

SENIORS

Our congregation is blessed with a number of senior members. While the blush of youth has fled, seniors still have much to offer. Let's look at three Bible passages regarding older people.

Job 12:12, "Wisdom is with aged men, with long life is understanding." Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge. Knowledge gained over the course of a life filled with both good and bad life experiences. Experiences that mold and shape us. While old age does not guarantee wisdom, often an older person can often provide good advice and often comfort by sharing their life lessons learned.

Proverbs 16: 31, "A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness." Even though I am a senior, I know that there are Christians members who have more gray hair than I. I am not referring to the physical gray hair; but, rather to the wealth of life experience they have from living a righteous life. Some of life's challenges I am dealing with, they have already struggled through and can provide wonderful insight to help me deal with my problems and keep my feet on the path to heaven.

Paul in Titus 2: 1 – 6 tells older men to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, and in perseverance. He goes on to tell older women to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, not enslaved too much wine, and to teach what is good. He further charged them to encourage younger women to love their husbands and children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind and subject to their husbands that the word of God would not be dishonored. An older man that meets the criteria above is going to be respected and looked to for guidance. An older woman doing these things will be a leader of women and respected by both men and women. This is not a picture of someone sitting in the rocking chair taking their ease. It is a picture of mature Christians setting a positive example of what a Christian should be and who is actively working to help others become mature Christians as well.

Let us honor and respect our senior members. Take the time to get to know them better and let them share their wealth of knowledge with you. It is uplifting for both. Also, I think you will find that most seniors are striving to do whatever work they can to be productive servants of God setting a positive example for others. Seniors are a gift from God to be appreciated and used to His glory.

Larry Benson

Marriage from the Eyes of an Unmarried Guy

“Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24

A young man decided to go to a local restaurant and have lunch with his friends. One friend ordered a salad, another ordered a steak, and this young man ordered fried catfish. His friends noticed his choice and asked why he wanted catfish instead of a salad or steak like them. The young man replied, “I just love fish.”

A Jewish rabbi explained this parable in an internet video I saw the other day. The rabbi explained, “If he truly loved the fish, he would not have taken from it for his own gain, but would have given to it and cared for it.” I know this is a somewhat extreme example, but I think our society has drastically abused the idea of love. We can love mama and God and apple pie all at the same time. We tend to use love as an adjective rather than a verb.

Love is both what God is and what God does. 1 John 4:16 tells us that God is love. John 3:16 says that God loved the world so much that he gave his son to provide a way for us to have eternal life. But what does all this have to do with marriage?

Marriage is about giving. In Ephesians 5, Paul discusses how a husband and a wife are to operate and serve within the confines of the marriage. Husbands are to love their wives. Is this only an emotion that is presented in ways of admiration? No. It is providing and nurturing the wife. It is a giving of self.

Next, wives are to submit to their husbands. Does this mean blindly following no matter what? Not at all. While the husband is the head of the household, I firmly believe the wife is the neck. She supports her husband and takes his command and administers it accordingly.

Love is so much more than we may perceive. Aren't we glad that God loves us and gave of himself by sending his son to die for us? If we love God, what are we giving him? If we love our spouse, what are we giving to him or her?

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Pat Davidson, Nora Fann, Odell Grissom, Sue Reeves, Ernestine Taylor, Carolyn Thomas, Laura Wiser, Prater Christiansen

SHUT INS:

Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Oleta Bullard, Houston Henry, Dan Stephens, Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Louis Wilson, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*, Ernestine Taylor*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Laura Wiser*, Virgie Leonard*, Margaret Davidson*

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

WOODBURY: Jeweldean Hall*

TN VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance*

We have received Building Fund donations in memory of **Wayne Dodd** from the following:

***Steve and Martha Hill**

***Salem Creek church of Christ**

NEWS & NOTES

- We are pleased to announce **Marvin & Francille Whitworth** desire to place membership with Salem Creek. Please meet this couple and welcome them to our family.
- **Visitation Team #2** will meet today after Bible classes.
- **Men's Devo** will be at the home of Andy & Lisa Mitchell tomorrow evening at 7pm.
- There will be a **Ladies Brunch and Gift exchange** on Saturday, November 4th starting at 9:30 am. Please see the sign-up sheet for more details.

Our **Fall Festival** will be on Saturday, October 28th starting at 3pm. This is a great time to invite your families and friends for fun and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet for side dishes in the foyer.



Our annual **Senior Saints Banquet** is planned for Saturday, November 11th at 5 pm at our Church building. Seniors are those 60 or older (younger spouses are welcome). This will be a catered meal; there is not a charge for the meal. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are planning to attend no later than November 5th. If you need a ride, please write yes in the space provided. Please see Keith Short or Larry Benson if you have any questions.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin	Rick Corum
Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

October 15, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	253
	Bible classes	154
	PM worship	143
	Contribution	\$6,791.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	155
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	16

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be canceled

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity! We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
30 minutes prior to service*



October 22

Dean Thompson Ashley Hurt

October 29

Ken & Barbara McPeak