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## Editor's Notes



Jim &amp; Mary Fellure

Dear Friends,

I have been writing the Editor's Notes for this Newsletter for more than twenty-five years, but this could very well be the most important article I have ever written.

Because of the urgency of getting the glorious Gospel of Christ to as many people as possible, not only on foreign soil, but right here in the US, we are looking for more good, fundamentally-sound Baptist

churches that will get involved with VBP. As we become labourers together with God, the potential for reaching entire communities with the Gospel can soon be a reality.

In the face of the events in the year 2020 that have brought more fear and frustration to the entire world than in any other period in this generation, the Lord has directed VBP to a plan that makes it possible to reach more people, right here in our own country, than we have ever known.

The plan begins with an understanding of our responsibility and solid commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Whether we old-school seniors like it or not, the digital age is upon us, so church ads in the local newspaper or the yellow pages are now obsolete, and even one-on-one public witnessing (that should never cease) is still bypassing most of the people in any community. In this day of modern technology, the most effective way to introduce the ministries of our local churches to the entire world is through well-designed websites.

In the graphic design world, the phrase, "What pops?" is a guideline for the design. The phrase simply means the first thing on a page that gets your attention, or what are your eyes automatically drawn to. And we have no trouble knowing what that should be. In my humble opinion it would be a better testimony of our dedication to Christ to not have a website than to have one that is all about us. The Gospel of Jesus Christ should have home-page, front-page, first-page, above-the-fold, top-shelf priority. However, after searching hundreds of church sites, I have found articles promoting sports events, clean nurseries for the babies, future meeting announcements with some high profile speaker, a homecoming dinner on the grounds, a virtual tour of the facilities, a map of "the campus" and, of course, a section with FAQs like—"Where should I park?"—"Will

I be expected to give in the offering?"—"What should I wear?"—"How long will the services last?"—and much more useless clutter before, if ever, getting to a real, clear presentation of the only thing that will help a poor lost sinner seeking help—I speak of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

If your church already has a well-designed website with the Gospel of Christ presented with compassion for the many souls for whom Christ shed His precious blood, hopefully many more churches will follow your example. But how can interested unsaved people be directed to your site? That's where the first part of this plan begins, as illustrated with the sample enclosed card with the Cross over a burning abyss.

Last year VBP printed over one million of these cards, that are now being used in four East African countries. These same cards have been modified for use in the US by adding the half-burned American flag and including Psalm 9:17 on the front. Also, you will

notice that the verses used on the back of the card, with the exception of John 3:16–18, were not chosen to get professions of faith. As one old preacher of the past said, "We need to quit preaching to get people saved until we first get

them lost," and that is our purpose in promoting the use of this card.

If churches that have websites with a Gospel presentation and a genuine burden for souls will distribute these cards to as many people as possible with a prayer that the Holy Ghost will use the selected verses of Scripture to bring real, heart-felt conviction and direct them through the QR code or web address to a passionate presentation of the glorious Gospel of Christ with an appeal for the sinner to repent of his sins and trust Christ, and Him alone, to forgive every sin and give him eternal life and a home in Heaven when this short life is over, VBP will supply the cards at no cost to the church that uses them.

This new outreach is in its infant stages, but VBP has already supplied churches with more than sixty thousand of the cards to be used as one would use a Gospel tract. However, as effective as passing out the cards may be, there still needs to be a way to reach the multitudes of people that we will never cross paths with, and that is where the next phase of the plan comes in.

With the *Every Door Direct Mail* system, the USPS will deliver a piece of mail that meets their standard to every household address and PO box. For this purpose, VBP has increased the size of this card and designed it to meet the post office requirements. We will provide it, with the links to the same website as the smaller

## Victory Baptist Press can help any doctrinally sound Baptist Church in America put the glorious gospel of Christ into every home in their community.

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## Print Shop News



**Al & Heidi Berg**

Dear Friends and Supporters,  
A lot has happened since our last prayer letter. First of all, Bro. Don Rich in Peru has finally received the shipment of Romans booklets and Bibles. Peru, until just recently, was locked down because of the pandemic, as well as other nations in South America, which meant he could do very little distribution of those Scriptures until some restrictions were lifted. Please pray that he

will be able to distribute them soon.

Victory Baptist Press has had its turn with the coronavirus. All but one of us who work in the shop have had it to one degree or another. Fortunately, all are well now, but it did slow the work down somewhat. That being said, we are finishing up the Cebuano Bible project as I write these notes, and it should be on the way to the Philippines by the time you read this. Missionaries and a few others have been requesting these for a few years now. This will be our second shipment of Cebuano Bibles to the Philippines. Our understanding at this time is that they will be able to be shipped and delivered to the missionary, but we do not know if a similar thing will happen to them as did with the shipment to Peru. The nation of the Philippines consists of many islands, and we are not sure how the COVID crisis is affecting various parts of that nation. Please pray that this shipment will arrive safely and be able to be distributed freely once it gets there.

