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Words from the Pastor

By: Rev. Ase Nguyen

Redeem the Time

¹⁶ Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore, do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is..." Ephesian 5:16-17.

We often hear people saying, "I'm too busy" or "I don't have time". If we believe that is a true statement, the reality is that it is not true. We must ask ourselves, "Do we not have enough time?" We need to remember one important aspect, "Each of our lives is a plan of God. This can be understood as an unknown number of human lives."

We need to learn Jesus' secret of this matter, what is that secret? Be aware that all aspects of our life and everything we must do are totally under control of our God, the Father.

Time has no power of us. The important mark and the highest point of Jesus' life on earth was when Jesus was at the end of his journey, he boldly said, "I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do," John 17:4.

We can calculate to see that we have 24 hours a day, 168 hours a week and 365 days a year. This is the most

important time that will decide whether our life will be an ordinary or extraordinary life.

The time that is fully given is the opportunity for us to fulfill the will of God. Once Jesus reminded his disciples in John 11:9, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" Jesus wants us to learn a lesson of trust in the Lord's plan in silence and take the time to complete our responsibilities.

The Apostle Paul faithfully advised members at the Ephesian Church, "redeem the time" because time is an opportunity. When we say we don't have time, it's just another way to say that we don't know how to use the time we have; the time and opportunities that God has given to us to harvest.

God has given us time management, what are we doing with it? Are we treasuring it, using it to maximize our advantages, filling every minute with 60 seconds' worth of service to God? The way we spend our time will determine the value of our contribution to the building of the Kingdom of God in our time on earth. If we manage our time for God, He can manage our life according to His will.

The important thing related to the problem of time is that we have no power over time that has already passed, but time yet to come provides each of us the possibility of moral and spiritual choices. Time lost will never be relived. We cannot save time we can only use it or waste it.

We also cannot delay time, once it has passed, it will be vanished. Therefore, taking advantage of the time that has been given to us to complete our predetermined plan for life is an important matter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Birthdays

09/03 Sirena Starkey 09/06 Randy Miller 09/10 Linda Priester 09/13 Ingrid Kuemmel-Reovan 09/17 Pete Thelander 09/22 Keira Somsak 09/25 Samuel Christian 09/28 Phil Maggs

Please let the office know if we're missing on any important dates.



COME JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY!



We meet every Thursday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. inside Pastor Khuong's office. This is a great opportunity to learn about God' Word. Refreshments are available.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK!



The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch will start the fall off by meeting at Renato's Italian Restaurant on **Friday, September 20th** at 12:30 p.m. It is located at

> <u>15383 Brookhurst St.</u> Westminster, CA 92683

just North of McFadden Ave. and CVS Pharmacy. They have a great sounding luncheon menu priced between \$10-\$13 that includes entrée, vegetables, pasta, garlic bread, salad and soda. They also have great pizzas. So you can be sure that you will find something yummy to eat here. Please let Peggy Reardon know that you are planning on coming at 714-897-5883 or perkypeggy@aol.com. Everyone who is available for lunch on Fridays are invited to attend.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for the American Family Housing families. Your generosity was a big help to struggling families trying to get on their feet. The backpacks were especially appreciated. Thanks to everyone who went the "second mile" and donated a backpack. It's always great to start the new year with new school "stuff" instead of used, thrift store items. If you missed this school supply drive, you can donate any time during the school year. There is always a need for paper and pencils. We will go back to our food/household supplies donations schedule in September.

Suggested Items:

1st Sunday: any protein items 2nd Sunday: hot cereal, canned fruits, dried fruits 3rd Sunday: cleaning supplies, shampoo, lotion 4th Sunday: pasta, sauce, dry cheese, mac & cheese 5th Sunday: diapers, paper goods

FALL CLEAN-UP

Mark your calendar for **Saturday**, **September 14**th for a work day at church. We are planning to work on the landscaping, cutting it back and removing all the dead stocks of flowers. **We will start at 9:30 a.m.** so we can quit when it gets too hot and have pizza, soda and salad.

Please bring your garden clippers and gloves. If you prefer to work indoors, there are walls to wash. It's not that hard to do since we have discovered Mr. Clean wall washing sponges. Kids are needed to get down and wash the base boards. There is always old documents to shred if you need a sit down job in an air conditioned office.

The Trustees will be delighted if you can help the morning of the 14th or even for an hour or so. It may be cliché, but many hands **do** make light work! If you have any questions, please contact Tony Le at newme8069@yahoo.com.



IMPORTANT NOTICE!

There will be **NO** Trustee Meeting in September. If there are any urgent matters, please contact Tony Le at newme8069@yahoo.com.

Good Shepherd Preschool



Good Shepherd School is anticipating a promising year in 2019-2020. We are so excited and so ready to spread the word of God to new families. We are also so looking forward to create new and great memories that the children's little minds will cherish in future years. We feel so blessed and honored at Good Shepherd School because we can make a difference in children's lives.

For the new school year, we will continue using a curriculum that meets the state foundations. We use a research based curriculum called Core Knowledge and Zoo Phonics that help us preparing the children for kindergarten along with Bible stories, and the fruit of the spirit. We will also continue to

incorporate the "Nature Explore" curriculum to our program. The children will be exposed to a more natural learning environment that will prepare them for their elementary years and help them to appreciate God's creations

such as animals, bugs, trees, and plants. Besides the physical development the children will be exposed to the love of God throughout their time at school. It is the sharing of God's love and God's creations that makes Good Shepherd School different from other schools. And we feel so proud to be able to offer

Blessings, From the Staff and the Children at Good Shepherd

extracurricular activities that other schools are not able to offer. Our After School Program will also incorporate gardening/ animals, science, etc. to the daily routines. We are also going to continue offering help with homework.

Just a reminder, you are cordially invited to come and put an extra smile in our children's faces. The children really enjoy having visitors to share their stories, read a book to them or play an instrument. Whatever time you would like to spend with them, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please come and visit our school and see how our environment has changed. Thank you so much for keeping our school in your prayers.

On the news... Sept. 2nd School Closed Sept. 3rd First Day of School Sept. 17th Back to School Night, 6:30-7:30pm

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30am 1 st Service 10:30am 2 nd Service 1pm New Beginning Church	2 6:30pm Zumba 6:30pm Boy Scout Meeting Labor's Day	3 9am Shepherd's Hands—Carol B. 3pm After School Program 6:30pm Zumba 7pm New Beginning Church	4 3pm After School Program 6:30pm Zumba 7pm Living Hope Church	5 10am Bible Study 3pm After School Program 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7pm New Beginning Church 7:30pm AA Meeting	6 3pm After School Program 6:3opm Zumba 7pm Living Hope Church 7:3opm Viet. Bible Study	7 9am Viet. Computer Class 12:30pm Sabbath Study Group 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice 5:30pm Unplugged - Youth Gathering
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