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# "News to Know"

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*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

**LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23**

**On time!!**

***"All of us should . . . enjoy what we have worked for. It is God's gift."***

That means if you don't feel you have enough time in your day, one of two things is true.

- 1) You're doing things God doesn't intend for you to do.
- 2) You're doing the things God intended the wrong way.

God wouldn't give you a list of things to do and not give you the time to do them. You're either trying to do too much or you're wasting time. There's really no other option.

Either way, you need to learn to enjoy the moment. The Bible says, "*All of us should . . . enjoy what we have worked for. It is God's gift*" (**Ecclesiastes 3:13** GNT).

Too many of us fall victim to a terrible trap. I call it "when and then" thinking. We believe "when" we achieve a particular goal, we'll be happy. Maybe that goal is graduation, marriage, or a financial goal. But you won't be happy then. You'll enjoy reaching that goal for three seconds, and then you'll start asking yourself, "What's next?" The cycle simply repeats itself.

Are you worn out, burnt out, or stressed out? God wants more for you. If you're carrying an overwhelming load, it isn't from Jesus. He says, "*Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest . . . the load I give you to carry is light*" (**Matthew 11:28, 30** NCV).

Every moment of your life is a gift from God. He doesn't want you to miss a single one because you're focused on what's next and not on what's he's put right in front of you. Don't wait for something to happen before you are happy with what you already have. God has given you everything you need for joy and contentment right now. Think about it

- What moments from your past do you regret that your busyness kept you from enjoying?
- What goals have you achieved in the past that you thought would be satisfying yet they weren't?
- How can you change your priorities and your schedule so that you have enough time to do what God wants you to do?

Pastor Carlos

# Happy Birthday

## JUNE

- June 8      Bobbie Glenn**
- June 9      Mary Lou Coffey**  
**Euphia Johnson**  
**Kathleen Stephens**
- June 12     Stephanie Harris**
- June 23     Joanie Ingram**
- June 25     Helen Deffenbaugh**
- June 27     Lane Robertson**
- June 28     Gideon Crase**
- June 29     Cleve Barnes**

### Special Prayer needs

Vonda Cogburn , Pray for healing  
 John Shoup, Hospice  
 Margret Mohr  
 Rick Couri  
 Carol Camp  
 Bradley Harris  
 William Walsh, Grandson of Janee Lewis  
 James Cowell, Grandson of Joyce Woodruff  
 Kelly Scott, uncle of Charity Crase.

**Please lift these special needs up in your time of prayer!**

### Monthly Financials

June 2..... \$6,126.00  
 June 9..... \$4,092.00  
 June 16.....\$4,215.00  
 June 23.....\$  
 June 30.....\$  
 Designated-\$192.00  
 Weekly Need-\$5,985.28  
 Monthly Need-\$23,941.12

## FBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unable to attend, Dorothy Armes.

Ladies Exercise, choir rm. M-W-F, 11am.  
Clothes Closet will be open Wednesday from 2-4pm, *“and is asking for donations for men’s clothing, womens jeans, any t-shirts and shorts.*

Bro.Carlos is asking for donations to help with the FOOD PANTRY, drop them off in the wagon in the foyer.

**\*Looking ahead this week\***

- **6/18/24** Election Day, All Day, Fell. Hall
- **6/18/24** Java & Jesus, Men’s coffee 10am
- **6/18/24** Plenty-niners, 12:00 noon.
- **6/18/24** Pickleball, 8-10pm.
- **6/19/24** **SHEEPS CROSSING, 2-4PM.**
- **6/19/24** Regular Wednesday Sevices,6pm

Please be in Prayer for Brother Mike Shelton as he begins a new ministry this week, SHEEPS CROSSING. It will be on Wednesday, 19th, 2-4pm, at the Food Pantry. Let’s hope many people will be blessed by this ministry.

**\*This week’s welcome team\***

**Joanna Hoffman & Liz Shelton**

**Nursery—Kathleen & Karen Ray**