

"Times and Seasons" (Part 3):
Pleasing God Through Every Season
Ecclesiastes 3:5-15

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be **steadfast, immovable, always abounding** in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58); "And **let us not grow weary** of doing good, for in due season we will reap, **if we do not give up.**" (Galatians 6:9); "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; **blessed be the name of the LORD.**" (Job 1:21b)*

- **Ecclesiastes 3:11-15:**
 - Everything will be made beautiful in its time.
 - God wants us to think and live from an eternal perspective.
 - In salvation, we gladly do what God has asked of us, through every season/time.
 - God is sovereign over all change, good and bad.
 - The past, present, and future are all beautifully woven together accomplishing God's will/plan.
- **Our Transcending Worldview:**
 - We should always want to please God.
 - We should always trust God.
 - We should never want to dishonor God's name.
 - We should always submit to God.
- **"Casting away and gathering stones":**
 - *"And you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree and stop up all springs of water and ruin every good place of land with stones." (2 Kings 3:19)*
 - *"And he said to the people of Israel, 'When your children ask their fathers in times to come, "What do these stones mean?"'" (Joshua 4:21)*
- **"Embracing and refraining from embracing":**
 - *"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good...Outdo one another in showing honor." (Romans 12:9-10)*
 - *"But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler — not even to eat with such a one." (1 Corinthians 5:11)*
- **"Seeking and losing, keeping and casting away":**
 - *"The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." (Job 1:21b)*
 - *"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul." (Matthew 16:25-26)*
 - *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)*
- **"Tearing and sewing, speaking and not speaking":**
 - *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)*
 - *"When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense." (Proverbs 10:19,21)*
- **"Love and hate, war and peace":**
 - *"He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings...(Daniel 2:21); "(God has) determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place." (Acts 17:26b)*
 - *"The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD." (Proverbs 21:31)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS: Monetary Donations for Angel Tree:** Please see the October Newsletter for more information about our monthly donation collection!

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, October 17th, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location, at 7am. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Zach know (740)618-0739.

★**HARVEST PARTY/CHILI COOK-OFF:** Our Harvest Party is THIS Saturday, October 17th, at 5pm, here at the church! This will be an evening of fun for the whole family! There will be games and activities for the kids and a Chili Cook-Off for the adults! There are TWO sign-up lists on the wall in the Entryway. One is to sign-up to participate in the Chili Cook-Off, the other one is to sign-up to bring a food item for dinner at the Harvest Party. Please make sure to sign-up today!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a Members' Meeting THIS Sunday, October 18th, immediately following the worship service. This is our Annual Year-End Business Meeting, where we will be presenting the 2027 Church Budget. We will not be voting at this meeting, voting on the budget will take place at the November Members' Meeting. If you are a Church Member, we encourage you to please plan on staying for this meeting, it should last no longer than 30 minutes.. This is an open meeting, meaning that even if you are not a Church Member, you are welcome to sit in as an observer for the meeting.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry **AND** the Cleaning Ministry are looking for volunteers to join their ministries. If you are a Church Member and you would like to join the Children's Ministry, or have questions about volunteering in this ministry, please see Katie Sapp! If you are interested in joining the Cleaning Ministry, or have questions about volunteering for this ministry, please see Krystal.

★*For all other announcements, please see the October Newsletter!*