

A Devotional

by: Charles Spurgeon

“It is time to seek the Lord.”

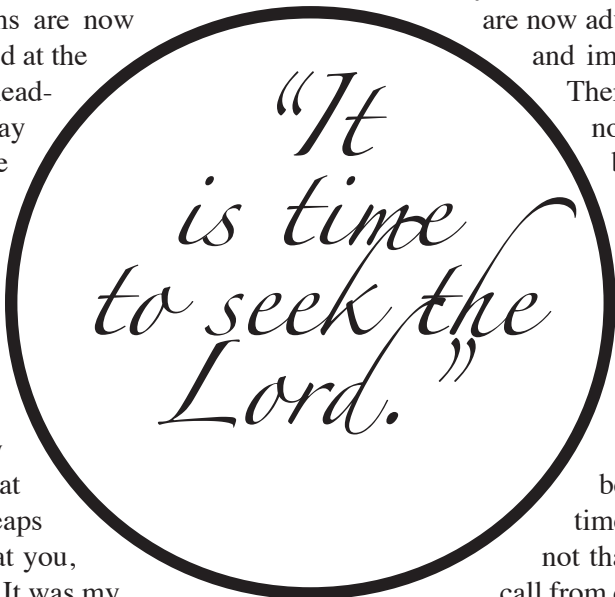
Hosea 10:12

This month of April is said to derive its name from the Latin verb aperio, which signifies to open, because all the buds and blossoms are now opening, and we have arrived at the gates of the flowery year. Reader, if you are yet unsaved, may your heart, in accord with the universal awakening of nature, be opened to receive the Lord. Every blossoming flower warns you that it is time to seek the Lord; be not out of tune with nature, but let your heart bud and bloom with holy desires. Do you tell me that the warm blood of youth leaps in your veins? then, I entreat you, give your vigor to the Lord. It was my unspeakable happiness to be called in early youth, and I could fain praise the Lord every day for it. Salvation is priceless, let it come when it may; but oh, an early salvation has a double value in it. Young men and maidens, since you may perish ere you reach your prime, “It is time to seek the Lord.” Ye

who feel the first signs of decay, quicken your pace: that hollow cough, that hectic flush, are warnings which you must not trifle with; with you it is indeed time to seek the Lord. Did I observe a little grey mingled with your once luxuriant tresses? Years are stealing on apace, and death is drawing nearer by hasty marches; let each return of spring arouse you to set your house in order. Dear reader, if you

are now advanced in life, let me entreat and implore you, delay no longer.

There is a day of grace for you now—be thankful for that, but it is a limited season, and grows shorter every time that clock ticks. Here in this silent chamber, on this first night of another month, I speak to you as best I can by paper and ink, and from my inmost soul, as God’s servant, I lay before you this warning, “It is time to seek the Lord.” Slight not that work; it may be your last call from destruction, the final syllable from the lip of grace.



Taken from Morning & Evening by Charles Spurgeon; Evening, April 1.

Finance Committee Report

Financial Summary			
January - February 2009			
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Offerings	\$ 80,216	\$ 80,352	\$ (135)
Expenses	\$ 66,347	\$ 77,717	\$ 11,370
Other Income	\$ 561	\$ 0	\$ 561
Net Surplus	\$ 14,430		

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Please make plans to join us for a very special worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 9. We will also partake in communion as we reflect upon the body that was broken and the blood that was shed. The worship service will begin at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

SPC's 2nd Annual Canoe Trip & Picnic

The day will begin with a canoe launch at 9:30 AM from *Wilderness Park – Morris Bridge*. We will canoe 4 miles downstream to *Wilderness Park – Trout Creek* where we will join in a time of food and fellowship around 12:00 PM. Don't canoe? Then just join in for the picnic at Trout Creek at 12 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 12

10:00 AM: Fellowship Time

Please join us for a time of fellowship and a continental breakfast featuring pastries/muffins, coffee, and juice just prior to the morning worship service.

11:00 AM: Worship Service

The Easter morning worship service will be filled with the sounds of a string quartet as they accompany the choir and congregation on the hymns and anthems proclaiming our Savior's Resurrection.



(Please note, Sunday School will be suspended for this morning.)

Birthdays

Amelia Bodoosingh 4/2

John Horst 4/17

Kendall Melendi 4/5

Alynn Cawley 4/17

Ben Lammers 4/6

Shannon Pothoven 4/20

A.J. Johnson 4/8

Kelly Melendi 4/23

Steve Strickland 4/8

Christopher Waugh 4/25

Bill Cutler 4/14

Minor Bolanos 4/25

Donna Waugh 4/16

Jack Glaze 4/25

Ruth Alboth 4/17

Gregg Quick 4/28



Anniversaries



Ken & Susan Smith 4/3

Andy & Kim Thomson 4/6

Brian & Donna Waugh 4/9

Stan & Judy Wildeboer 4/21

Are we missing a birthday or anniversary? Please help us keep our records up to date by emailing the missing information to church@seminolepca.org or calling 877-6783.



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