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Why should I get up in the morning and live life?

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I always wanted to be a morning person. You know the kind of people that whistle on the way to the shower, sing while they dress, and practice a Fonzie impression while combing their hair. Unfortunately, I am not that kind of person. I am one whose addiction to the snooze button almost always has me rushing around in the morning trying not to be late for the day's events.

God's Word is like an alarm that is ringing. Every time we have lust in our hearts it rings. Every time we utter an obscenity it rings. Every time our mouths are full of coarse joking we hear it ring. The temptation is to hit the snooze button of our conscience and continue sleeping in sin. But snoozing through the alarm of God's holy will is more serious than showing up late for a meeting. If we ignore what God commands, we are in for a rude awakening. In the Bible we read, "God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient" (Ephesians 5:6). No matter how much we cover our heads with the blanket of denial we can not and will not escape the alarm of God's justice.

God's alarm is ringing for us, "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14).

Jesus is the light of the world. He came to dispel the darkness that shrouded us by sin

and death. His light shone brightly when he was lifted up on a cross to die in order to take away our death. And his light exploded in brilliance when he rose from the dead to prove that he is the world's Savior. Through the good news of God's Word, the light of Jesus Christ shines on us to awaken us from the slumber of sin and darkness of death.

I have work to do on my morning Fonzie impression. I need to strive to not keep hitting the snooze button. But praise be to God for Jesus whose light from the cross and empty grave shines on us. Led by his light we can get up in the morning to live life, "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).

We hope you'll join us for one or more of our church services and events below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>5/11/19</i>	<i>Women's Breakfast</i>	<i>9:30 A.M.</i>
<i>5/12/19</i>	<i>Mother's Day</i>	<i>10 A.M. Service</i>
<i>5/19/19</i>	<i>Pilgrims' Salad Luncheon</i>	<i>After Church Service Ticket Cost TBA</i>