

Life before death: Carpe Diem

Ecclesiastes 11

Go for it . . . wisely.

Put your resources to good use.

Invest your life.

Enjoy your life . . . righteously.

There is no time like the present.

We are not getting any younger.

Follow your heart.

Seize the day.

Considerations for the week

Carpe diem. Seize the day: make the most of today, enjoy the present. Explain how this admonition is used in our society and how its use in a Christian's life might differ or be the same.

Give, v. 2-3. Describe how this encourages wise generosity rather than hoarding. How might these verses speak to generosity in uncertain times?

Wind & clouds, v. 4. What does this mean? Reflect upon how this applies in our lives and in church leadership. When are we tempted to wait for perfect conditions before acting?

Diligence, v. 6. We are to sow both morning and evening. What does faithful diligence look like when outcomes are uncertain?

Light, v. 7. Consider why the Teacher chose to comment upon the sweetness of light and the goodness of seeing the sun. Mention other sweet and good things available for those who notice.

Darkness, v. 8. Remembering our past, the many days of darkness – how might this deepen our appreciation of the present?

Cheerful youth, v. 9. Young persons are both encouraged and cautioned. Explore how a desire to honor God might play out in this.

Heart & body, v. 10. How might this shape a Christian understanding of joy and responsibility?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

— Ecclesiastes 11:10, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

2 Corinthians 9:7

Acts 20:35

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, *He Leadeth Me*

Call to worship

Hymn 51

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 345, *Blessed Assurance*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

Hymn, *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn, *By Faith*

Message

Hymn of response 379

Take My Life and Let It Be

Benediction

Postlude, *I Love to Tell the Story*

Family mission trip McAllen, Texas, March 6-10. See Templegram or office for details. Sign up by February 20.

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Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>



Clothing drive benefitting Christian Community Service Center. Collection box is outside the church office. Now through February 17.



Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: beef taco salad, fruit, cheesecake, ice cream

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm

Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am. Meets this week, January 24

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

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The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm