

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Growing Older Should Be Celebrated!

It comes as a shock, and it shouldn't. We look in the mirror and see new wrinkles, graying hair, sometimes a person we hardly recognize. We wonder, "How did I get this old? It seems just like yesterday that I was a child, a teen, a young man."

Today I must admit simply that I am old. Not an easy admission because when I was young I remember what I thought of old people. Old people were out of touch, could not do anything fun, mostly sat around getting older. Now I am one of them.

Growing older does not have to be a burden. Though there are some things we simply must accept in an aging body, we need not accept bitterness, grumpiness, or a complaining attitude.

My grandmother collected dolls into her old age. I enjoyed the look on her face when she would pick one of them up. It was almost as if I could see the little girl still inside her.

I think that is the way to be. We ought to grow wiser, more understanding of the faults of others, and generally kinder in our later years. But I think it is important that somewhere inside we keep alive the child, the sense of wonder, the sense of excitement. I think Jesus meant something of the kind when He said we must be like little children to enter His kingdom.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to keep the child alive, even as we grow and mature and waste away outwardly, keep us renewed inwardly. Amen.

Karlton Douglas, author of this article, has both Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Crohn's Disease. If he can see the bright side of life, so should we.

Until next time,

Joe

SENIOR CRIER OCTOBER



FROM BRO. TIM:

Wow! I would like to thank you, our senior adults, for participating in the Save Our Seniors Event held this past month on September 16. I hope you found it informative and helpful. I welcome your input whether good or bad, I want and need to know what you think. You can call me by phone, text me or send email. My cell, if you call or text, is 352-317-3881. My email is tharris@fbchighsprings.org or you can call me at the office at 386-454-1505.

I also want you to know we will be having our annual Senior Adult Recognition service on Sunday morning, Oct. 5 at both morning services. Later that same day we will be having a church wide fellowship in the Family life Center at 5:30. We will be having 2 Guests that day. The first is Phil Waldrep of Phil Waldrep Ministries and the second is Mike Cooper, a Magician friend of Pastor Derek's from Mississippi. I hope you will make plans to attend for this Exciting Day.

Finally, I want to say how much I appreciate our Senior Adult Ministry Team. They work very hard at planning and implementing the events that are planned for Senior Adults here at our church. Please join with me in letting them know how much you appreciate them. When you see one of them just simply say "Thank You".

Your Senior Adult Ministry Team members are: Joe & Marie Elder, Warren & Jean Godsmark, Pat & Mae Patterson, George Hall and Sharon Mock. Thank you all for your service to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords – KING JESUS!

I leave you with this from My Utmost for His Highest:

"Do You Now Believe?"

Now we believe. But Jesus asks, "Do you...? Indeed the hour is coming...that you...will leave Me alone" (16:31-32). Many Christian workers have left Jesus Christ alone and yet tried to serve Him out of a sense of duty, or because they sense a need as a result of their own discernment.

The reason for this is actually the absence of the resurrection life of Jesus. Our soul has gotten out of intimate contact with God by leaning on our own religious understanding (see Proverbs 3:5-6). This is not deliberate sin and there is no punishment attached to it. But once a person realizes how he has hindered his understanding of Jesus Christ, and caused uncertainties, sorrows, and difficulties for himself, it is with shame and remorse that he has to return.

We need to rely on the resurrection life of Jesus on a much deeper level than we do now. We should get in the habit of continually seeking His counsel on everything, instead of making our own commonsense decisions and then asking Him to bless them. He cannot bless them; it is not in His realm to do so, and those decisions are severed from reality. If we do something simply out of a sense of duty, we are trying to live up to a standard that competes with Jesus Christ. We become a prideful, arrogant person, thinking we know what to do in every situation. We have put our sense of duty on the throne of our life, instead of enthroning the resurrection life of Jesus. We are not

told to "walk in the light" of our conscience or in the light of a sense of duty, but to "walk in the light as He is in the light...." (1 John 1:7). When we do something out of a sense of duty, it is easy to explain the reasons for our actions to others. But when we do something out of obedience to the Lord, there can be no other explanation – just obedience. That is why a saint can be so easily ridiculed and misunderstood.

O Lord, when I awake, I am still with You. Quicken my mortal body with Your mighty resurrection life; rouse me this hour with a gracious influx of power.

Blessings, Pastor Tim

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- OCT. 5th - Joe & Diane Peterson
- 9th - Doug & Shirley Jackson
- 10th - Lee & Patsy Presnell
- 14th - Howard & Pam Palmer
- 19th - Melvin & Jean Horton
- 19th - Erik & Mabel Stickles
- 22nd - Wayne & Betty Bloodsworth
- 23rd - Jim (Doc) & Patsy Freeman
- 26th - Joe & Billye Dowdy

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

- OCT. 31st - David & Shelly Donnelly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- OCT. 3rd - Leanne Burroughs
- 3rd - Donna Collins
- 3rd - Hilda Fowler

- OCT. 3rd - Donna Gocek
- 3rd - Don Warming
- 6th - John Presley
- 6th - Lisa Stevenson
- 7th - Kenneth Hollingsworth
- 9th - Gwen Ellis
- 9th - Rick Jefferson
- 9th - Debbie Mathews
- 9th - Sylvia Mathis
- 10th - Sharon Bass
- 11th - Bruce Smith
- 12th - Marjorie DeLoach
- 13th - Judy Mikell
- 13th - Betty Sexton
- 14th - Linda Boyd
- 15th - Jean Godsmark
- 16th - Joel Buzbee
- 16th - Gary Cary
- 17th - Cliff Tusing
- 18th - Linda Hiatt
- 19th - Paul Collins
- 19th - Vernon Shearer
- 20th - Jimmy Thomas
- 21st - Chris Deason
- 21st - Karen Parrish
- 22nd - Connie Johnson
- 23rd - Pat Long
- 24th - Delores McNeill
- 24th - Randy Stevenson
- 26th - Reta Pearl
- 28th - Stella Burseson
- 29th - Jake Lindsey
- 29th - G. W. Parrish
- 29th - Randy Sommers
- 30th - Faye Pfeiffer

DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCT. 26th – 30th - Annual Trip Pigeon Forge, TN