

Upcoming Events

Business Meeting: Today at 4:30 p.m.

Veterans' Day: November 11

Ladies Bible Class: November 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Budget preparations for 2020

Thanksgiving Day: November 21

Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Hebrews class Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

“The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”

November Birthdays

2 Mike Atkins 6 Ashley Tanner 10 Daniel Brown
18 Emilia Letalu 27 Lupita Guzman

November Anniversaries

2 Shannon & Susan Hudson

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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Young People, Difficult Days are Coming

By Dan Jenkins

Solomon, the wisest man of the Old Testament, had so much to say to young people about their lives. A quick search of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes shows that he mentions child, children, son, sons, young and youth over 85 times in these books.

Evidently one of the purposes Solomon wrote these books was to give instruction to his children. He uses the expression “my son” 23 times. He wanted his son to live a life filled with wisdom. Take time to think about his closing words to young people found in Ecclesiastes chapter twelve.

“Remember now your Creator...” These words presuppose that young people would be taught about God when very young. We cannot remember what we have never learned. God’s plan is for children to learn about Him from infancy (2 Timothy 3:15).

“Remember now your Creator...” There is an urgency in these words. It is foolish to wait to do right. Hearts are open and tender in our early years, so do it now! It’s always right to do right, right now! Failure to do this is so foolish.

“Remember now your Creator...” It is true that He is the Creator of the entire universe, but this concept can be so impersonal and vague. It is imperative that young people realize He made them, individually and personally.

“Remember now your Creator...” He is the Almighty God, the origin of any reality you know. Paul described this in these words, *“For in Him we live and move and have our being”* (Acts 17:28). God has shown this so clearly that there is not a single person who cannot know of His majesty and power (Romans 1:19-20).

“Remember...before the difficult days come...” One cannot be wise and not make preparation for what lies ahead. We cannot wait until those days arrive and then deal with them. It is in our youth that we must prepare.

“Remember...before the difficult days come ...” There is a strong tendency for young people to live only in the present and fail to look to the future. Solomon speaks of the years when trials will come, and you may be unable to cope with them. Life is not always lived on the mountains of carefree happiness. On the other side of those mountains are valleys of trials.

“Remember...before the difficult days come and... when you say, “I have no pleasure in them.” Very few young people realize that it is in our youth that we set the course for the rest of our lives. There is one decision that we must teach our young people to make. That decision is *“Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come and years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’”* God help us to seriously think about this!

Thank You Lord for Older Christians

By Brad Harrub

Forgive me, for sometimes I do not think about how hard it is for you to come to worship. I take for granted things like putting on clothes and driving to the church building. I rarely think about how much pain you endure in getting in and out of a car or sitting on a hard church pew.

While you may fret about whether your hair is too thin or whether you are too slow, I want you to know what I see. I see love—love in a form that Jesus wants me to see it. Words cannot adequately describe your beautiful warm smile and the love you show for everyone in our church family. Your hugs are like being wrapped in a blanket of love—something I desperately need in the hustle and bustle world we live in today. I see a person who has weathered many years and truly knows the things that are important in life—a lesson that I’m still learning.

I suspect when you look in a mirror you see an old person—someone who feels the aches and pains of many years. But that’s not what I see. I see someone who I long to see sitting in “your pew” every Sunday.

You see age-spots on wrinkled hands that sometimes tremble. I see the caring hands that reveal years of hard work, and gentle hands that have held many children, grandchildren, and maybe even great-grandchildren.

You see someone who can’t hear well and whose voice sounds rougher with each passing year. I see someone who sounds just like my grandparents—a sound that I treasure in my heart.

You see someone who shuffles down the aisle and is slow. I see someone who may need an arm for support and someone who is teaching me a good lesson on patience.

You see someone whose hair is thin and white. I see someone whose hair reveals years of wisdom.

You see someone who you think will not be missed if you are not there on Sunday. I see a pillar of our church family—someone who makes everything feel just right.

You see someone whose clothes may be out of style. I see someone who has amazing stories of what life used to be like.

You see someone who can’t cook as well anymore. I see someone whose pies and cakes are legendary at church get-togethers—and maybe someone who is now giving me an opportunity to provide meals for them.

You see someone whose memory doesn’t work as well. I see someone whose very presence edifies and encourages me.

You see someone whose has aches and pains and feels old and tired. I see a Christian soldier who still puts on the whole armor of God and is showing me what living faithfully until death really means.