

"The Churches" Time is now!

By Jim Byrne
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Paul J. Meyer, in giving advice on making the most of one's time, says that we must "think about time all the time." Nothing is more valuable than time. Gold, money and jewels are very valuable commodities because they are in short supply. If they are lost they may be replaced through hard work and economy. Time, on the other hand, is completely non-renewable. A second passed is gone forever. Without time all other commodities which we cherish are worthless. Wealth, prestige and ease are valueless without time to enjoy them. When one queen of England was terminally ill, she offered her doctor the half of her very large kingdom if he could grant her one more year of life.

King David was a man who valued his time. He prayed, "Lord, make me to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how transient or frail I am." (Ps. 39:4) David wanted to keep two facts before his mind at all times.

First, Life is Limited. Make me to know my end and the measure of my days. It seems as if at the moment of birth God opens an account in our name in the great Bank of Time. There He deposits a certain length of time. We then begin making withdrawals one day at a time. One day the last withdrawal is made and our life on earth is finished. Our days in this life are numbered. This is one of the most obvious facts of our lives but the one most often ignored. We live as if this life went on forever, as if we will never grow old or die. Making the most of life means facing this fact squarely.

Secondly, Life is Uncertain. That I may know how frail or transient I am. Subconsciously we are aware that unpleasant things may happen but we foolishly hope that these things will not happen to us. We probably will have a car accident. We may get cancer or have a heart attack. Old age will certainly run us down, (not creep up on us.) The Bible warns, "Boast not yourself of tomorrow, for you know not what a day may bring forth." We do not know what 1979 may hold for us. It may contain prosperity and ease or possibly tragedy, pain or death.

If we face these facts and really value the time of our lives, how should we live? We must set spiritual priorities for our lives and we must stick to them no matter what. Otherwise we will waste our time. We must determine to spend our time on things of eternal value. Of course, we cannot give up our jobs and escape from this life. We must still eat and live but we must put first things first. Many people tell me that they have no time to think of God. How foolish! Some day all they will have left is what time they spent for Him, if any. How much time did you spend in 1978 in doing what God wanted? Did you give Him the best of your time or only what time you did not need for anything else?

If 1979 is to be any different you must make sure that you are a Christian. The Bible teaches that we become a Christian, not by joining a church, ours or any other, but by praying to Jesus Christ and telling Him that we have sinned against Him. We must tell Him that we are trusting Him alone to take away our sins because He died for us. Then we must commit ourselves to serve Him first in the years ahead.

Top priority must then be given to what He wants for us. Time must be set aside in 1979 for reading the Bible and praying in private. Time must be set aside to bring yourself and your family to a church where you will be taught the Bible and where you will be able to do something practical to serve God.

Fifty year milestone

STOUFFVILLE — On Tuesday, Jan. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sweeney, Montreal Street, Souffville, marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The occasion, a milestone in their lives, was celebrated quietly, at the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Reesor.

Albert and Bessie Sweeney are natives of Nova Scotia, in fact, they were born only eight miles apart. Although 50 years ago, their wedding date remains a memorable experience.

"We were lucky to reach the minister's home," said Albert, "It was pouring rain and the pastor was taken ill. He tied the knot at the rectory. On our return (by horse and buggy) it turned bitterly cold and my coat was frozen so stiff I could hardly get out."

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney moved to Souffville 22 years ago.

This spring. For a time, they resided on the Bethesda Sideroad, west of the Ninth and then took up residence in town. Albert is well-known here through his employment with the Souffville Floral Company; the Souffville Works Department at the Arena. He's been retired seven years but keeps busy tending his large garden during the summer months. Mrs. Sweeney helps too. She also enjoys crocheting.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney have been back to Nova Scotia several times, travelling by car, bus, train and plane. "It takes longer to get from the airport to Souffville than from Halifax to Toronto," Albert revealed.

The couple has two children, a son, John, in Digby, Nova Scotia and a daughter, Mary (Mrs. Lorimer Daniels) of Berwick, Nova Scotia. They have 16 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sweeney, Montreal Street, Souffville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary quietly, Tuesday, Jan. 2. They were luncheon guests at the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Reesor. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney have resided in the Souffville area for the past 22 years. —Jim Thomas.

Diamond Anniversary

The community extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lewis, RR 3, Claremont, on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, Sat., Jan. 20. To mark the occasion, an "open house" will be held from 1:30 to 5 p.m., in the Souffville Masonic Hall.

Editor's Mail

Appeal for aid

Greetings in the most precious name of Jesus our Saviour and Messiah! I sincerely hope that this humble letter reaches you all in the best of health and in the blessings from the Lord.

