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DOES YOUR LIFE HAVE MARGINS?

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Much can be read today about the establishment of margins in our lives. Numerous journals expound on the consequences of leaving no margin in our lives or constantly making adjustment to those margins that are there. An interesting perspective on this subject appeared in the *Discipleship Journal*, May/June 2009 issue appeared in the form of a definition. To live with margin means: “to live in a rhythm that includes periods of productivity and periods of restoration and refreshment. Not to live with margin means you’re denying your God-given design to get regular rest.”

The American way is to be piled-on, stretched-to-the-limit, chronically rushed, chronically late and chronically exhausted. We become somewhat like Job who said: “*I have no quiet! I have no rest! And trouble keeps coming*” (Job. 3:26). Consider these statistics to better understand the need for “margination”:

1. People now sleep 2½ hours less each night than people 100 years ago.
2. The average work week is longer than 1960, and the average commute is longer by 25 minutes than in 1960.
3. The average office worker has 36 hours of work piled up on his or her desk.
4. We spend 8 months of our lives opening junk mail.
5. We spend 2 years of our lives playing phone tag with other people who are also too busy to answer their phone.
6. We spend 5 years waiting on people who are late, trying to do too much.

A best-seller explains what a margin is, why it is important, how it disappeared and steps to get it back. “Margin is the space between our load and our limits and is related to our reserves and resilience. It is a buffer, a lee-way, a gap; the place we go to heal, to relate, to reflect, to recharge our batteries, to focus on the things that matter most.” Margin is the space between my load and my limits!

God has set limits that man cannot exceed (Job. 14:5). It is to be anticipated that we will have problems, so do not despair (Jn. 16:33). We must honestly acknowledge our real priorities before God (Ps. 139:23; Matt. 6:33). Our relationship with God is energized by faith, so trust God and depend less on self. Living without margins ruins health, lessens the quality of what we do, puts serious strain on family life and leaves little left for befriending our God.

To the members at New Albany:

On behalf of the Beltline Church of Christ mission team headed to Haiti, we want to thank all of you for the toys and money that you so generously donated for our upcoming trip! The items that you sent have already been packed and will be delivered in December to 4 different orphanages in the Port-au-Prince area. You collected a total of 69 boxes of crayons, 80 coloring books, and 78 matchbox cars. You also contributed \$130 which we used to purchase an additional 65 airplanes, 65 animals, and 65 packs of stickers to be included in each gift bag. Your gifts will be given to 65 boys under the age of 10.

In preparation for our trip, we have already packed 15 military duffle bags full of clothes, toys, toiletries, and food that will be delivered to almost 200 orphans for Christmas. We couldn't have done it without you! We will be sure to capture their excited faces and share the pictures with you after our return. We ask that you pray for our team members, their families, the people of Haiti, and for the safety and success of this trip.

We know that the Lord will continue to do amazing things through the servant hearts of your members!

Yours in Christ,

Cristi Baxley



How Did You Like The Sermon?

By: Ken Chumbley

This is a familiar question. By what guidelines do we determine a good sermon? I suggest a sermon is successful if:

1. Is it true to God's word.
2. It is preached in love.
3. It is prepared to meet a need.
4. It is spoken so all can understand
5. It glorifies God.
6. It challenges people to think.

Sermons are to be measured not by approval and pleasure of people, but by their response to holy living, Godly action and true Christian dedication.

Sermons are preached not to be liked, but to be lived. The question in the heart of every faithful preacher is "What does God want?"

"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:10).

YOUTH NEWS

- The Junior Bible Bowl group will compete, Sat. Nov. 17th, at the Gloster St. Church of Christ.
- The Senior Bible Bowl group will compete Sun., Nov. 18th, at the Antioch Church of Christ.

INFORMER MAILING UPDATE

From time to time we try to update our Informer mailing list. If you would like to keep receiving the Informer by mail please clip your address from the front of the bulletin and mail it to us at: P.O. 148 New Albany, MS 38652. You may also contact us at 662-534-4649 or by email at: nacoc15s@gmail.com. We will be happy to keep you on our mailing list. If you are a member here at New Albany you will continue to receive your bulletin as usual. If you would prefer to receive the bulletin by email please let us know.



PRAYER LIST

Suzette, Renix, sister of *Perry Jones* is having complications following her recent heart surgery.

Ione Wall, will have tests run this week.

