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- The difficulty isn't that we don't have enough time
- Average lifespan in the U.S. is 78 years
- In 2010, there will be about 96,000 people over the age of 100 years in the U.S.
- What are we doing with all that time?



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- 3. I must prepare to live fully in what God has prepared for me



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- What has God prepared for me?
- **Ephesians 2:10** (English Standard Version) ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



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- The Bible
- Prayer
- Faith
- The Holy Spirit
- ...All prepared by God for you to do good works



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- Why aren't we all living a wildly satisfying life that we know matters?
- Because we haven't taken Christ seriously
- Because we are broken
- Will we prepare ourselves or just be angry at God because life seems pointless?
- Christ tells us to prepare ourselves so we can live fully in God's preparations for us



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- **Luke 14:25** (English Standard Version) ²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,
- Jesus isn't interested in building a crowd
- He came to change hearts and challenge us to live a meaningful life
- Will you follow Him if He tells you to make preparations that cause more problems?



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- **Luke 14:26** (English Standard Version) ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."
- Prepare your heart
- Isn't Jesus exaggerating?
- No other relationship can be more important than our allegiance to Him
- Are you prepared to follow Christ even if that means problems in other, dear relationships?



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- **Luke 14:27** (English Standard Version) ²⁷ “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”
- Prepare your actions
- Picking up your cross is something you do
- We must die daily to ourselves and love Christ by serving others
- How and when are you prepared to die to yourself and give to others no matter the cost?
- Baptism
- On going lifestyle of service



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- **Habitat for Humanity** – Building homes, Habitat for Humanity International houses are sold with no profit made. Homeowners contribute "sweat equity" and house payments are recycled to build additional houses. Needs help building homes for the needy.

<http://www.fortbendhfh.org> 281-403-0708

- **Second Mile** – Local food pantry, clothing donations distribution center, and medical clinic located in Stafford, TX. Needs help sorting, stocking, and distributing.

<http://www.secondmile.org> 281-261-9199, ext. 232

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- **Women's Pregnancy Center** – This center helps women identify their values and realize their self-worth as women and mothers. Help minister to women in need by consulting them on their pregnancies. Limited to Women volunteers only.

<http://www.wpchouston.com> (713) 774-0126

- **Helping Hands** – Their goal is to help people in crisis by providing basic needs on a short-term basis. They provide food, clothing, and school supplies, or available funds. Helping Hands provides assistance temporarily until the individual or family becomes self-sufficient. Need help with food/clothing sorting.

<http://www.roserichhelpinghands.org> 281-232-4904

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- **Star of Hope** - A Houston-based, Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children through education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse. www.sohmission.org / 6897 Ardmore / 713-748-0700
- **Samaritan's Purse** - International ministry that provides spiritual and physical aid to victims of war, poverty, natural disaster and disease. Founded and lead by Franklin Graham. Many opportunities for service and giving throughout the world. www.samaritanspurse.org 828-266-1056
- **East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry**- A local ministry that seeks to provide help for families that have encountered temporary financial difficulty through a food pantry, financial assistance and a re-sale shop <http://www.humanneeds.org> 281-261-1006

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- **Luke 14:33** (English Standard Version) ³³ “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.”
- Prepare your belongings
- Christ wants us to be good managers of things and money so we can take appropriate risks to do good things
- Are you lining up your resources to do the good things God has for you?
- Are you preparing to do good works with all that the Lord has entrusted to you?



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- Second Mile
- Women's Pregnancy Center
- Helping Hands
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- Samaritan's Purse
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- There are at least 2 other things that I think the Lord has prepared for you:
 - 1. A person for you to help
 - 2. Opportunities to do something



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- Today, the crowd that believes something about Jesus is about 1 billion strong
- How many are following Him?
- How many are preparing to center their life around Him and do His good works?
- What about those of us in this room?



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- The words of Christ here seem quite harsh, but the goal is not to disturb you
- The goal is to reveal the truth and for you to respond to it
- Christ says, "You want a life that matters where you live in My plans and preparations for you? Prepare yourself!"



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- Your commitment to Me must be total and before all others
- You must be ready to die for Me and to put yourself on the cross
- You must count the cost of My plans for you and commit everything to it



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- What is keeping you from preparing to live His full life?
- Who/what has such a hold on your heart that you won't make the necessary changes to be prepared?
- What must you do to be prepared to do something?



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LADIES ~ BIBLE STUDY & INSIDE OUT

- Monday, Sept 27, at the Greatwood Rec Center
- 7-9 PM
- Becoming a Woman of Excellence, explore what it means to be a woman after God's heart



Inside Out Night...
Sign up today to make a beautiful fall flower arrangement & enjoy dessert, coffee, and fellowship on **October 4th @ 7pm** at the home of Dede Harrington. Get your \$5 ticket at the women's ministry table. Details in the bulletin...



Baptism Sunday

Sunday, October 17th

If you are interested in baptism please email us at:
info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com



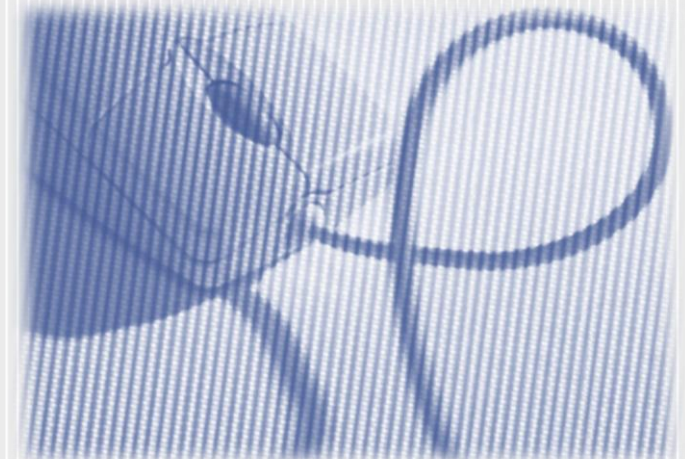


Habitat for Humanity – October 9th and 23rd

We're at it again and we need your help!
For more information or to sign up,
email Liz at
info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com.

Update your Information...

- Please help us as we update our database...
- You will find a card in your bulletin that you can fill out & drop off at the resource center.
- Thank you!



MOTHER'S OF PRESCHOOLERS

When & Where: Tuesday, Sept. 21st

9-11AM @ the Greatwood Chick-fil-A



For: Bible study, fellowship, and encouragement.

Bring your children! Childcare will be
provided.

RSVP today at info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com

See bulletin for contact information.