



The Anchor

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From The Pastor's Desk Pastor Bill Adams



The cell phone is one of those ingenious devices that can both help and hinder us. With it, you feel more secure and available but, at the same time, you sacrifice the privacy of being able to get away undisturbed! No matter how good a driver you are, when you're on the phone, you're not as attentive as you should be.

The same happens in life. We can be so busy and engaged in the affairs of this life that we fail to pay attention to important things around us. The Scriptures challenge us to "NEGLECT NOT."

YOUR SALVATION

Hebrews 2:3 says "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Here the word neglect means to be careless. The same word is translated "made light" in Matthew 22:5 as Jesus used a parable to speak of those discounting the invitation to salvation: "but they made light of it, and went their ways." My friend, if you are not saved, do not be so busy or occupied that you neglect salvation. Do not be so careless or carefree as to make light of God's invitation. For without salvation, you will not escape Hell.

YOUR SERVICE

Paul used a different word in I

Timothy 4:14, when he told Timothy, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." The word refers to an overlooking or of regarding less. Timothy was commanded to continually use his God-given gift in the ministry. Peter said, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (I Peter 4:10). The early church harmony was disrupted, "because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration" (Acts 6:1). Neither God nor man is to be overlooked in service. We can be busy, but busy with the wrong things:

"Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat



at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

YOUR SIN

In Jesus' instruction to members of the church who were being sinned against, He said:

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"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Matthew 18:15-17

Here the word neglect means to fail to listen to, to disregard. God help us that when we sin against others, that we don't ignore or overlook how we may have hurt, harmed, injured, or impaired them. May we be sensitive and swift to reconcile with the brethren.

There's a lot to pay attention to today as we live our lives. Let's progress not digress through 2008. In our busyness, let's not overlook or undervalue salvation, service, or sin.



GOOD TIDINGS CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season calendar at Vaughan Baptist Church was full of events and activities. A great group of teenagers went carolling to our sick and shut-ins. The Sunday school teachers were busy with activities for their students. Our Christmas Cantata was "snowed out" but the following Sunday, we had a meaningful and musical Christmas service. Then on Christmas Eve, with many participating, we remembered the birth of our Saviour through poems, preaching, musical specials, and Scriptural readings.

PASTOR ALEX FROM AFRICA

On Wednesday, January 9th, Pastor Alex Boamah from Ghana, West Africa, preached an inspirational message from the book of Philippians. It truly stirred our hearts to hear of the spiritual activities of the Christians there in spite of facing many physical and spiritual obstacles. As you recall, Pastor Alex, as part of his local church ministry, ministers to the blind, deaf, and impoverished among his people. We were able, last year, to collect many articles of clothing to send to the children in an orphanage overseen by one of his churches.

YOUTH CORNER

Pastor James Hird

Keeping Your Life Clean

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalm 119:9

David asks a weighty question here. He wants to know what young people need to do to care for their Christian lives. This is a serious question. The word "cleansing" implies that there are already stains in these young lives. All people are born with a sin nature which remains with them through their lives, but David is also looking at the sins that are focused towards youth - *"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* II Timothy 2:22 These sins render their ways offensive to God and disgraceful to themselves.

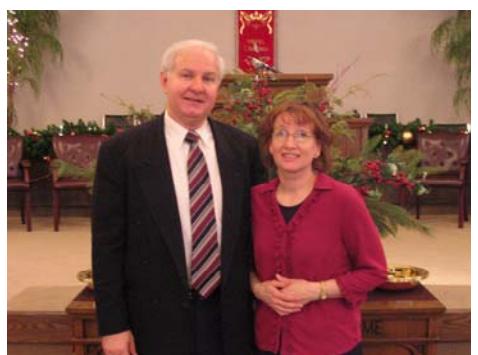
What is the answer? David provides it here in this verse. Young people, just like all other Christians, need to concentrate on God's Word. Young people must take the Word of God as their rule. They must acquaint themselves with it and resolve to conform to it in all aspects of their lives. Once they have done this, these young men and women must carefully apply the rules that are laid out by Scripture. They need to use God's Word as a standard to guide them in the way of their lives. They need to use God's Word as a compass to point them in the direction

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THE VBC PICTURE GALLERY



We remembered the birth of our Saviour through poems, preaching, musical specials, and Scriptural readings at Christmas Eve. And Pastor Alex delivered a soul-stirring message during a Wednesday night service in the New Year.



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Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, February 3rd
6:00 PM—There will be no preaching that evening.

Marriage Enrichment Fellowship

Saturday, February 9th
4:30 PM

Baby Shower for Jema

Sunday, February 10th
Ladies, please see Debbie Adams if you can help with refreshments. You can bring a gift or Debbie will be collecting money through Wednesday, February 6th for a gift card.

Dessert Night (at the Adams')

Friday, February 29th
7:00-11:00PM

Berean Bible Baptist Institute

Sundays at 10am
Course on Christian Counselling begins on Sunday, March 23rd.

Easter Services

Sunday, March 23rd.

Bible Study and Prayer

Wednesdays at 7pm.
We continue to study the "The Book of Numbers: Living a Life that Counts".



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Would you like to share your testimony? Do you have a special story, event, prayer request or any other information you would like to share with your church family?

Please contact us at the church office by phone or email.



Our Schedule of Services

MINISTRIES ON SUNDAY

Sunday School	
for all ages	10:00 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Evening Service	6:00 pm

We have fully staffed and supervised nurseries at all services.

MINISTRIES ON WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
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We are an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, located in the heart of Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada.

The Church is located 10 minutes north of Metropolitan Toronto and 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport, and only a 40 minute drive from downtown Toronto.

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that they should take their lives. Today, there are many things that vie for the attention of young people – television, videos, music, video games – all of these are not wrong in themselves, but they can lead teenagers in the wrong direction. Young people can ruin their lives by living without rules, without God's Word governing their lives, and allowing the world to pull them in whichever direction it desires.

Young people, take time now and decide to put purity first and keep your life clean. Take heed to God's Word.



Our very own Mike Dion running the Toronto Waterfront Marathon last summer. GO MIKE GO!

