

# New Berean News

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## God's Minute

### Special points of interest:

- Being grateful for the things God has done
- Making time to share God's word
- Finding God's Purpose for my life

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*The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7 \*NIV)*

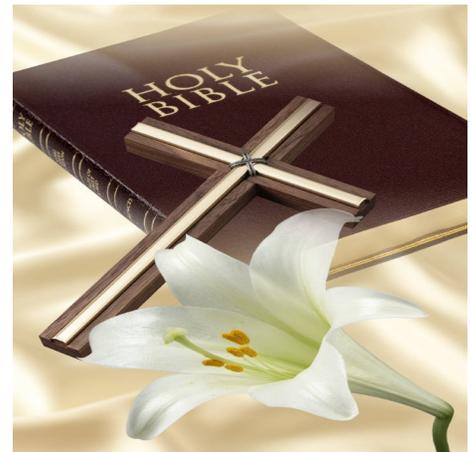
Christian Friends,  
We often fall into the trap of being so busy that we become caught up in this World of ours today. We even seem to forget that we are only on this Earth for a short time. Now it is

written; *What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. (James 4:14)*

*Therefore our Savior warned us about this when He said; What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? (Luke 9:25)*

So friends always remember to keep God number one in your heart, for after all Eternity is a very, very, long time indeed.

Today I will end this message by sharing a poem.



I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.

I had to hurry and get to work, For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, And jumped up off my knees.

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## Pastor's Aid Ministry

The purpose of the PAM throughout the year is to support our pastor and his family by caring for their financial, physical, and special needs, and above all praying for his leadership. Sis. Mildred Newby reports

that the ministry is over 8 members strong. This year we honored our First Lady, Sister Vanessa Ricks. We are looking forward to helping our Pastor celebrate report cards, birthdays, anniversaries and in October ,Clergy Pastor Appreciation

Month. The ministry is open to anyone who would like to join. The only requirement is that you must have a willing heart, a mind to work, and courage to face difficulties, if any.

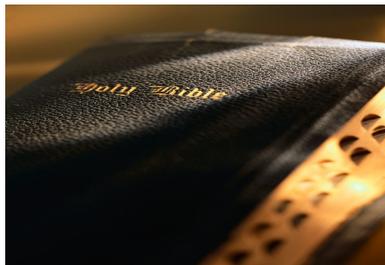
PAM meet w/ advance notice or as needed .

## Spiritual Inventory

*Ye have sown so much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put into a bag with holes.*

Haggai 1:6

Sometimes, no matter how hard we work or how large our paycheck is, our ends don't seem to meet. We think our budget is balanced, then the washing machine or water heater goes. No matter what we do, we have to pinch every penny.



Have we looked at our money issues as spiritual ones, or do we think money's too "practical" to relate to God? In this passage, God told the Jews their practical problems stemmed from a spiritual problem—

they hadn't built his temple. They'd disobeyed Him and were paying a financial price.

Not every monetary problem stems from spiritual disobedience, but it's a good place to start. Take a spiritual inventory of your life. Did God warn you to control your spending, and you've kept on with it anyway? Or are you refusing to take part in the church's ministry? Ask yourself some deep questions and pray, being open to God's correction. Do what He directs you to do. Then live on whatever He provides, because when God provides, you'll make it through to the end of every month.

*Prayer:*

*Lord, show me anyplace I may not be in Your will. Bring glory to Yourself even in my financial choices. Amen.*

**Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7**

## Know Your Neighbors

In days gone by, neighbors used to sit on their front porches together, talking about their days, watch one another's children and borrow cups of sugar. There was a community with a common bond that has faded or been lost in today's busy society.

Times and people were warmer and much friendlier in past times. We could learn a lot of we look at how

the more seasoned Christian's of days gone by who knew God's purpose for their lives.

Look for God's purpose among the people around you. Say "hello" when you meet your neighbors and engage

in conversation. Consider that God placed you in a particular place to be neighbors to those particular

people. You can accomplish what He has for you in those relationships. Extend a hand of friendship to your neighbors and see what God has in store for you.

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## A Prayer Starter : Christian Fearlessness

***So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (Hebrews 13:6)***

When my enemies stand before me, Lord, fear is the first emotion that covers me. Uncertain about the future, I being to



worry about things I could lose to these people.

Your promise tells me I have nothing to fear. What can I lose that is not already in Your hand? What can I lose that is not already in Your control? With your

help, I am secure and guarded against every attack. Thank You for Your precious blood and your protection. Keep me from fear and strengthen my trust in you.

And what ever the readers stand in need of, \_\_\_\_\_ Thank You. In Jesus Name. Amen.

## The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

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  G M A T T H I A S T H O M A S
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  E X R W P F C P R C Z I F A
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  M H G G                               S I J T
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  P H H I                               O T N W
  Q I J W                               N W B Y
    
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Andrew  
 Bartholomew  
 James  
 James Alpheus  
 John  
 Judas  
 Matthew  
 Matthias  
 Philip  
 Simon  
 Simon Peter  
 Thaddeus  
 Thomas

*This includes the 12 original apostles and the one selected to take Judas' place.*

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## God's Minute Cont.

My Christian duty was now done,  
 My soul could rest at ease.

All day Long I had no time, To  
 spread a word of cheer.

No time to speak of Christ to  
 friends, They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do,  
 That was my constant cry,

No time to give to souls in need,  
 But at last the time, the time to die.

I went before the  
 Lord, I came with  
 downcast eyes.

For in His hands  
 God held a book; It  
 was the book of life.

God looked into his

book and said "Your name I cannot  
 find. I once was going to write it  
 down..... But never found the  
 time."

*What good is it for a man to  
 gain the whole world, and yet  
 lose of forfeit his very self?  
 (Luke 9:25 \*NIV)*

## The I Ams of John's Gospel

I am the bread of life 6:35-48

I am the living bread 6:51

I am the light of the world 8:12

I am from above, I am not of this  
 world 8:23



I am the gate for the sheep  
 10:7

I am the good shepherd  
 10:11

I am the resurrection and  
 the life 11:25

I am the way, and the truth,  
 and the life 14:6

I am the true vine 15:1

#### OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AN SHUT IN OF OUR CHURCH AND FOR THOSE IN NEED. SHOW YOUR MERCY AS YOU MAKE BROKEN BODIES WHOLE. MAY THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE FIND LASTING HEALTH AND DELIVERANCE SO THEY MAY JOIN US IN THANKING YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIFTS.

AMEN,  
NEW BEREAN MEMBERS

BRENDA POWELL, DONALD REID, HOLLIS BOONE & DARLENE

## Bring Your Articles and Ideas

*Calling all New Berean members! If you have an article, a word of encouragement, a poem, an upcoming program or event, or anything uplifting you would like to share, you are welcome to submit it and we will be more than happy to include your article in the New Berean Newsletter. The deadline to have your article included is the 1st Sunday of each month. You can also email your articles to: [nbnews01@gmail.com](mailto:nbnews01@gmail.com). All articles received after the 1st Sunday may not be included until the following month. We look forward to hearing from you.*

## Health & Wellness Fair April 20, 2013 10am-1pm



## New Berean Stars of the Month

#### Birthday

Ann Boone

Jerome Jones

Perry Holmes

Yvette Shepherd

#### Anniversary

#### Stars of the Month

Alana Cason

Dwayne Cason

#### Report Card Award Day April 28th

Children please don't forget to bring a copy

Of your 3rd quarter report cards.

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