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family behaviors: time, prayer and conversation (and maybe even some laughter).
 If your family is lacking in these behaviors, don't despair. We all fall short as parents, but it's never too late to start. No matter the ages of your children, begin today to take advantage of everyday interactions..
 It's time to make every day count.

ABOUT US
<p>Elders Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis</p> <p>Jon Barry Bill Brittenham Mike Davis Clay Morris</p> <p>Evangelist Bryan Garlock</p>
SERVICE TIMES
<p>Sunday Bible Study9:30 A.M. Worship10:15 A.M. Worship6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study7:00 P.M.</p>
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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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Consistently Inconsistent
Don Truex

“There should be a universal ban on the sale, manufacture, importation and possession of handguns.”

“Upon hearing a burglar at his residence, the homeowner called the police, retrieved a handgun from his bedroom, and proceeded to shoot the intruder.”

Interestingly, the nationally syndicated columnist and gun-control advocate of paragraph one and the shooter of the police report in paragraph two, are one and the same person!

Our society often seems to be consistently inconsistent. From the advertising at the stadium urging fans, “Don’t Drink & Drive,” displayed just beneath the Budweiser logo, to the angry driver voicing obscene words and making obscene gestures while having a “Teach Your Children to Pray” bumper sticker on his car -- consistency is often hard to come by.

Even the great men and women of the Bible were not immune:

-Jonah preached a message of redemption to a lost nation and then pouted because they repented and were not destroyed.

-David would fight the Philistine giant to vindicate the name of Jehovah and then committed adultery and murder,

-Peter would preach salvation and hope to the Gentiles in Cornelius’ home and then refuse to eat with the Gentiles when in the company of Jewish brethren.

That’s a bit of struggle for all of us, isn’t it? We resolve at our baptism to “walk in newness of life” but give in occasionally to the life and practice that we promised to leave behind. We sing, “Have thine own way, Lord” but sometimes take great offense if our “own way” is not accommodated.

That, of course, is not what we want. We never want to be the ones of whom Paul spoke when he observed, “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him...” (TI 1:16)

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **Maxine Burnham** and **Jean Cronic** in your prayers.

Thankfully **Nancy Rowe's** nephews are recovering from the virus.

Jennie Garlock's sister has Covid-19. Please pray for her and the family.

Roger Clemmons is scheduled for knee surgery in Shreveport on the 28th.

Nancy Rowe will be having surgery soon.

Here is the current schedule of services:

Bible Study:	9:30 AM
Services:	10:15 AM
Kids Only:	5:00 PM
Wednesday:	7:00 PM

Additionally, we are having studies on the life of Paul:

Monday:	7:00 PM
Friday:	7:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class:

Next class will be August 11th.

The *good news* is, we're not alone this challenge and that type of inconsistency doesn't have to become the sum of who we are.

We can learn from the consistent steps of our perfect example (1 PT 2:21). We

can be completely honest and transparent as we commune with an understanding Father in prayer and petition for help (HB 4:14,15). And we can employ our will and determination as competent, capable, committed Christians to live as we know we should.

The *great news* is, having done that, we can "have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming" (1 JN 2:28).

Today Matters

Don Truex

Today. 24 hours. 1440 minutes of fresh, unsoiled time to be used for great good or great harm. The choice is ours.

You may recognize that title from John Maxwell's interesting and valuable book of the same name. But I wonder, if Christians took that title seriously, how would that play out in our daily lives?

Today I will not be rendered useless by dwelling on yesterday's mistakes or failures.

Today I will spend time communicating with my Father in Heaven. Not just a passing word before consuming a meal, but true conversation in which I open my heart to the One who understands all.

Today I will have absolutely no time for self-pity or gossip.

Today I will speak to a friend or relative or co-worker about their greatest need -- a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Today I will do something tangible to challenge my mind, strengthen my body and honor the stewardship of my finances.

Today I will relegate self to second position and do something truly meaningful for someone else.

Today, by the grace of God, will count for something good.

Dads: Make Every Day Count

Roy Baldwin

Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi was well-known for his passion for teamwork, commitment and success. Lombardi was driven to succeed, and he knew that winning required hard work and sacrifice.

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour," Lombardi said, "the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle – victorious."

As a father, my wife and children dominate the list of the things that I hold dear, and I will gladly lay exhausted on the field of battle for the cause of protecting and serving my family. Assessing victory or defeat on the football field is relatively straightforward. Fatherhood is different. There is no off-season. No signing bonuses. No referees. Yet victory is still possible.

One of the most effective parenting game plans is to simply take advantage of everyday opportunities to love our children and instill right values in them. To be the best dad we can be is to make every day count.

So, where do we begin? We start with five key behaviors of a healthy, thriving family. These five behaviors demonstrate that small daily investments can make a big impact in a child's life.

Prayer: More than just praying *for* our children, prayer allows us to *model* for them the importance of taking our requests to a loving and gracious God. Family prayer has drawn us closer to each other and to God.

Laughter: Modern science tells us that laughter has many benefits. It can increase

blood flow, reduce stress and even help suppress pain. Laughter also has a profound impact on social interactions: Laughter connects us with others. Having fun as a family strengthens your relationships with your children and helps create positive memories.

Time: We all have to choose how to occupy our limited free time, but you will never regret spending extra time with your children. (Watching TV together is not enough!) Ask yourself: *Is the time we spend together as a family positive? Does it draw us closer together, or are we simply in the same home at the same time?*

Conversation: Talking is not always the same as conversing. A lot of family communication centers on superficial aspects of our lives such as managing daily schedules and whether or not we are keeping up with our regular duties (chores, homework, etc.). Do you ever set aside time to learn more about your children, to exchange ideas and opinions free from the regular interruptions of life? Can you name the "one thing" that gives meaning to your child's life? Most parents can't. Dads, if we don't ask these questions – and actively listen to the answers – then we may never know our children's fears and dreams.

Dinner: Researchers have found that family members who eat dinner together at least four times a week exhibit improved communication, healthier eating habits, higher grades and fewer problems with at-risk behaviors. The key to family dinners is keeping them free from distractions. Unplug from the world and pay attention to each other. Use dinnertime to engage in some of the other thriving