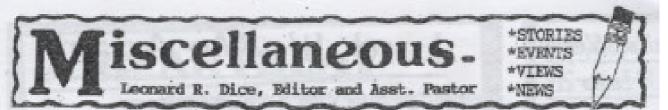


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<ul> <li>Wly Do God's Work</li> <li>in the 11th Hour?</li> <li>Matthew 20:1-10</li> <li>Because one hour is better than no hour! (Use the time you have.)</li> <li>Because you never know will reach! (Despite the late hout, people are reachable.)</li> <li>Because you don't know when your 11th hour will arrivel (How much life do you have left?)</li> <li>N. Because of the treasure you will reach! of you have left?)</li> <li>N. Because of the treasure you will neave the hour when your the bour will have in Heavent (There's a payday coming for your good efforts to fulfill the Lord's commandments.)</li> <li>V. Because of the pleading of the saviour! (Listen to Jesus calling for workers.)</li> <li>VI. Because the harvest is precious (Think of your children, friends, etc.)</li> <li>It is precious, too precious to the treasu.</li> <li>By Pastor Garvan Wals</li> </ul>	THE PROVERBS "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Proverbs "6:20
<section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header>	YOUR PAST DOES NOT HAVE TO BE YOUR FUTURE We matter how neary times you have failed, God gracious- hy offers His forgiveness. If your heart's desire is to grow spiritually and walk doesly with Jesus Christ during this coming year, start by confing to church regularly, this coming year, start by confing to church regularly, this coming year, start by confing to church regularly, the start by confine to church regularly, the start by confine to church be done, and by lefting others know you are a Christian. Your year could be fill- ed with joy that comes from an ever-closer relationship to Him.



## WIFE OF MY YOUTH, MOTHER OF MY CHIDREN, LOVE OF MY LIFE

This week, on Tuesday, July 10, my wife Sharon will have a birthday. She was born on July 10, 1940, in Rushville, Indiana where she was also raised. She had the heartbreak of seeing her dad go off to war during World War II in 1944. She was only 4 years old, but she vividly remembers how hard it was and how hard she cried. Thankfully, after serving in the U.S. Navy and enduring Japanese kamikaze pilots trying to blow up his ship, he returned home to his family after the war.

When Sharon and I were married I was not a preacher. Two years later, when I surrendered to God's will to preach, she said she would stand with me in the ministry. She accepted His will for both of our lives. She has done exactly what she promised, and next month in August, we will have served the Lord together for 60 years of ministry. Thank God for her love to the Lord, to me, and to our family of 7 sons, 16 grandchilddren and soon to be 28 great-grandchildren.

She has been a tremendous help and encouragement to me all the way, serving the Lord and raising 7 sons, 5 of whom are Baptist preachers. I pastored 3 churches in Indiana for over 40 years, served as pastor emeritus at my last church, and then moved to Illinois where I have served as assistant pastor to our son Gary at Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois for over 14 years. Our golden years could hardly have been more perfect.

God has blessed us and taken care of us in many ways we never thought possible. We also got to see our two last grandsons grow up like we saw all the others. We have both had openheart surgeries, and other illnesses, but God has blessed and today we are both in fairly good health, still enjoying life and serving the Lord.

So, on July 10, or somewhere near that time, when you see her, wish her a happy birthday. She will be 78 years young but still married to an old 85 year-old man! We thank God for his goodness and mercy to us and to our family.

## AMERICA CELEBRATES ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

Our great nation celebrated her 242nd Anniversary on July 4. We had a lot of flags flying and decorations were up for this tremendous occasion. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the signers of the Declaration of Independence, many of whom gave their lives and fortunes to give us our country. Thanks to all who have defended our nation to keep her free and great. America was founded on Christian principles, and the Bible and Constitution have made America the greatest freedom-loving nation in the world.