Victory Baptist Press has been blessed in that we already have a truckload of paper on the floor ready for the next project. We were able to get a very good deal—partly because another printing ministry had ordered it, and when the truck arrived, they realized the rolls were bigger in diameter than their press could handle. They called us; I checked to see if they would fit, determined they would, and got them a few days later. These will be used for John/Romans, mostly in English and the rest in Spanish. Because the pandemic has closed so many doors around the world, we have decided this truckload will be used primarily in the States. If you have paid attention to any of the news in the last few months, you know that America is certainly in need of the Gospel. Our prayer is that local churches here in America will use them to evangelize their local areas.

Another area we are getting involved in is the printing of the cards with the Cross going over the abyss, with a few people making it to the Celestial City, but the multitude going into the lake of fire. We featured this card on the front of our last *News/letter*. Bro. Jim Fellure has more details of this in his article, but the effort is to help strengthen local churches here in America and give them another tool to help them evangelize their area.

Please continue to pray for Victory Baptist Press. Things have changed so quickly this past year, and we need the wisdom of God to know what we ought to do. It normally takes us about six months to complete a project from start to finish, and as we have all seen, a lot can happen in six months. God knows the future, and we need His guiding hand to lead us in the way we ought to go.

God bless,  
Bro. Albert Berg

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cards and already addressed at no charge, to the churches using them. All it will cost the church is approximately eighteen cents postage per piece when they are mailed.

By the time you read these notes, our home church will have already covered Santa Rosa county by mailing 75,000 of the larger cards using the EDDM postal services. The postage will be nearly \$13,000, but according to the 2017 United States census, the average size family in the US is three people. That means for less than six cents per person, this one church has made the glorious, soul-saving, life-changing Gospel of our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ available to more than 225,000 people for whom Christ died.

The Hopewell Independent Baptist Church in Hamlet, North Carolina was the first church to take advantage of this service, and they have already mailed to every home in all of Hamlet and Rockingham.

Other good pastors are making plans for mail-outs in Lebanon, Ohio; Six Mile, South Carolina; Greenville, North Carolina; San Antonio, Texas; Chattahoochee, Florida; New Iberia, Louisiana; etc, with more inquiries coming in every week.

PLEASE PRAY for the Lord to protect, provide, and give wisdom to VBP and all other good churches that take this opportunity to tell millions of people how wonderful Jesus Christ really is, but if this way of outreach doesn't interest you, don't litter; throw this Newsletter in the trash and go back to sleep.

Thank you for your prayers and support.  
Blessed beyond belief,  
Jim Fellure



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## Benefits &amp; Blessings

**Mrs. Pam Leake****PART OF THE BIGGER PICTURE**

As I approach the end of my sixth decade of life, I can look back on many things along the way and reflect on how specific incidences in my life were only part of a bigger picture. I never would have guessed that my interest in and eventual love for a young man I went to high school with and later married would result in my being a pastor's wife. But God had a plan, and there was a bigger picture

of which I would be a part.

My daughter was raised in a pastor's home and saw and experienced many things that influenced her early determination to "never be a pastor's wife." Yet now, many years and many events later, what is her position, other than wife and mother? She is a pastor's wife! We just didn't realize that all of these circumstances were part of a bigger picture. I'm sure each of us could take a look back and see how God orchestrated events in our lives to bring us to where we are now. Jeremiah wrote in chapter 29, verse 11, "For I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God is looking at the bigger picture!

As this year of 2020 has crawled on, events in our country have unfolded that most of us would not have, could not have imagined in our lifetime. We have worried, scratched our heads, prayed, and gotten frustrated (even maybe enraged) over them, wondering

what in the world is going on! And now that we've traveled further down the road, and the Word of God has been made clearer concerning end-time events and the fulfillment of prophecy, our vision has also become clearer—that bigger picture is appearing. Looking through our "spiritual glasses," we plainly see the much larger plan being carried out by our enemy, the devil, to steal, kill, and destroy all that he can in the time he has left. He has always been at work, but the battle seems to have intensified and expanded as his time winds down, especially his attacks waged against God's people and His churches. But God is the Victor! And oh, how He loves us! What sometimes escapes our thinking is not only the promise in the Scriptures that "ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4), but also the exhortations, first, "that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (1 Corinthians 2:5), and second, that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Truly, God's plan supersedes any other, and as His children, we are all part of it. What sweet comfort can be found in knowing that He is fully in charge of events taking place in the here and now as well as what is to come in the future. And not only has He prepared incomparable things for us to enjoy and be a part of presently, but we have the glorious, eternal destiny of Heaven to anticipate for our future! Thank God for a glimpse of that bigger picture!

