

Morris

MEMORIAL

JULY 2022

Plenty of Time, Or So We Think

It's hard to believe that June has ended, which means that the colder months are just around the bend. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating the New Year. There was so much that I wanted to accomplish this year, but time is running out.

All of our lives are the same way; there is so much that we want to do thinking we have all the time in the world, only to discover that time rapidly runs expires; ready or not. Many people eventually understand that things don't always turn out the way we want in our lifetime. Some make a decision early on to follow Christ, where others make a decision only after many years of chasing after their dreams. Some leave this life still chasing after their elusive dreams and never establish a relationship with God through Christ. What a tragic way to end life.

In Matthew 19, we read of a young man who had everything at his fingertips. He was very well to do financially, he obeyed the law, and it is clear that he was living his dream. But still he felt as if he was lacking something in his life. So one day he met a man named Jesus and asked him what he must do to get eternal life. When quizzed by Jesus, the young man gave all the right answer about how he lived his life according to the law. But when Jesus instructed him to give up all of his worldly possessions and follow him, the young man went away sad because he just couldn't give up all of his worldly pleasures and dreams to follow Jesus.

This story seems a little selfish of Jesus. How could Jesus require the man to give up everything he had and knew to follow him? The answer is quite simple. All of those things were distractions that caused a great gulf between the man and God. His love and emphasis were on worldly things and pleasures instead of love of God and relationship with God.

Things on earth are temporal. We often seek riches, glory, physical love, and pleasure before seeking to establish a relationship with God. Sometimes we think we have a relationship with God, but it is secondary to the things of the world. But surely we have plenty of time to make it right!!

That night Jesus told the young man that he was a fool, because his soul was required of him (meaning he was going to die) that very night. I'm sure if the rich man would have known, he would have pursued after Jesus prior to this encounter.

We don't have an unlimited amount of time. Accidents happen daily, and our bodies sometimes give out. Where are you in your relationship with God? Have you chosen Jesus yet? Or are you still chasing after that one more thing of the world? Only you and God know.

Shalom, Ray



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays:	9:30 a.m.	Nurture in Action
Wednesdays:	10:00 a.m.	MEC Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Sundays:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Youth

July 5 – Trustees 6:30 p.m.
July 11 – Worship Team 1:30 p.m.
July 26– PPRC 6:30 p.m.

Financial Update

Needed monthly to meet our 2022 budget:	\$33,681
Received Year to Date (January 1-June 30):	\$181,404.54
Expenses Year to Dates (January 1-June 30):	\$179,448.32

Thank you for your dedicated tithes and offerings to Morris Memorial.
Your gifts are deeply appreciated.

JULY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

Laura Basford	July 3	Georgeanne Leake	July 20
Erin Borchers	July 3	Kathy Cartmill	July 22
Jackie Carden	July 4	Judy Reed	July 26
Jackie Frazier	July 8	Bill Vieweg	July 29
Tyler Eads	July 12	Donna Legg	July 30
Thelma Ann Wandling	July 15		
Clyde Hedrick	July 19		

Anniversaries:

Mel & Jamal Dillard	July 3	Susan & Bill Vieweg	July 27
Donna & John Jacobs	July 16	Mary & Bill Collins	July 31

MISSIONS MOMENTS

In June, Missions Moments highlighted Habitat for Humanity and was presented by Bill Vieweg. In case you missed it, Habitat for Humanity believes that every person deserves a simple, decent, and affordable place to live. Their funding comes from private donations, ReStore sales, and mortgage payments of previous Habitat homeowners.

Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha and Putnam serves both of our local counties. Each county has its own ReStore. ReStore merchandise consists of donations from individuals, contractors, businesses, retailers, and manufacturers. They are open to the public.

There are numerous ways you can get involved, if you are interested. Volunteers are needed in Family Selection, Family Support, Property Acquisition, and Construction. Two of our church members, Barney Frazier and Bill Vieweg, are members of the "Tuesday Crew" constructing houses. Another church member, Jerome Hairston, volunteers as a Committee Member.

To be new Habitat homeowners, one must help in building the house by investing 200 hours of sweat equity. He/she also attends homeowner classes to learn how to maintain their new home and to learn financial management.

If you are interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity, have comments to share, or would like to volunteer with them, please contact Bill Vieweg, at (304) 344-2617 or (304) 549-0113. Thank you so much.

Common Grounds News and Needs

As you may know our Nurture 'N' Action Team sponsored a food drive for Common Grounds on Saturday, June 4. It was held in our front church parking lot. Donations were welcomed as the need for food to feed the needy in our community is ever-present. When all was said and done, they had collected 1308 items, an amazing amount of food items! Needless to say, Common Grounds wholeheartedly thanks the Nurture 'N' Action Team for all its work in putting on this food drive and all the generous church members and friends who responded so faithfully to the need for the food donations. You are such a blessing to us! Genuine thanks to one and all!

As we shared with you in a recent article of ours, our number of families we've been serving had decreased during the last two years because of COVID. We are happy to share that the numbers we are serving are increasing...and we are so grateful we can be meeting those needs. In June, the "extras" for our families in addition to their monthly boxes are a three-pound tube of ground beef, hamburger buns, and a package of cheese slices. These seasonal choices are being welcomed!



If you can help us this month, we are focusing on foods for the homeless people we serve. Of great importance in selecting cans for them is that they have Pop Tops (like those on soda cans.) Usually they do not have (or do not have access to) can openers. We include in their boxes food items that are ready to eat and individual servings. Food items for you to consider in purchasing food for them are the following: Vienna Sausages in cans, pork and beans in cans, fruit in cans or individual servings, pudding or Jello in individual servings, tuna fish or chicken in cans, vegetables in cans, ready-to-eat pasta in cans, granola bars, and disposable forks, spoons, knives, and napkins.

As you know we are grateful for whatever food you donate. Please place them in the woven trunk in the Narthex. If you would like to give a donation by check, please make the check out to Morris Memorial Methodist Church and in the bottom left-hand corner write Common Grounds. Thanks for sharing in whatever way(s) you choose! May God bless you beyond measure!

If you are interested in learning more about Common Grounds, have comments to share, or would like to volunteer with us, please contact Susan Vieweg, our Morris Memorial Common Grounds Coordinator, at (304) 344-2617 or (304) 549-6155. Thank you so much.