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Seasoned With Age

Senior citizens have had more influence upon my life than any other age group. No other group of people have encouraged and inspired me like they have. I could never forget the words of a dear, old church member who I affectionately called, "Papp." After I preached my first sermon in a small, rural congregation in Tennessee, Pappy met me in the rear of the "shotgun" auditorium. He pointed his bony finger at me (which sort of curved to the left) and blurted out, "Son, you got to dig a little deeper." I have never forgotten his words!

Older people have also taught me more than any other age group. Once when I felt like I have arrived as a preacher – a real minister "know-it-all" – a good brother took me aside, and in the most gentle and loving way, brought me down a notch or two. I never met anyone who knew the Bible like he did. I was humbled by the experience.

People of age are the most caring, loving, and wisest group around; consequently, I have an abiding respect for their life and influence.

As I scan the pages of Bible history, I see that older adults have had a tremendous impact upon God's people. It was not until Moses was 80 years old that the Lord found him useful as a deliverer. Caleb, one of the ten spies and being well up in years, gave a favorable report about the Land of Israel. Naomi made a difference in the eternal destiny of her daughter-in-law, Ruth. Men, seasoned with age and experience, were to be appointed as elders in the New Testament church.

My words to the seniors are these: keep serving the Lord in your later years, for you might be surprised to learn that, according to God, you are now in your prime!

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ELDERS
 Carl Burrus
 Jesse Byers
 Bobby Hill
 Bill Path

MINISTER
 Benjamin Williams

PRISON MINISTER
 Bill Hamrick

DEACONS
 Matt Caldwell,
EDUCATION
 Robert Hill,
WORSHIP
 Keith Riggs,
OUTREACH
 Bruce Rothell,
MISSIONS

SECRETARY
 Karen Brown

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

Keep Your Fork!

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So, as she was getting her things 'in order', she contacted her minister and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the minister was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the minister's reply. "This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The minister stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the minister. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork'. It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!

So, I just want people to see me there in the casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'what's with the fork?'. Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork... the best is yet to come.'" the minister's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral, people were walking by the woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing, and her favorite Bible and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the minister heard the question "What's with the fork?" and over and over he smiled.

During his message, the minister told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The minister told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, oh so gently, that the best is yet to come.



upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship meetings
retreats picnics games parties

Sunday, June 30th

5th Sunday Noon Fellowship Meal with early (1:00) "evening" services. Group Burrus

Saturday, July 6th

VBS Work day

Saturday, July 13th

VBS Work day

Sunday, July 14th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:30

Wednesday - Friday, July 24th-26th

Vacation Bible School - "Daniel"

Sunday, August 4th

Teacher's meeting

Saturday, August 10th

Class room clean-up (re-do b-boards, check supplies, etc.)

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Nyla Nunley received results on some of her tests and some came back good, some came back inconclusive - she will have an echo done in the near future and then a follow up in about a month.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Leola Harmon (stroke); Jean Lovett (cancer); Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Eddie Morgan (cancer); Jennifer Dunn (thyroid cancer); Linda Patterson (stroke); Josh Hallburn (electrocuted); Homer Hefner (heart attack); Malyka (leukemia); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Ron Wilson; Jenna Sullivan.

BUILDING PROGRAM

As was announced we have signed a contract with Vista Construction. Beginning in the next month or so there will be a lot of changes going on around the building. Please be aware of the equipment and supplies that will be on the property. Kids are curious and they like to climb. We just don't want anyone hurt. Thank you so much of taking extra precautions with our little ones.

VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL

There are two Saturdays scheduled to work on VBS supplies / art work. If you are interested in helping with this part of VBS please be here at 10:00 on Saturday July 6th and /or July 13th. If you have any questions see Selene Williams.

CHURCH SIGN:

The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Next Sunday we will have our monthly Fellowship Meal. This time it falls on a 5th Sunday, so we will have the pot luck meal at NOON and have our "Evening" service at 1:00 pm. Group Burrus is responsible for setting up and cleaning up. If you have forgotten which group you are in there is a list posted on the bulletin board.

MEETING

Elder's and Deacon's meeting Sunday, July 14th at 3:30.

I Wish You Big Mud Puddles and Yellow Dandelions

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I see a mud puddle I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given kids to teach or to learn from? No wonder God loves the little children!

Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

I wish you BIG Mud Puddles and Sunny Yellow Dandelions!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Spencer Yeager, June 23	Bill Hamrick, July 3	Sara & Chris Bennett, July 9
Deb Path, June 25	Jacob Littlebear, July 3	Wes & Jennifer Wadkins, July 14
Ben & Selene Williams, June 28	Ralph & Mary Causby, July 3	Becky Byers, July 15
Megan Parker, June 29	Michael Brown, July 6	Jenna Sullivan, July 22
Eddie & Renee Whitchurch, July 1	Jack & Earline Lierly, July 7	Stephanie White, July 26

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	100
Sunday AM Worship	130
Sunday PM Worship	74
Wednesday Bible Classes	88

Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$3,983.80
Budget	\$4,041.00
Budget	\$527.17
Building Fund	\$401,874.18

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Larry Growns
Closing Prayer	Jim Yeager
Scripture Reading	Bob Simmons
Lord's Table	Robert Hill
	Steve Rucquoy
	Randy Crawford
	Keith Riggs

Ushers

Larry Potter
Wes Wadkins

Lock Building

Bruce Rothell and Bob Simmons

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	James Hamilton
Closing Prayer	Jerry O'Shields
Scripture Reading	Doyle Tuggle
Lord's Table	Robert Hill
	Steve Rucquoy

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	Robert Hill
Closing Prayer	Jerry O'Shields
Song Leader	Randy Brown

Communion Preparation

6/2	Selene Williams
6/9	Lilia Rothell
6/16	Bayla Burrus
6/23	Becky Byers
6/30	Debbie Whitchurch
7/7	Rosalie O'Neal
7/14	Rothell Ladies
7/21	Karen Myrick
7/28	Sherri Carr

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, Sept 8th
3:30 pm

EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

6/23	2Kgs 11-13; Ps 142; Rev 1
6/24	2Kgs 14-15; Ps 143; rev 2-3
6/25	2Kgs 16-17; Ps 144; rev 4-6
6/26	2Kgs 18; Ps 145; Rev 7-9
6/27	2Kgs 19-20; Ps 146; Rev 10-12
6/28	2Kgs 21-22; Ps 147; Rev 13-15
6/29	2Kgs 23-24; Ps 148; Rev 16-17



IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

These were more noble...they searched the scriptures daily...(Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

June 23 - Not Ashamed
June 30 - Conversion
July 7 - Life
July 14 - Holiness
July 21 - the Bible Alone

Sunday Morning Sermon

Apocalypse of Jesus
Revelation 1:1-3

Sunday Evening Sermon

Peter's Farewell
2 Peter 1:13-15