



MONTICELLO
CHURCH OF CHRIST

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men—Galatians 6:10

And Then It's Winter

By Mike Riley

I received the following thoughts by an unknown author via email this morning from one of my Christian friends and wanted to share them with my blog readers. These thoughts could very well be my thoughts, as I'm entering the latter years of my life. The thoughts expressed are something to seriously think about this day and every day that God allow us to live (Acts 17:24-25):

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all.....

And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams... But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise..... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my babies go? And where did my youth go?

I remember well...seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is.....my friends are retired and really getting gray....they move slower and I see an older person now. Lots are in better shape than me....but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant....but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore....it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will....I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did.....

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last....this I know, that when it's over....its over....Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done....things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime....

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Memory Verse

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
 Colossians 3:13 NIV

June 16, 2024

ELDERS

Mike Beard
 Larry Fisackerly
 Joe Moore
 Rusty Rabb

DEACONS

Marty Baker
 Seth Baker
 Beau Beard
 Ray Linder
 Jason Meier
 Jeff Newton
 Joshua Pettigrew
 Kerry Rice
 Jeremy Wilson

MINISTERS

Pulpit Minister

Josh Walker

Campus Minister

Brad Tolbert

Meeting Times

Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Assembly 10:30 AM
 Assembly 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class 78
 Sunday AM Worship... 104
 Sunday PM Worship 77
 Wed. Evening 71
 Budget \$5,514
 Contribution \$4504.73

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So, if you're not in your winter yet....let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!!

Life goes by very quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life.... so, live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember....and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past.

"Life is a gift to you from God. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after.

Make it a "fantastic one!"
Live life well — Enjoy today — Do something fun — Be happy — Be thankful.....And Praise God For all He's given you! (Psalm 150:6; James 1:17; cf. John 3:27).

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Brad Tolbert** is in Baptist Medical Center North Little Rock waiting to get into a Rehab facility.
- ◇ **Lynne Burton** has bronchitis.
- ◇ Continue to remember **Donnie & Janice Wright**.
- ◇ **Rita Stiles** is at home after a few days in the hospital.
- ◇ Remember **Jerry Tolbert** (Brad's Dad).
- ◇ Continue to remember **Acacia May** (Becky Rice's niece).
- ◇ **Andy Boykin** needs prayers concerning his cancer treatments.
- ◇ **Roger Pace** is dealing with health issues.
- ◇ Keep remembering **Lathan Stringer**, who was hurt in a rodeo accident.
- ◇ **J. R. Martin** (friend of Roger Harris) passed away.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

- 20** Joshua & Jessica Pettigrew
- 21** James Miller

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REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Jean Enlow	Judy Purvis	Laverne Potter
Lyndell Baker	Laverne Potter	Betty McGuire

REMINDER!!!

Compassion Cards Group 3 (**Ray & Kathy Linder**) needs to pick up cards in Evangelism room on Wednesday evening to be brought back for mailing next Sunday. This is a proven evangelism tool. Please consider participating in this work.
WE NEED YOU!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

Group 3 (Ray & Kathy Linder) - Return Cards Today.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

THIS MONTH

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| 19 - Our God is Holy | Jerry Martin -
Crossett |
| 26 - Our God is Omniscient | Tommy Haynes -
Central Church of Christ |
- JULY
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| 3 - Our God is Patient - Joshua Alexander -
Foothills Church of Christ |
| 10 - Our God Is Eternal - Ricky Eppes - McGehee |
| 20 - Men's Breakfast—7:00 |

DAILY BIBLE READING

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| MONDAY | <u>Eph 4-6</u> |
| TUESDAY | <u>Lev 4-6</u> |
| WEDNESDAY | <u>1 Kings 14-18</u> |
| THURSDAY | <u>Ps 72-74</u> |
| FRIDAY | <u>Prov 5-6</u> |
| SATURDAY | <u>Ezek 7-12</u> |
| SUNDAY | <u>Luke 13-14</u> |

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

- 16-Jun Regina Dunn
- 23-Jun Regina Dunn
- 30-Jun Ione Easterling
- 7-Jul Ione Easterling

June

CARDS

Linda Forrest

FOOD

Sara Newton

PENCILS/CARDS

Barbara Newton