

May Birthdays

Aglen Thurmond	1	Jim Hartsfield	16
Nick Spratlen	2	Sherry Herndon	16
Wanda Gunter	4	Mary Howell	16
William Mattheson	4	Bart Moores	16
Jane Sanders	4	Joe Ed Smith	17
Ella Tharp	5	Lynda Ausburn	17
Karla Stripplehoff	5	Tom Durner	17
Abbott Hall	5	Barbara Allen	18
Sallie Faircloth	5	Ginger Autry	22
Reginald Rogers	6	Eddie Stiles	22
Vanice Roberts	6	Bettie Sander	23
Barry Roberson	6	Marsha Thompson	23
Carol Morgan	6	Bob Tolley	23
Hank Hames	6	Rosemary Beggs	24
Joe McHarg	8	Ann Huggins	24
Barbara Hood	8	John Clayton	25
Glenda Woodman	9	Don Phillips	26
Clyde Harper	9	Lorelei Ebersold	27
Louann Frye	9	Rick Caddell	28
Rhonda Ellis	9	Terry Renfro	28
Khamphou Latthanavong	10	Martha Moor	29
Debbie Phelps	10	Tim Smith	30
Charles Edwards	11		
Randy Evatt	11		
Harry Saunders	11		
Cooper Alton	12		
Charlie Beckett	13		
Larry Clements	13		
Jim Tarvin	14		
Renee White	15		

Happy
Birthday



Someone pinch me! Is it already May? Where does the time go? Time flies when you're having fun! Time marches on! What time is it? Be on time! Time to get a move on. Don't waste time! Living on borrowed time.

Can you see where this article is going? Time is a gift from God. We don't know how much of it we have. We do know that we have full control of how we use the time we're given. One of the real stresses of life is the reality we're driven by time. We have a wake up time. We have meal times. We set our alarm clocks for a certain time. We enjoy our favorite TV shows at specific times. Church starts at a certain time. There's work time, play time, free time, overtime, and of course there is bedtime. The Bible even says there is a time for everything under the sun.

Sometimes it feels there aren't enough hours in a day to accomplish everything we want to accomplish. So the question becomes, are we being good stewards of our time? We talk a lot of managing our finances and our gifts/talents, but I believe we lack ample energy and real effort towards accepting God's calling to manage (better) our time each day. We often are guilty of either misusing our time or, even worse, wasting it all together. Again, time is a gift. It's precious. So valuable that we're not given additional time.

Let me call on us this month to focus on being godly stewards of our time. Set some realistic goals. Exercise discipline. Avoid excuses. Learn to say 'no.' Monitor your progress. Take it to God during your 'prayer time.' Let's all ask God to guide us towards the things we should be doing and do them well. For all the other 'time-grabbers' that rob us of precious time, may God's grace empower us to overcome the temptation of idleness. I look forward to the day that time will be no more. We'll be called up yonder and live in God's loving presence for all eternity!

You are loved, appreciated and prayed for!

Blessings,
PV

Memory Verse: "...break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you." Hosea 10:12

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Day Trips

May 10th	June 14th
Smith House Dahlonega, GA	Chick-Fil-A Headquarters
Depart Welcome Center at 10am	Depart Welcome Center at 9:30am
Cost:\$10 Lunch on your own	Cost \$20 Lunch on your own Chick-Fil-A
Reserve by May 5th	Reserve by June 7th



To sign-up and pay for trips, please contact Philip Vestal at 770-424-8326, x115 or pvestal@mariettafbc.org

The JOY Ministry will not offer day trips during July and August. We are in the process of planning 2 large trips this fall (tentatively a return to Pigeon Forge, TN and the Biltmore in Ashville, NC).



O Lord,

I'll not complete everything I need to do today; time will run out, the sun will set.

The day will be done and I will not have finished the task.

Help me not to set myself up failure by thinking I can it all done by thinking I can.

And then feeling defeated when I don't, acceptance comes hard for me. Since I'll not get everything done today, guide me to accomplish the essential instead of the habitual. Lead me to do those things that must be done instead of those things that could be done. Make me more sensitive to broken hearts than to my planned schedule. On the other hand, may any sensitivity to time free from time grabbers and time wasters. Above all, O God, be my partner throughout the day. You can see ahead and I can't. Help me remember that nothing can happen to me today that we can't handle together.

Amen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Luncheon, May 19th
Guest Speaker: SURPRISE!

Menu

Meatloaf, Mac-N-Cheese, Collard Greens,
Corn Bread, Blueberry Angel Cake

The Grateful First campaign is doing very well. God is blessing our church through His own faithfulness and our generous giving. If you have not filled out your pledge commitment, please prayerfully do so this month.

Coming this Fall, our 3rd annual JUBILEE BANQUET.