Before I proceed, I wish to introduce myself to you. I am Ma. Mater Mayola, a volunteer junior social worker in Culion Leper Colony. In my stay here I truly realized and felt how hard it is to live in such an isolated place called to be the "ISLE OF THE LIVING DEAD". Here you may see lot of unfortunate leper families in extreme poverty and sickness; beings created to suffer the curse of destiny. It is indeed a pitiful sight to see children go through the streets ill-clothed and hungry, no one to give love and care. In the serenity of the night, your heart will be heavy of compassion to hear painful moans and soft afflictive sobs of the suffering lepers, filling the air you breathe,

anything you kind people may wish to share to uplift their sufferings, brighten their sad lives and lighten their poverty even only at this season. I sincerely hope you won't deny me the privilege to be of help to our unfortunate brothers and sisters through your kindness and charity.

Lastly, I personally assure you of my prayers, my regards and best wishes for you all. God bless you and yours forever.

Ma. Mater Mayola, BSSW, P.O. Box SM-313, Sta. Mesa, Manila 2806, Philippines

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Population 'about 300'

MARKHAM — The most recent newsletter to members of the Markham Historical Society, composed by Ann Armstrong of Lucust Hill, contains the following information on Reesorville (Markham), back in 1846. The item was gleaned from Smith's Canadian Gazetteer and reads as follows:

"It's a village situated near the southeast corner of the Twp. of Markham, close to the Rouge River, twenty miles from Toronto. It has been settled about twenty-five years by Canadians, Pennsylvania Dutch, Germans, Americans, Irish and a few English and Scotch. There are two churches — a Presbyterian and Methodist, and an Episcopal Church is erecting. A circulating library is kept up, supported by subscriptions. The population is about 300 with postal service three times a week."

That was 132 years ago.

Church Services

- CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN**
154 Sunset 640-1461
Rector: Rev. F. Edney 297-1634
Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979
Epiphany II
9:30 — Holy Communion — Rev. W.F. Edney
Church School
Coffee hour followed by annual vestry meeting
NURSERY SERVICES PROVIDED
- STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST**
Mala-O'Brien
Rev. D.C. Payne, Pastor 649-3156
10 a.m. — Bible School
11 a.m. — Worship
7 p.m. — Hour of Praise.
Wed. 8 p.m. — Hour of Power
ALL WELCOME
- SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Gormley Souffville Rd. At 6th Conc. (Kennedy Rd.)
Rev. Tom Hamilton
Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — Worship Service.
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service.
Wed. 7-8:15 p.m. Family Night — Skyforce Children's Program.
All Welcome.
- GOODWOOD HALL**
3rd Line & 47 Hwy.
LORD'S DAY
Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979
Breaking Bread 9:30
Sunday School and Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
GOSPEL Meeting 7 p.m.
Mon. — Bible Study 8:00 p.m.
Thurs. — Prayer 8 p.m.
ALL WELCOME
- BLOOMINGTON CHRISTIAN GOSPEL CHURCH**
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Services:
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School for young and old
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship with a Warmth 7:30 p.m. — Evening Service with a Challenge
- STOUFFVILLE MISSIONARY CHURCH**
159 Main St. E.
John Hamilton — Minister
Associate Minister Mr. J. Clubine
Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979
9:45 a.m. — Family Sunday School. Bus service available.
11:00 a.m. — Morning Service — "Determining Right Conduct"
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service, "Dealing With Those Who Differ"
Wed. 9:45 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. — Ladies Coffee Hours
Wed. 7:00 p.m. — Pioneer Girls & Jr. Boys' Club
Wed. 7:30 p.m. — Jr. High Boys' Club
Wed. 7:30 p.m. — Prayer & Bible Study (Youth & Adults)
Friday 7:30 p.m. — Senior High & College Youth
"You're always welcome at the Missionary Church"
- STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH**
Minister — Rev. J.L. Carder, B.A., B.D.
Pastoral assistant Mrs. Audrey Dawson
Jan. 14, 1979
11:00 a.m. — Worship Service
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School, nursery, kindergarten, primary, Jr. — Intermediate
Monday 7:30 p.m. — Explorers & C.G.I.T.
"You Will Be Welcome"
- UNIONVILLE GOSPEL HALL**
2nd Street at Hwy. 7
LORD'S DAY
Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979
Breaking Bread 9:30
Sunday School and Bible Class 11:30 a.m.
GOSPEL Meeting 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer — Bible Study 8 p.m.
All Heartily Welcome
- ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Rev. Ted Green
640-4195
Sun. Jan. 14, 1979
10 a.m. — Morning Worship (full nursery facilities)
11:15 a.m. — Church School
Sun. Jan. 21 Evening Service, Movie, "Peace Child"
A Friendly Family Church
- GORMLEY MISSIONARY CHURCH**
Rev. Cecil Rosenberger
Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979
9:50 a.m. — Family Sunday School
11 a.m. — Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. — Hymn Sing
Wed. evening — Prayer Service at 8 p.m.
- ALTONA MISSIONARY CHURCH**
Pastor — R. Kennedy
Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979
10 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service.
Wed. 8:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting.



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Guest speaker
Rev. Fred Miller, a former rector, will be the guest speaker at the 9:30 a.m. service in Christ Anglican Church, Souffville, on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Much improved
Mrs. Rae McFadden, Baker Avenue, is reported as much improved following a period of treatment and observation in hospital.



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