



# Prime Timer's Newsletter

Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.

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## The Long Reach of Jesus

**Bible Thought: "The man took Jesus at His word and departed" (John 4:50, NIV)**

We have all experienced moments of desperate prayer. One dear to our hearts is gravely ill. We hear of a terrible accident that involves someone we love. We fall on our knees and pray for healing. Do we believe God will actually respond?

The royal official had only one hope for his dying son. He heard Jesus had reentered the region. He found Jesus and begged for his son to be healed. Jesus' response was not necessarily warm and inviting, but the man would not be deterred. "You may go," Jesus said, "Your son will live." Later, it is verified that the boy was healed just at that moment. The official and all his household believed.

I think it was a difficult moment for the man to "take Jesus at his word." Could Jesus' healing powers reach so far? What about us? Do we take Jesus "at His word?" His promise is clear – if we entrust our lives to Him – He will give us life and peace. It may not be the healing for which we so desperately beg, but nothing is beyond his reach.

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## Wearing Out Life

It sounds like something wise King Solomon might have written – except Solomon would have used his own unique writing style. Actually, it's a quotation from William Faulkner's *Go Down Moses*, which is not to be confused with any instructions God ever gave to the biblical Moses.

Faulkner has the reputation for being literature's most famous alcoholic, though he said he never drank while writing. He was certainly clear-minded when he included this bit of wisdom in his storytelling: "You can't be alive forever, and you always wear out life long before you have exhausted the possibilities of living."

When I read those words, I thought of Solomon and the Book of Ecclesiastes. Solomon wrestled with the same life-challenging issues Faulkner calls to our attention. Life is short, vulnerable, and valuable, and, if we're not careful, we'll find that we've frittered it away. Solomon was concerned about the emptiness and futility of life – too much "chasing after the wind."

But the wise king does tell us that God has given us a season for every activity under heaven, a time

for everything, and he lists some examples, beginning with "a

time to be born and a time to die." We need to see the providence of God in this big picture. He will work with us to make life meaningful. Our part is to yield to God's leading as we travel through time and the seasons of life.

"Time" is a key word, and it contrasts with "eternity." We're creatures of time, but God has placed eternity in our hearts. We are yearning and reaching for something that is measured neither by clocks nor calendars. It's our God who puts us in touch with eternity.

"I know that everything God does will endure forever," Solomon writes, "and nothing will be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does this so men will revere him" (Ecclesiastes 3:14).

May we allow our Father to do his good work in our hearts and lead us into his eternal forever.

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November Activities:

**Potluck Luncheon: Monday 5th @ 12:00 p.m.**

All food provided / catered by 2 Kats, please bring canned goods to help restock the Food Pantry.

**Rapha International / Healing Hands: Thursday 15th @ 9:00 a.m.**

Fall hours: Meet @ 8:45 a.m., leave @ 9:00 a.m.



There's an old saying, "Erasers are for people who make errors."

A better expression is , "Erasers are for people who are willing to correct their mistakes."

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