

## IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES

Tomorrow will never come for many people. “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14) The nature of our life is that we are on earth only for a brief time. What if tomorrow never comes in your life?

**If tomorrow never comes, I want to be found in Christ.** The Bible teaches we should, “...be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.” (Philippians 3:9). I care nothing for self-achieved righteousness; I simply want to be found in Him.

**If tomorrow never comes, I want to have served faithfully in the Lord’s army.** I long to hear God say, “...Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (Matthew 25:21). Whatever has been put into my hands my goal is to be trustworthy in it. Being God’s faithful servant is what matters.

**If tomorrow never comes, I want to die in the service of my Lord.** I realize, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4). I desire to be busy with God’s business during the daylight of my life. Night is coming.

**If tomorrow never comes, I want my family and friends to know of my love and I want to leave them an example to follow.** Paul said, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1).

**If tomorrow never comes I want to have made some difference for good in my world.** “Let your

moderation (unselfishness) be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand” (Philippians 4:5). I want to serve my fellowman realizing that the Lord is near.

What would be your desire “If tomorrow never comes?” Would you wish for one more day to obey? (Mark 16:16). Would you wish for one more day to be restored? (Acts 8:22). Or would you pray, “Come, Lord Jesus?” (Revelation 22:20).

**Charles Box** *adapted from Eastside Edifier*

## HOW TO BE A REAL FRIEND

There are many different types of friends in this world. For example, there are “fair weather” friends who stick by your side as long as things are going well. There are “friends for hire” who are your friends only because they get something out of being your friends. Of these friends the Bible states, “...every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts” (Proverbs 19:6). There are “pseudo friends” who pretend to be your friends, but then turn around and stab you in the back. Then, there are true friends indeed. Notice several characteristics of a true friend.

A true friend is one who cares for you out of respect for who you are. The writer of Proverbs said, “A friend loveth at all times...” (Proverbs 17:17). These are the type of friends who stick with you through thick and thin. A good example of this would be the relationship that the apostle Paul and Luke had. Of this relationship Paul said during difficult times, “Only Luke is with me” (2 Timothy 4:11).

A true friend is faithful to you. The writer of Proverbs said this concerning a faithful friend: “There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother...” (Proverbs 18:24). A true friend does not lie about you or say things behind

your back. A faithful friend is there for you in the good and the bad times. Friends that are truly faithful help us to become better friends also. Solomon stated, “Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend” (Proverbs 27:17).

A true friend is concerned more about doing right than hurting your feelings. The wise man said, “Open rebuke is better than secret love” (Proverbs 27:5). The writer of Proverbs teaches us a valuable lesson about friendship. A true friend will tell you the truth at all times whether you like it or not. Someone who lies to you to make you feel better is not a real friend. Little wonder is it then that the Bible says, “Faithful are the wounds of a friend...” (Proverbs 27:6). A true friend who may have hurt your feelings telling you the truth is a faithful friend.

All of the characteristics of a true friend are really exemplified in one man — Jesus Christ. Jesus is our best friend in the whole world. He cares deeply for us (John 3:16). He looks out for our spiritual welfare (Hebrews 2:9). He even went to the cross and died for each one of us (1 Peter 2:24). The question we must ask ourselves is, “Are we a friend to Jesus?” Jesus tells us how we can be his friends. He said, “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you” (John 15:14). If you are not obeying the will of God, you are not a friend of Jesus. If you are obeying God’s will, you could have no better friend.

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**Mark your calendar for our...**  
**Family Bible Studies**  
**July 24-28, 2006**

## **BIRTHDAY**

Monica Nemechek, 06-20.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Tom and Cindy Bright, 06-21; John and Louise Dodson, 06-22; Ted and Julia Thrasher, 06-22.

## **ILL**

**Wednesday:** Janice Carter, Lynda Cole. Allen Scott was released from the Olathe Medical Center on June 15 and is recovering at home. Ledgia Campbell was released from OU Medical Center on June 12 and is recovering at home. Lynda Cole had an outpatient test last week. **Those battling cancer:** Kim Clark, Diane Cannon, and Ledgia Campbell. Please remember these in your prayers, as well as: Janice Carter, Allen Scott, Ralph and Helen Franklin, and Ron Woods.

## **HOME BOUND**

Bob Adams is in Room D-4 of the Johnson County Nursing Center in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

## **OUT OF TOWN**

The Parish family was on vacation last week. The Tullis family is in Texas. Myron Nebergall was away on Wednesday. The Thrasher family was in Marietta, Oklahoma last week for the funeral of Julia's father. Julia remains with her mother in Marietta to care for her.

## **RETIREMENT**

Barbara James retired from her employment at the Johnson County courthouse on June 20.

## **FBS MEETING**

All FBS teachers, helpers and workers are requested to meet in the auditorium at 5 PM this Sunday.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Sunday AM, 56; Sunday PM, 48; Wednesday PM, 44.

## **Those To Serve**

June 18, 2006

**BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Nelson**

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Joel Nelson**  
**SONG LEADER..... George Thomas**  
**OPENING PRAYER ..... Gary Cole**  
**PRESIDE..... John Dodson**  
**ASSIST.....John James**  
**ASSIST.....David Parish**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... Ken Greer**

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER ..... Myron Nebergall**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... Jeff Nemechek**  
**LORD'S SUPPER..... John Dodson**

**WEDNESDAY June 21st**

**SONG LEADER..... George Thomas**  
**INVITATION ..... Michael Simmons**

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday**

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### **Wednesday**

Ladies Bible Study ..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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