



THE MESSENGER

MARCH 13, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
Today

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays on Zoom
Friday, 12:30, Fayette Mall
food court

Saturday, 10, Panera
(Georgetown)

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday
Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing

March 4, 7:30

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IN THE WINTER OF OUR LIVES

Time moves quickly and we tend to pay little attention to its progression when we are young. Ecclesiastes 12:1 urges, *Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them."*

From children, to teens, to adults, we move through life's stages rapidly. As adults we choose a career path, perhaps marriage and children. Soon our lives become busy and we have to juggle many things while doing our best to put serving God as our main priority. As we move forward in time there are many temptations and trials, heartaches and pain along the way. We are bombarded with decisions impacting not only us but those we love. We study our bibles to learn what God expects of us and if we marry and have children, what he demands of us as parents. We realize that as adults we have tremendous responsibilities, not only to ourselves but our parents and, if we have been truly blessed, our own children.

Before we know it, time has marched on and carried us with it. Our hopes and dreams may or may not have been realized. How we perceived our lives turning out, in reality might be totally different when we were planning our futures. It seems like only a short time ago we were thinking that old age was way out in the future. We saw the effects of old age on our parents and the elderly. We saw them begin to gray and walk at a slower pace, yet still couldn't quite imagine ourselves at that stage of life. Before long many of those we loved and looked up to began to pass away and we look in the mirror and realize that person staring back at us is not that young, vibrant person anymore. We are taking on the role our own parents once played. We are now the elderly people with children and grandchildren. We have entered the winter of our lives.

Where did the time go? We think back to the years of our youth and it seems just a short while ago. James tells us *life is like a vapor that appears for a little while then vanishes away.* (4:14) As we reflect

Members Needing Our Prayers

Jacob Litmer, Rick Small, Jill Harrison, Ralph Fox, Benny Poynter, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton and family, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayers

Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear, Veronica Bowman

To Our Guests

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on our lives, hopefully the good outweighed the bad. Yet reflection does not prepare us for the new challenges we are facing as we grow old.

The winter of life sneaks up on us. We look around and see that most of our friends are older and retired. We spend most of our time together discussing the “old days”, health concerns, aches and pains, etc. In spite of all of these changes that we must not lose heart. We must not forget our Creator.

Even in our old age we must do God’s work. His kingdom never stops. Psalm 71:18-19 says *Now that I am old and my hair is gray, don’t leave me, God. I must tell the next generation about your power and greatness. God, your goodness reaches far above the skies. You have done wonderful things. God, there is no one like you.* In 2 Cor. 4:16, Paul says, *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

To those who are not yet in the winter season of your life, know that it *will* be here faster than you think. Start preparing now to accomplish the things you have planned. Respect the elderly and learn from them, for not long ago they were young and full of energy as you are now. Put God first in your life. (Deut, 6:5) Life is a precious gift from God so live your life for Him, obeying the gospel of His Son who died on the cross for all of our sins. Ron Tirey

Elders	Deacons	Evangelist
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

