

And Then It's Winter...

By Mike Riley

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 recall vividly seeing older people over the years and thinking that they were years away from me, and that winter was so far off that I couldn't fully fathom or imagine what it would be like. But, here it is... my friends are retired and really getting gray. They move more slowly, and I see an older person now. Lots are in better shape than I am. However, I see a 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.

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, it's 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....

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.

Live life well. Enjoy today. Do something fun. Be happy, be thankful, praise God for all He's given you! (Psalm 150:6; James 1:17; cf. John 3:27).



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Arthur Binford
Communion- John Chisley **Closing Prayer-** Rick Cook
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

— **Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.**

— **Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

— **Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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Please Pray For:

Lyle Russell, Carla Owen, Meesha Thomas, Rhonda Rogers, Louvenia Dickson, Katherine Riley, Kathy Gilbert, Phillip Simmons, Verlinda Gooden, Oddie Cameron, Gavin McDaniel, Eli Simmons, Sheila Long, Carol Fletcher, Blayne Atkins, Vee Boren, Ralph Malone, Lynn Urban.

Bereaved: Family of Ada Turner.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Pam Few, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



October Birthdays

2 - Rick VanLoon	18 - Randal Freeman
7 - Joyce McDonald	24 - Jean Delukie
12 - Barbara Wheeler	26 - Kari Johnstone
14 - Kathy Manning	27 - Charles Fricke
15 - Chuck Boyer	31 - Bobby Barker

October Anniversaries

None