

## Would You Be Missed?

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation time by William Randolph Hearst, the publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer for two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my newspaper column for six months, it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might not affect the circulation of the newspaper."

Mr. Brisbane's answer was profound. In view of his answer, let's ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed?" Would the Lord's work suffer or would there be no difference whatsoever? As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in doing the Lord's work and building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 14:26; 2 Corinthians 12:19).

We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibility to the Lord (Galatians 6:4-5; Romans 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:8). We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time with which He has blessed us. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he wrote to the Ephesian brethren, *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil*" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Brethren, let us resolve from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord's work, *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"* (Hebrews 10:24).

God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision, and financial means. Let's be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause *"while it is yet day, the night cometh, when no man can work"* (John 9:4).

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## Time Rushes On

Time rushes on, unchecked, unaltered, carrying every material object to its inevitable end. Rust, decay and death are its perpetual companions. We are all running out of time. The only thing that really matters is: **Are you prepared to meet God?** Are the books of your life balanced? Are you ready to go? When time is swallowed up in eternity, **where will you be?** *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Corinthians 6:2).



- Frank Chesser -

*The farther a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it. - George Orwell*

## News & Notes

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are encouraged to participate to help make stuffed bears for kids.

**MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES:** Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All men are urged to attend this class.

**STUDY ON REVELATION:** Each Wednesday at the 7:00 p.m. Bible study hour.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Brown's home.

**PANTRY:** Pancake mix & syrup.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Tasha Hall Beatty (member at Southern Hills): 1034 Pyramus Rd., Chester, WV 26034. Imogene Aebi, 2660 Layman Rd., Vincent, OH 45784. Irvin & Barbara Gainer in Texas (Jenny Rhodes' parents).

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Janet Malcomson, Lois Hissom, Eva Stefl, Shirley Beagle, Doris Dunham, Betty Henthorne, Jim Smith (preacher at Langeloth, PA), Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams' sister) 1211 Mound St., Salem, OH 44460. **CROSSROADS:** Jim Mick. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller & Ella Beagle. **WORTHINGTON NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER,** Margie Logston, 2675 - 36th St., P.O. Box 4010, Parkersburg, WV 26104.

## Be Diligent

The famous singer, John Denver (*Take Me Home, Country Roads*) was an excellent pilot. He was trained and experienced. And when his fuel tank showed empty, he started looking for a landing site, but none was to be seen. Investigators said that he tried to switch to a second fuel tank, but it didn't matter. The plane went down. John Denver died. And the reason that the spare fuel didn't matter is a warning for all of us. For even with his expertise, he still neglected to see if the spare fuel tank was full or empty.

The Christian, Peter said, needs to make sure that EVERY PART of his Christian walk is nurtured and growing with "diligence." Neglecting one part can have eternal consequences.

*"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 1:8).

- Mark Burgess, *Bulletin Digest* (adapted)

**No one can have Christ  
as the Savior of his soul,  
who will not let Him  
be the Master of his life.**