

# Baccalaureate speaker encourages graduates to make good use of time

By Victor Parkins

It has been said that time is the most valuable commodity. So precious that you are unable to buy more. Once lost, it can never be replenished.

That was the message Milan graduates heard last Wednesday night for the annual Baccalaureate service. Rev. Morgan Owen, Campus Minister of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at UT Martin, delivered the message.

"Time is mysterious and no one knows when it began or when it will end," Owen said. "Everyone has the same amount of time in a day and no one gets extra hours or minutes so everyone needs to do their best in the time we have. Right now, graduates feel they have a lot of time and that their futures are expansive before them. But as they age, they will see how their perspective on time changes and will understand more how time flies," the speaker added.

In a recent survey, participants were asked if they had a choice between more time or more money. Eighty percent said they wanted more time, Owen noted.

Rev. Owen referred to the book of James, chapter 4, where the Bible speaks to the eternal understanding of time.

"Time is like a vapor but the word of God stands forever," Rev. Morgan stated "God wants to walk alongside us in every moment of every day."

Mr. Owen said graduates will face major decisions in the next 7 to 10 years such as career choices, marriage, having children. He said that studies have shown that only one in 10 graduates will be involved in church, but God wants to be involved in their calling and to "use you in your mission field."

"Life passes quickly and all that remains after we are gone is what we invest in eternity," he added. "Don't blink" and let life pass by to leave you remorseful about what you did or did not do



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with the time you have been given."

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The event is hosted annually by the Milan Ministerial Association.



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SPECIAL MOMENT - Milan honor graduates (l-r) Xavier James, Steven Ballard and Vic Wang captured a special moment Wednesday night just prior to Baccalaureate services.

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