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Store Treasures in Heaven

From the Pastor's Desk

Where Are You Storing Your Treasure?

Matthew 6:19-21

Inspiration strikes in the most interesting moments of one's day. I have been trying to figure out what to write for this month's newsletter article for the last couple of weeks. I have prayed about it, sought Scripture about it, and even considered many topics from various resources I have been reading from.

However, to my chagrin I was not been able to nail down a topic, that is till today, and it wasn't even the most meaningful moment of my day. All I was doing was plugging in my external hard drive and then whammy it hit me.

Here's a question, do you know what an external hard drive is? It's a device that I discovered some twenty years ago that is an absolute lifesaver to anyone who wishes to write and keep their electronic records safe. It is a handy little gadget that plugs into one of the ports of your computer and which enables you to save beaucoup data [a little French lingo --Ed.] and information safely tucked away from your computer, a computer that may one day crash and cause you to lose *all* your information.

My external hard drive has a one terabyte capability, which simply put; it would take a long time to fill it. I bought mine back in 2011 and I still haven't even filled it half way yet. I have all my sermons on it, all my newsletter articles, my dissertation, my dissertation work, my comprehensive work for my doctorate, all my classes and work for my doctorate, Bible study classes, college level teaching notes and tests, the entire Dr. Who series starting from the beginning back in 1960s till a few years ago, and that's not even all that's on there. So, it holds a lot of treasure.

That brings me to this month's article. That little device is my cache of electronic treasure, not just some, but a lot. This made me think about the various kinds of treasure we accumulate in life and that road of

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Sept. 1, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then engage in a Bible discussion. See p. 2.

Sept. 2, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Start of Fall Bible Study

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Sept. 11 – Patriot Day

In memory of 9/11. See the article on p. 3.

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

thinking led me to consider what Jesus says in Matthew 6:19-21.

Leading up to this portion of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus instructed his listeners not to be religious for religious sake, but to work the work of righteousness. Then he said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (NASB)

What treasure are we storing up and where are we keeping it? What do we treasure that reflects our hearts? I like my external hard drive, but I know that it

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Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

is still a mechanical device that may one day stop working and then my attempts to save important information will be lost forever.

I could have digital moths creep in and ruin it, or it could fall out of my computer bag and be run over, crushed, and destroyed, or it may be splashed by some wayward coffee at Dunkin Donuts and short circuited. The point is my treasure, which isn't much but means a lot to me, can easily be lost.

However, what is stored up in heaven is something that can never be taken from you. When you feed the poor with the love of Christ, you are storing up treasure in heaven. When you share the Gospel of Jesus, whether the person accepts or rejects, you are storing up treasure in heaven. When you help the needy, you are storing up treasure in heaven. When you are persecuted for your faith, you are storing up treasure in God's glorious heaven.

And the wonderful thing about such treasure is that it is automatically deposited into the vault of God's love and can never be taken away. When we serve Christ because we love him, the treasure builds and accumulates with folding interest for eternity.

No one, no thing, no incident, no accident, and no enemy can ever take it away from you. In heaven that treasure is in your name and in your name only.

What are you doing to build the treasure in heaven? Here's a little secret. You can't build it if you are intentionally trying to build it. In other words, if you are doing earthly righteous acts, good social deeds, and checklist meritorious works hoping to get heavenly treasure then you will not have it when you get there, for Christ tells us in the Sermon on the Mount do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing (Matt. 6:3).

But if you serve Christ with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might, and with all your mind, then it will result in works of righteousness that glorify our Savior. The more you focus on Him and the more you help others in His name for His glory and for His kingdom, then your eternal treasure will be sound and secure waiting for the day you enter into His glory.

Let me encourage you today to consider that which you are storing up for eternity: is it for your glory or for His?

May you invest wisely in God's Savings and Holdings.

God Bless,
✠ Pastor Jim

Men's Breakfast

September's Men's Breakfast happens as close as you can get to the start of the month. So set your alarm clock so you don't miss this Sept. 1st event. We all bring a little something to share so the menu always varies from month to month.

After breakfast, we will continue our discussion of the Book of Romans, a collection of profound theology with an impressive style that puts it in first place among all of Paul's writings.

Sunday School Switches to New Testament Topics

At the end of August we finished a long running study on 2nd Samuel, covering David's stormy career as Israel's second king. For the next few months, we will be exploring Paul's letter to the Galatians and James' letter "to the 12 tribes who are dispersed abroad."

Fall Bible Study

On Sept. 4th at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Al Page will begin a Fall Bible Series. The entire Book of Isaiah will be covered in this 12 week series.

Isaiah is the first book of the prophets in the Hebrew Bible and the first of the major prophets in the Christian Old Testament. Isaiah wrote his prophecies from around 739 B.C. to about 681 B.C.

In 66 chapters, he wrote to the people of Judah who, as a nation, had turned from the Lord toward other gods. His major theme was about salvation if only the people would heed the warnings of judgment and repent of their sins.

This book also provides the most comprehensive prophecy in the Old Testament of the life of Jesus Christ, even though it was written some 700 years before the birth of the Savior.

Property and Space Patrol

Not much to report this month. Lawn mowing has slowed down due to the heat and lack of rain. Leaves on some of the maple trees along the road have started turning color already.

✠ Pastor Al

Treasures in the Church Library

While mowing the church on August 25, I went in to get refreshed from the drinking fountain. For my rest break, I decided to look about the library. I found some good stuff. I picked up a historical novel (fiction), *The Colonists* by Jack Cavanaugh, 1999 Family Book Club edition. I started to read and was hooked.

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It was written about the period of the early 1700s giving insight to life in the Boston area. At 481 pages, I will probably finish it by the time this is published. Check out the library, you may find a treasure.

✠ Pastor Al

North American Mission Board (NAMB) Endorses SBC Military Chaplains

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Jose Rondon is a Chaplain serving the U.S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. He writes:

Thanks for praying for our soldiers. This past Sunday, August 26, 2018, 87 soldiers came to know Christ once and for all for a total of 2,164 soldiers coming to Christ since March 11. God has been very good to us, and we believe that He will keep surprising us with Jesus being received for salvation.

Please, pray for us Chaplains, that God will give us: FOCUS to see the lost as He sees them; FERVOR to pray and know that this most powerful God can bring the greatest soul awakening to our military and society at large so millions upon millions will come to bow down to the One Who is worthy of all praise, Jesus Christ; and FAVOR with those who will hear the gospel as He enables us to speak clearly and with the Holy Spirit's power.

My plea is based on Col. 4:2-4: "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanks-giving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."

I believe that our nation, our churches and our military are on the verge of seeing God like we have never seen Him before. All glory to CHRIST alone!

9/11, Seventeen Years Later

On Sept. 11, 2001 almost 3,000 Americans and other nationalities were killed in the worst pre-meditated attack since Pearl Harbor. The anniversary of 9/11 in New York City will be marked at Ground Zero with four moments of silence – to observe the times when, under a clear blue sky, each plane hit and each tower fell:

8:46 a.m. – American Airlines Flight 11 out of Boston crashes into the north World Trade Center Tower;
 9:03 a.m. – United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston hits the south Trade Center Tower;
 10:05 a.m. – The south tower collapses.
 10:28 a.m. – The north tower collapses.

Also that morning, two other airliners crashed:
 9:43 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon.

10:10 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93 crashes in a field in Shanksville, PA.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating another orbit around the Sun:

9/22 Julie Jenkins



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following people who celebrate a wedding anniversary this month:

9/7 Fred & Virginia Smith (former members now living in Texas)

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

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