

Pastor's Perspective: The paradox of our time



By Guest Columnist John Vaughn, Pastor, Cross Roads Baptist Church

George Carlin was a popular comedian in the 1970s and 1980s. The following reading was attributed to him and is said to have been written around 2000. I found this to be rather poignant and still applicable to our times. See if you agree.

An observation by George Carlin: "The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.



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A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart, and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember to say 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all, mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

And always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away."

Be sure to take you family to church on Sunday, or watch an online worship service together!



AUGUST SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service

9:00 a.m. - In Person Worship Service with Limited Seating in the Sanctuary. Overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall and Student Center. No Childcare or Sunday School. Service broadcast live on the Cross Roads Baptist Church Facebook page.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. on the Cross Roads Baptist Church Facebook page

Morning Devotions

7:30 a.m. on the Cross Roads Baptist Church Facebook Page

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Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Virginia Elizabeth Boler Weldon	80	Forest, MS	7/25/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jeffrey Dale Watkins	46	Morton, MS	7/26/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Deardry Charlie Gilbert	57	Morton, MS	7/26/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Nina Hazel Everett	90	Forest, MS	7/27/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
John David Cooper	90	Morton, MS	7/27/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
David Lee McGriff	37	Morton, MS	7/28/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Barbara Lynn Jarrell McCurdy	69	Forest, MS	7/30/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Randy Joe "Pete" Wilkerson	49	Lake, MS	7/31/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Betty Lou Stevens	80	Lake, MS	8/1/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Franklin Curtis Wood	30	Pelahatchie, MS	8/8/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Ida Mae Shuler	77	Forest, MS	8/9/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Claudia Christine Weaver	89	Carthage, MS	8/10/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Rev. Delbert W. Lathem	64	Walnut Grove, MS	8/10/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Annie Stingley	101	Morton, MS	8/13/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.



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Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am, 6:00 pm • Wednesday Youth & Children 6:00 pm Adults 6:30 pm