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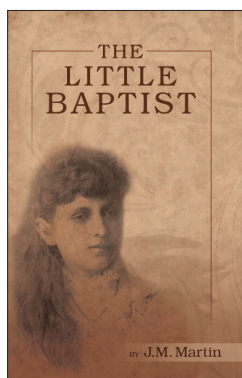
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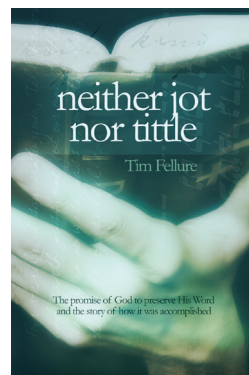
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## Guest Editorial



Jacob Fellure

TEACH US TO NUMBER  
OUR DAYS*Psalm 90:1–12*

It is impossible to overstate the importance of good time management. Time is the most precious resource in life. Once it has passed, it has passed away forever.

The difficulty with good time management is the conflicts that sometimes arise between the immediate and the faraway. In order to

benefit in the future, you must sacrifice in the near-term. If you want to learn something, you'll have to set aside leisure, and read and study. If you want to start a business, you will have to sacrifice in the short-term for long-term gain. In the Christian life, this dynamic is escalated by the fact that our long-term goes beyond time itself into eternity. Eternity matters infinitely more than the temporary, yet our actions in this temporary world affect eternity. So using our time wisely for eternity's benefit is very important.

Psalm 90 is the only Psalm whose inscription is attributed to Moses. It is likely Moses wrote this Psalm during the forty years of wilderness wanderings. Those years of wanderings were the epitome of wasted time (Deut. 2:14). It is the Devil's desire to cause you to waste your life, just like the Israelites. He will use whatever means possible to get your eyes off eternity. The pursuit of the American dream, social media, TV, and many other tools are often used to cause us to waste our time until it is too late to realize what we have done.

In this Psalm, the Holy Spirit gives us the keys to maintaining the perspective we need to spend our time wisely.

## 1) ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOURCE OF YOUR TIME

Verses 1–2—"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God."

The One who gives us time is the timeless One. He is from "everlasting to everlasting." He decides both our beginning and our ending points (v. 3). This fact is a reminder that God ought to be feared and that fear ought to help us manage our time (Ecc. 12:1). It is nothing to God to end your life sooner than you expect. It is not beyond God to frustrate the rest of your days because of disobedience. The wandering Israelites could testify to that, as Moses alludes to in verses 7–9—"For we are consumed by thine anger . . . all our days are passed away in thy wrath."

For forty years, every day brought new funerals that reminded them of their wastefulness because of a lack of faith.

Do not think God will spare you from the same fate if you ne-

glect God with your time. God has given you time for a reason. He does not owe you one more second, and if you choose to neglect Him, He may take away the time you think He owes you.

## 2) ACCEPT THE SHORTNESS OF YOUR TIME

Verse 10—"The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

I've heard this verse used to give the average lifespan of humans, but it makes much more sense to apply this to the wandering Israelites. God had told Moses everyone twenty years and up, except Joshua and Caleb and some Levites, would die in the forty years of wandering. That would mean the average lifespan of those that died at the tail end of that forty years would be somewhere close to seventy.

However, it does serve us to point out that life is short. It doesn't matter if you die at the age of 20 or 120—in light of eternity, your time is short (Ps. 39:5). If you don't account for how soon life could end, you're going to wake up one day with a lot of regrets. If you're not saved, delay no longer. If you're not serving the Lord with your whole being, today is the day to start.

## 3) ACCOUNT FOR HOW YOU SPEND YOUR TIME

Verse 12—"So teach *us* to **number our days**, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom" (emphasis mine).

There are three aspects of life where we "spend"—money, energy, and time. When you spend money, you exchange your money for some necessity or want that is worth the money. You might also invest your money. You can put that money to work in productive ways to generate more money in the future. You can spend your energy working or playing. You can also invest your energy in activities that will pay off in the long term. In regards to time, we spend our time on the necessities of life or things that we deem worthy of our time. We can also invest our time for the long-term in tandem with our energy.

But there are a couple of critical differences between money, energy, and time. With money and energy, it is possible to save—to store for later use, but you cannot store time for a later use. There are no time outs in life. The clock is ever ticking, and the question is only about how you spend your time.

It is also possible to exchange time and energy for some more money by working, or exchange time and money for more energy by resting or buying an energy booster. But you cannot exchange money or energy for more time. Whatever time is allotted to you, that is all you get. It is then of utmost importance that we account for how we spend our time before it is too late.

Remember the succinct words of C. T. Studd,

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only  
what's done for Christ will last.**