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Why Were You Born?

Solomon said, "For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecc. 3:1). Have you ever considered, not just the time for every purpose, but the purpose itself? More specifically, have you ever considered the purpose for your existence? Have you given much thought to the question, "Why were you born?" The ancient Greek philosophers thought about the purpose of life and Paul described their conclusion, "If the dead do not rise, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'" (1 Cor. 15:32). This same attitude is reflected in our own society. If there is no God, if there is no resurrection, if there is no accountability on a final judgment day, then all that matters is what is happening right this minute!

This concept of instant gratification underlies sins like robbery, rape, neglect of children, fornication and adultery. All that matters is the present, and little thought is given to the consequences of decisions and actions. It is reflected in the god of materialism which is worshiped by the majority of Americans. The words of Isaiah describe this attitude. "Yes, they are greedy dogs which never have enough... They all look to their own way, every one for his own gain... 'Come,' one says, 'I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink; tomorrow will be as today, and much more abundant'" (Isa. 56:11-12). This attitude is seen in that bumper sticker which read, "He who dies with the most toys wins!"

Another manifestation of the wrong purpose in living is seen in the self-centered lives many live. All that matters is that those around me give me what I demand and always let me have my own way. Even religious people can easily be guilty of this. The priest and the Levite did not help the bleeding man beside the road for they thought that the things they wanted to do that day were more important than the needs of the man before them.

What is the proper view of life? If God did "know you when you were in the womb" (Psa. 139:13-15), what did He see as your purpose when you first saw light and took your first breath? Whatever is the answer to that question is the underlying principle which should govern our decisions and actions until the day of our death?

Before looking at God's answer as to why you were born, take time to reflect on the underlying principle which molds your decisions. How does God see the reason for your existence? Hear His words, "For I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him" (Isa. 43:7). He created you for His glory! Are you fulfilling His purpose?

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

by Dan Jenkins



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come and enjoy the fellowship at our Christmas Party, today after **evening** services.

- Bring Soup, Sandwiches and or Desserts
- If you wish to be part of the ornament exchange please bring a wrapped ornament costing no more than \$5.00
- The local nursing home is asking for socks for their patients; any size, any kind - if you are able to bring some that would be great!
- There will be cookie decorating and crafts for the young people
- Please help set up tables after services next Tuesday evening
- Group Path is responsible for setting up and cleaning up



PLEASE HELP

It has come to our attention that announcements are not being reported to the office but are being given to Carl or Jesse right before services.

Please contact the office by email, phone or Karen's cell phone with announcements by Friday morning at 10:00 to be in the bulletin or by noon to be on the announcement sheet.

We understand things happen over the weekend. Please have those notes clearly written on a piece of paper and handed to them.

Let's give these men the opportunity to be leaders and not message takers.

Thank you very much for your help!

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship meetings
retreats picnics games parties

Sunday, December 1st

Christmas Party after evening services; group Path

Sunday, December 1st

Ladies meeting at 3:30

Sunday, December 8th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:30

Sunday, December 8th

Youth Christmas Party at the Williams' home

Wednesday, December 25th

Services are cancelled; have a Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, January 1st

Wednesday services moved to Tuesday - our young men will conduct our services; Lock-in 8 pm - 7 am

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- All of those traveling.
- Jeannene Thomas has been home bound for a while; we just heard that she has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will begin radiation treatments.
- Those that are suffering with colds, sinus problems, the flu and other ailments.
- Karen Brown's uncle, Cordell Smallwood, has stage 4 lung cancer; and her Aunt Morene as she cares for him.
- Dolores Scherman in room 361 at the Select Specialty Hosp. in the Kaiser building near Hillcrest. SHORT visits would be appreciated.
- Susie O'Neal's son, John Griffith, is having multiple challenges in his life.
- Barbara Vaughan as she struggles with health problems.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Linda Patterson (stroke); Dolores Scherman; Temper & Megan Parker (CMT neuropathy); Karn Madding (cerebral palsy & infection); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear.

SOCKS

The local nursing home is asking for socks for their patients, any size, any kind. Please leave them in the tub in the fellowship room.

LADIES

If you would like to be added to or taken off of the communion preparation schedule for 2014, please give Susan Yeager a note with your request on or before Dec 1st.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Fisher Patterson, Dec 1	Angela Growns, Dec 8	Steven Wetzel, Dec 14
Topper & Melissa Causby, Dec 1	Scott Lack, Dec 11	Keith Riggs, Dec 15
Zac Caldwell, Dec 5	Jerry Morgan, Dec 12	Randy & Karen Brown, Dec 16
Karen Brown, Dec 5	Henry Lack, Dec 12	Ryan Pulliam, Dec 18
Susie O'Neal, Dec 6	Kimber Perry, Dec 14	Ben Williams, Dec 18



Text @d3e73 to the following number 917-746-2626 for the latest youth events.

If you have had an award or an achievement, email or text Matt at mfd38@tds.net or 918-284-0257.

UPDATED ADDRESS

Jacob Littlebear's mother called and left his updated address and requested that all messages be upbeat and positive. Also, there was a Church of Christ on base and he was able to attend last week. His updated address is: RCT Littlebear, Jacob // 2nd BN S. CO. PLT 2129 // 40002 Midway Ave // San Diego, CA 92140. (Address is posted on b-board).

LADIES MEETING

Our quarterly Ladies Meeting is today at 3:30.

MEETING

Elder's and Deacon's meeting Sunday, Dec 8th at 3:30.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

There are church directory additions on a small table in the foyer.

PHONE CALL

Did you get a phone call this past Sunday afternoon letting you know that services were cancelled Sunday evening? If you didn't, please contact the office and give us the phone number you would like to be contacted at.

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

Contribution

101 Sunday Contribution \$3,587.20
143 Budget \$4,041.00
-0- Over Budget \$4,895.55
85 Building Fund \$242,528.36

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bill Path
Opening Prayer Keith Riggs
Closing Prayer Darrell Burcham
Scripture Reading Ian Hill
Lord's Table Bobby Hill
Cameron Hill
Doyle Tuggle
Scott Lack

Ushers

Jeff Bullinger
Topper Causby

Greeter

Steve Rucquoy

Lock Building

Jim Yeager; Bob Simmons

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer Jack Lierly
Closing Prayer Randy Brown
Lord's Table Bobby Hill
Cameron Hill

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer Steve Wetzel
Closing Prayer Larry Potter
Song Leader James Hamilton

Communion Preparation

12/1 Selene Williams
12/8 Lilia Rothell
12/15 Bayla Burrus
12/22 Becky Byers
12/29 Debbie Whitchurch

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, December 1st
3:30 pm

EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

12/1 Ezk 29-31; Ps 121; 1Tim 1-3
12/2 Ezk 34-35; Ps 122; 1Tim 4-6
12/3 Ezk 36-37; Ps 123; 2Tim 1-2
12/4 Ezk 38-39; Ps 124; 2Tim 3-4
12/5 Ezk 40-41; Ps 125; Titus 1-3
12/6 Ezk 42-44; Ps 126; Philem
12/7 Ezk 45-46; Ps 127; Heb 1-3



IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

"These were more noble...they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

Dec 1 - Listening to God
Dec 8 - The Origin of Life
Dec 15 - This Mind In You
Dec 22 - Because of Jesus
Dec 29 - Hope

Sunday Morning Sermon

"Face Unafraid the Plans That He's Made"
2 Timothy 2:7-8

Sunday Evening Class

America's Christian Heritage
Bruce Rothell