Melissa Reed, returns to her doctor this week in Memphis for a checkup and to discuss her next eye surgery.

Crystal Bickerstaff, daughter of *J. L. Eaton* will have tests run on the 19th and if all goes well will have kidney surgery Dec. 4th.

Grace Anderson, mother of *Kaye Parks* is in rehab recovering from a stroke.

Audrey Clement, sister of *Richard Jennings* is recovering from a heart attack.

* We express our deepest sympathy to *Jean Drummond* and family in the death of her sister-in-law **Ineva Montgomery**, (formerly of New Albany) who passed away Nov. 2nd in Jackson, MS.

* We express our sympathy to *Terry & Betty Young* in the death of their dear friend **Larry Averett** from Hot Springs, AR., who passed away last week.

Continual Prayer

Anna Claire Ellis, Whitney House, Diane Sloan, Yolanda Stubblefield, Randall Haney, Eleta Grimmitt, Taterrin Wilson, Rosie Wilson, Mayala Wood, Rex Lyon, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Jack Dunlap, John Tierney, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross

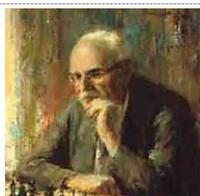
Nursing Home/Assisted Living: **Mattie Golden, Altha Rogers, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris**

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

"I BELIEVE"

**....that love begins with a smile,
grows with a kiss and ends with
a tear.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 18.....Linda Griggs
November 19..... Linda Turner
November 19..... Darrell Crow



RESPONSE

Sarah Walker responded to the invitation Sun. Nov. 4th, asking forgiveness of wrongs in her life and asking for prayers to be a better example. We appreciate *Sarah* for all she does here at New Albany and for her willingness to live as God would have her to live.

Gloria Jones responded to the invitation Sun. Nov. 11th, asking for prayers that she would have the strength to overcome the stress in her life that keeps her from being the kind of person she knows she needs to be. Please continue to pray for her.

THANKSGIVING MEALS



Once again this year we have been asked by the Hwy 178 congregation to help assist them in serving the community with meals on Thanksgiving Day. They have asked us to provide potato salad and cakes or pies.

There will be a sheet on the table in the foyer for you to sign-up what you would like to bring. They have also asked for a list of names and phone numbers of individuals who would be interested in receiving a meal on that day.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Fellowship meal following services Sun. night Nov. 18th. You are asked to bring soup, sandwiches and desserts. Adult II class is in charge.
- Men's Breakfast and Planning session is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 1st, at 7:00am.
- Ladies' Christmas Brunch is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 1st, at 9:30am. Place to be announced later.
- Teen Shopping trip is planned for Sat., Dec. 1st.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	114
Sunday A.M.....	144
Sunday P.M.....	88
Wednesday.....	107
Contribution.....	\$ 3,345.81
Budget.....	\$ 3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	David Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....	Bill Botts
Closing Prayer.....	Roger Clayton
P.M. Prayer.....	Richard Jennings
Closing.....	Olen Clark
Wed 11/21.....	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 11/21.....	Ronnie Griggs
Usher & Lock.....	Greg Clayton
Greeter.....	R & K Jennings



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Fruit

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	538-8195
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

INGRATITUDE



Ingratitude is a horrible thing. It is one of the hazards of abundance. Israel repeatedly rejected God—always in times of great prosperity, never in times of poverty. Moses issued a “news release” announcing their inheritance of the promised land. They would have “*godly cities*” and houses full of good things.” To people whose eyes were red from the irritation of wilderness dust, whose nostrils were filled with the stench of polluted streams, and whose minds were tormented with memories of forty years of aimless wandering, the news was unbelievably good.

Moses’ heart must have been pounding and his eyes stinging with tears of happiness. Yet, he felt compelled to warn his people of the danger of abundance: “*when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord*” (Deut. 6:11-12).

They did not follow his advice. Nor have we. Strange as it may seem, prosperity and gratitude seldom occupy the same room. Never have people had so much! Yet, we Americans are constant complainers,

It is an unusual man who pauses to “*give thanks to the Lord.*” How ungrateful we must seem to Jehovah. Listen! “*...Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth*” (Deut. 8:18).

It does not matter how full life may have filled our fortunate hands; if we are ungrateful we reside on spiritual “skid row.” With our lips and by our lives let us express our gratitude to God.
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