



# Sharon Baptist Church

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## How do you spend your life?

What we do with our time defines the relative importance of the things we do as far as we are concerned. Most of us spend in the neighborhood of one third of our time sleeping, and that is as it should be. The body needs that in order to function. Then there is eating. Most of us spend about 2 to 3 hours a day doing that. Then there is the preparation for the day, between 30 minutes and one and a half hours depending on whether you are a guy or a gal. Now we have spent about 12 hours a day. Next, there is the work that we do. On average, that amounts to about 8 hours a day 5 days a week. That leaves about 4 hours during the work days plus two full days otherwise to spend. And spend them we must. There is no way to save time for later. You will spend 24 hours today unless you die first.

Most of you who are reading this also spend at least 2 hours a week at church, and many of you spend more time either in personal Bible study and or small group studies.

Of course there are endless other things that claim our time. Recreation, children's programs, children, maintenance of property and cars etc.

But the fact still remains, what we do with our time defines the relative importance of the things we do as far as we are concerned. With that thought in mind, how much time do you spend in prayer? Is it measurable? I have a suggestion. A few of us (very few actually) meet here at the church every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm to pray. It is not a significant time consumer. We read a passage of scripture and then pray. Do you have 45 minutes to an hour a week that you could carve out for a time to pray? If so, meet us here next Tuesday at 6:30 pm. You will not be embarrassed by being required to publicly pray, but you will be blessed by participating in something that God has a high priority for.

You will have to substitute that for something else because the time is already being used, but it might just be worth one hour of TV, or internet searching, or \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank).

Looking forward to seeing some of you Tuesday,

Russ



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## WHY DOES EVIL BOTHER YOU?

Strange question, isn't it? (Seems like these Newsletter articles have been starting off with some strange questions lately! ). This question was actually posed by Del Tackett, the professor in the Truth Project that many of us are going through. The more I have thought about this question, the more profound it has become to me.

Have you ever heard anyone say "I don't believe in God because there is so much evil in the world"? Well, where did our knowledge of good and evil come from? How do we know what is evil and what is good? What makes Hitler so evil and Mother Theresa so good?

If you recall in my last article, if we have evolved from a single-cell organism, then right and wrong don't exist! In essence, over the "million" years man has been on earth (as evolutionists claim), we've just made up right and wrong as we went along!

However, according to CS Lewis' *Abolition of Man*, every civilization—even those who have had essentially no outside influence from others—have almost identical laws "on the books" against stealing, murder, adultery, etc. and these cultures hold in high regard acts of kindness, telling the truth, and being selfless. So, even in remote civilizations void of outside influence, these morals (that seem to come from the Ten Commandments and Proverbs) shine through in the respective culture. Man, that's heavy! That shows us God's Law has been given to us intuitively!

The answer to the question "why does evil bother you?" is simple: God made us in His image. He created us to be with Him, and we innately understand that stealing, murder, adultery, lying, etc. are wrong—and laws against such evil are part of every society.

We have not just made up right and wrong as we go along. God has put it on our hearts, and written it in His Word!

Many Blessings,

Casey "The Youth Dude"

### REQUEST PLEASE!!

If something is left in the office for someone, please put their name on it so we know who it goes to. This way things don't get misplaced, lost or given to wrong person. Thank you for your co-operation and help!

Bev!



# Finance Update



Since I haven't been writing monthly articles lately and we are just finishing up June, I thought I's provide everyone with a mid-year update. Over the past month, our weekly offerings have dropped, with each week being about \$1000.00 below budget. Fortunately we've been keeping expenses to a bare minimum, so we're still doing ok in spite of that. These summer months are difficult, however, as the electric bill for air conditioning gets pretty high. Please be always thankful to the Lord for his provision and continue to lift our financial needs to Him.

May God richly bless you as you continue to support the ministry here at Sharon.

Richard

## Year-to-date Income/Expense Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Beginning Balance 1/1/09		\$136
<b>Income:</b>		
General Offering	\$116,952	
Building Usage Fees	\$360	
Mission:Dignity	\$520	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$117,832</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Church Ministries	\$4,641	
Missions	\$9,925	
Staff Salary/Insurance	\$58,892	
Service Ministries	\$38,686	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$112,144</b>	
Ending Balance 6/28/09		\$5,824



**God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Cor 9:8**



The Boomerang Express will be here in just 12 days!! People have started working hard and furious to be ready when it arrives. There is still a lot of work to do and if you are able to help just call the office at 829-2111 and we will get you started. We will be here from morning into the evening starting the 6th. You may think you can't do anything, but there is always something you can do like tracing and cutting out & etc.

For us to have a successful VBS, God has to be in charge of it. We need prayer that He will use us to reach the boys and girls in this community so please be in prayer for us now and through out VBS that we will be prepared to do His work.

We still need several supplies and they are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please look to see if you can help us in this area and write your name by what you can supply.

May God richly bless each one of you,

Bev Peluso

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