

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## **When Was The Last Time?**

Too often, many of us get caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and by doing so, we tend to neglect some of the more important things in life. So, being reminded of that, I ask...

### **When Was The Last Time You Stopped To Reflect Upon God's Beautiful Creation?**

My friend, contrary to the belief of some, God is the creator of the world and of everything in it (Acts 17:24), and His invisible attributes are clearly seen being understood by the things which He has made (Romans 1:20). Therefore, take some time to stop and reflect upon God's beautiful creation, and do not be one who is too busy to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, but rather be one who takes the time to reflect upon the awesome creation of God.

### **When Was The Last Time You Took Quality Time To Pray?**

I ask, did you think to pray today? You see, brethren, prayer is the Christian's direct line to God, for it is the avenue we take to communicate with our Father in heaven. Likewise, prayer is a spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3) and as Christian's we have the confidence that God will hear and answer our

prayers (1 John 5:14-15). However, there are many who will tell you that it has been awhile since they have addressed a prayer to our Father in heaven. Why? Well, sadly many use the excuse "I am too busy" or "I forgot to pray." However, brethren, we need to realize that prayer is vital to one's spiritual relationship with God. Therefore, always make, and take, time to pray (Luke 18:1), never forgetting that there is power in prayer (James 5:16).

### **When Was The Last Time You Took Quality Time To Study Your Bible?**

Have you studied your Bible lately? If not, why not? You see, the Bible is the all inspired word of God, and it is profitable for and able to thoroughly complete or equip men for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). For, the Bible contains all things that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). So, in order to know those things we must take the time to study our Bible's, so that we can understand how to show ourselves approved unto God (2 Timothy 2:15). Therefore, let's all strive to imitate the noble Bereans who searched the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11), and may we all take the time to meditate day and night upon the word of God (Psalm 1:1-2).

### **When Was The Last Time You Expressed Your Love To Your Loved Ones?**

Friends, when was the last time you expressed your love to your loved ones? Sadly, many families today just don't seem to be as close as they should be. Why? Well again, too many today are caught up in the hustle and bustle of the everyday life, and they are putting time that they should be spending with their family on the "back-burner." However, we all need to make, and take, time for our loved ones, and we need to be expressing our love to them. For, husbands are commanded to love their wives (Ephesians 5:25) and are to be

an encouragement to their children (Colossians 3:21). Likewise, wives are commanded to love their husbands and their children (Titus 2:4). Therefore, take the time to let your loved ones know how much you love them.

### **When Was The Last Time You Encouraged Your Brethren?**

Brethren, when was the last time you spent some quality time with fellow Christians? When was the last time you sent a card, or made a phone call to encourage a brother or sister in Christ? You see, it is very important for brethren to make, and take, the time to encourage one another. Why? Well, to help prevent us from being hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13). So, knowing that let's all become more diligent in taking the time to consider one another, in order to stir up love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25).

### **When Was The Last Time You Spiritually Examined Thyself?**

Have you looked in the mirror lately? If so, did you like what you saw? You see, we must take the time to do some self-examining (2 Corinthians 13:5), and we must be honest with ourselves when we do so. Therefore, take the time to reflect upon your life, and if you find that you are not living according to God's standard make the necessary changes needed to do so (Ref. James 1:21-25). Knowing that, let's all take the time to examine ourselves, and let's never forget these inspired words of Paul, "let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Once more, I ask, when was the last time?

*✍ Brad Phillips*

## **Thank You Brethren**

Dear brethren at Belleville,

We want to thank you for your encouragement, love, and support during the past five years. We are so very thankful for the opportunity which was given to us to labor in the Lord with you all here at Belleville, and we hope that you all have profited from our time together.

We pray that you all will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), and that you will always strive to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

We will continue to keep you all in our prayers, and we ask for you all to likewise keep us in your prayers, as we prepare to begin working with the brethren at Greencastle.

Although words can not begin to express just how thankful we are for you, know that we thank you, know that we love you, and know that you will always hold a special place in our hearts!

With love,

Brad, Holly, Paislee, and Brantley Phillips

### **Belleville church of Christ**

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#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Study .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .....	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00 p.m.

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