

# Christian Workers Review

Quarterly Newsletter

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Acts 1:8

“ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



## God's Perfect Timing

God is the creator of time and space. He and Jesus are its beginning and its end. The span of time we call a week began in the book of Genesis when God created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh. On day one He divided the night from the day and on the fourth day He placed the sun, moon, and stars in their rightful places, thus creating what we know as the first day. When God created Adam and Eve on the sixth day it is doubtful they needed a way to track time. After all, they were walking in the Garden of Eden with God. Who needs a calendar when the creator of the universe is walking with you?

What is the definition of time? Sir Isaac Newton defines time as part of the fundamental structure of the universe, a dimension in which events occur in sequence, and time itself is something that can be measured. Another view is that time is placing thoughts and events in a sequence. Time could not be measured. Scientists have been trying to unlock the secrets of time for centuries. If time can be measured, then what tools are needed to measure time? Unfortunately, there is no evidence of the measurement of time before recorded history but there have been evidences found from the ice age of men recording the passage of time on sticks and pieces of wood. Days were marked off as the sun would rise and set. The origins of our current measurement of time can be traced back to the Sumerian civilization of approximately 2000 BC. This system was based on the numbers 60 and 12 (seconds, minutes, days and months). The earliest method of tracking time is dated as far back as 1500 BC. The Egyptians used an object that looked like a bent square. Time was measured by the shadow cast on one side, therefore the time piece was oriented eastward in the mornings and westward in the afternoon. The Romans stole a sundial from Catania in Sicily in 264 BC that gave the incorrect time for a century. It was not until 164 BC that Rome realigned the markings on the sundial that time became correct again. Before the invention of the sundial came the water clocks that were used in Alexandria, Greece and in other parts of the ancient world. Plato is said to have invented a water-based alarm clock in which he used a cistern, water vat, a bucket full of lead balls and a copper platter. The clang of the balls falling on the copper platter would wake his students. As time progressed man invented candles, the hourglass, mechanical clocks and then eventually the watch and masterful technology has brought us into the age of digital time.

How important is time? Time wakes us up in the mornings and determines if we are early or late. It brews our coffee for breakfast and cooks our supper at night. Type A personalities tend to race against time. Some B personalities do not believe time exists. Time determines when the space shuttle blasts off and returns to earth. Popular sayings in this day and age are: "I don't have time", or "There is not enough time". Is there ever too much time? Time is so important that life would be difficult to live without it.

What about perfect timing? A car pulls out of a parking space at the store just as we round the corner. Coincidence or perfect timing? At the baseball park a person bends over to pick up his drink just before a foul ball flies over his seat right where his head would have been. Coincidence or perfect timing? Does God have perfect timing? Sure he does. After all... he created time. In God's perfect time the Red Sea was parted. In God's perfect time the walls of Jericho fell. In God's perfect time the temple in Jerusalem was built. In God's perfect time a whale swallowed Jonah. In God's perfect time John the Baptist was sent into the wilderness to proclaim the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In God's perfect time Jesus was born, crucified, and brought back to life to bring salvation to a dying, sinful world. It was God's perfect plan that we would be the vessels to carry the Gospel message to all the nations. In God's perfect time he may be calling you to serve him at home or in a foreign land. Be on the watch for God's perfect time in your life. It might surprise you.



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## Local News

The James Team (Local Missions Team) has undergone a change in leadership. Thank you Jim and Nancy Murray for a job well done. Jim and Nancy have led the Team for the past 2 years. The new leaders are Mason and Chris Van Tassel. If you need any information about local missions, they are the people to contact. The James Team has been busy for the past few weeks. A family of 9 people has been in need. Chris Van Tassel organized teams of OFBC members to help in the repair of their trailer and to provide a few meals.

Others provided childcare while the mother recovered from surgery. One youth girls' Sunday School class helped this family by cleaning the kitchen.

On August 18, 2007, the James Team provided a fair and medical clinic at Jane Edwards Elementary School on Edisto Island.

If you would like more information about the James Team, please contact the Van Tassels.

## Prayer Room

October: Pray for the next team to travel into and out of East Asia. Pray for their safety and pray for the people they will be ministering to.

Pray for those who have been affected by the earthquake in Peru. Pray for the IMB workers who are currently serving there. Their ministry has become a vital part of the survival of those who lost their homes or their families. Pray that God will do a mighty work through them.

Continue to pray for the Gibbons Family as Trisha recovers from surgery.

Pray for the new missionaries in our community who are busy planting a new church in Summerville. Pray that their church will be a lighthouse in their community.

Pray for those missionaries who have birthdays this month and pray for those who are home on furlough. Pray that they may be refreshed.

## Calendar of Events

September 9-16: Janie Chapman Offering (State Missions Emphasis).

October 5: Team 3 will leave for East Asia.

October 6: Old Fort will be hosting the Associational Missions Fair. Christian workers will be present from all over the world. They will be sharing with us the work they have been doing in their communities. This is an event that you do not want to miss and it will be held in the Old Fort Gymnasium from 3-5pm.

October 11-12: Disaster Relief Training, Session 1. This event will be held at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro; SC. Registration began August 15, 2007. The cost will be \$17.50 for returning volunteers and \$22.50 for new volunteers. For more information please go to the SCBC web site [www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org).

November 13-14: SC Baptist Convention.

## Organizational News and Events

Women On Mission: October 6- we will be serving our foreign missionaries at the Associational Missions Fair. Volunteers needed. For more information, please contact Darla Onstott, WOM Director, or Bobby Bailey at the Associational Office. We will be discussing details at our September 18, meeting. October 9- WOM to the Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, event please contact Edith Edney. If you or someone you know, has a passion for missions, then Women on Mission is the place for you. We meet at 7:00 pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in members homes to talk about and do missions. Come and join us. We would love for you to come. Meeting places for September and October will be announced at a later date.

R.A.s: This is an organization for boys ages 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. They attend several camp outs and overnights throughout the year and participate in mission activities. This group meets every Wednesday night through out the school year at 6:30pm. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this organization, please contact Wayne Gunter or Alton O'Neal. Workers needed for the upcoming year.

G.A.s: This is an organization for girls ages 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Girls in Action study missions and participate in mission activities through out the school year. They meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. For more information about their schedule, please contact Ann Quinn or Mary Singletery.

Mission Friends: This is a dynamic group of Preschool and Kindergarten children who gather to study missions and to hear about the work our missionaries are doing in their field. This group meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. For more information, call Ann Quinn.