closer to my spiritual family? I've seen so many disciples choose the neighborhood over the spiritual family and before long God is forgotten.

God's family must be the first of your associates. God chose the local church as the organization through which to

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

Ladies' Class - October 27

Our Next Gospel Meeting with Terry Slack is scheduled for November 1-4

Gospel Meeting in San Marcos - October 30-November 1

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

accomplish his collective work. He knew that his people would need spiritual oversight, accountability, and encouragement. A truth loving, service oriented church is vital to our spiritual growth. Our society is full of para church organizations that compete with the local church. These organizations include so-called "spiritually minded" folks that subscribe to the "salvation by faith only" doctrine and other denominational doctrines. It concerns me when brethren make stronger connections to these organizations than they do with God's people.

God's image must be reflected in our character. Everyday we live and breathe and work with worldly people. The selfish attitudes and value system of the ungodly are imposed upon us. God saved us from sin to serve, not to be served. (Mt. 20:28) We are to be noted for kindness and gentleness, but if God is not first, it is easy to imitate the rudeness and crudeness of the world.

Life does indeed come at us fast and before we know it – life will be over. God has a life policy that insures much better promises than anything the world offers. For that reason it is absolutely essential for us to make time for God.

Bible Reading for this week:

Monday: 1 Kings 14:19–15:32, John 6:60–71

Tuesday: 1 Kings 15:33–17:24, John 7:1–24

Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:1–40, John 7:25–31

Thursday: 1 Kings 18:41–19:21, John 7:32–52

Friday: 1 Kings 20, John 7:53–8:11

Prayer Requests

Jimmy Stinnett, Jim & Judy Trammel, Autumn Felps, Sylvia Stinnett

Terry Berhns was taken back to the hospital.

Doug Adair is recovering.

Margaret Vanaman had surgery and is recovering. **Randall** was scheduled to have a procedure this past week as well.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dorthy Steadman, Dinah Williams, Terry Berhns.

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.

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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