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Phillip Vanwinkle, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
"Whom Do You Serve?" Television Program
"Bible Questions with Bible Answers" Television Program

UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

July 8	Living in this world
July 15	Living in this world
July 22	Harrison Morgan to speak
July 29	Chuck Northrop to speak

SUNDAY PM

July 8	Lessons from Ananias & Sapphira (#375)
July 15	Foolish and unlearned questions (#376)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

July 8, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Tyler's friend Allee (Military)

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Titus 2:11-15 **PM:** Acts 5:1-10

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

July 15 – Potluck and men's business meeting, soldiers' packages

July 22 – Singing at 5 p.m.

July 22 – Harrison Morgan to speak

July 29 – Chuck Northrop to speak

July 30 – Aug. 4 – Booth at Ingham County Fair

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FIRST

Charles Coats

First is important to most people. Coming in first! Getting in line first! Buying the first one! We have all seen the evidence of how important these things are to people. Jesus told of the Pharisees who loved to be seen of men and have the chief seats (Matt. 23:5ff).

However, there is another way that first is used which carries a completely different idea. "First" can be used to show that something is the most important thing in my life. We might say to the one we love that "You are first in my heart". This is a statement of importance and priority. We often talk about how that, if something is

important to us, it must be first in our thinking. The Bible uses first in this way in Matt. 6:33 when it says "Seek ye first ..." For the Christian especially, this verse teaches us that God and his church must be the top priority in our lives. To help us evaluate whether this is true in our lives, let us think about whether we would answer true or false to the following statements.

1. I will take vacation time just to participate in a work of the church.
2. I will reschedule vacation time just to participate in a work of the church.
3. I will plan my activities around the services of the church and other events in which the church participates.
4. I will tell those around me that I already have a prior commitment when they ask me to participate in something that conflicts with the services of the church or other events in which the church participates.
5. I will not use Sundays as the day I "catch up" on things or the day I "recuperate" from my illness.
6. I will not miss services or the other work of the church for an illness that will not keep me from going to work.
7. I will tell my family and friends I will miss family events, graduation parties, birthdays, etc. if these events conflict with the services or work of the church.
8. I will not take offence at any of these statements but will use this tool to honestly examine whether God and the church are truly the top priority in my life.