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“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM

(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermons:

AM-2000 Horses

*PM-Equipping the
Saints—Areas of
Service*

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ing what we teach and practice,
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Spiritual "Reality"

By: Gary Henry

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“By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.”

Hebrews 11:24-27

It is important to recognize that there are two realms of reality, the spiritual and the temporal, and that neither of these is any more real than the other. The willingness to deal responsibly with spiritual realities is what is called "faith" in the Scriptures. It is a virtue powerfully illustrated in the life of a person like Moses, who not only recognized spiritual reality but also was willing to *act* on that recognition. The invisibility of God to Moses' physical eye did not keep him from dealing responsibly with God, and he is only one of many biblical examples of people who acted with a courageous confidence in the spiritual realm.

Today, however, we tend to see the faith of a Moses as little

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more than a relic of the pre-scientific age. As far as our own decisions are concerned, we are reluctant to trust anything that can't be examined by empirical science. We tend to think that if anything of a spiritual nature exists at all, it is somehow less "real" than the visible things that surround us. And this tendency has two results: (1) we refuse to allow any sense of the word "knowledge" to be applied to religious or spiritual truth, and (2) we take a somewhat condescending view of people who are dedicated to the spiritual life, as if they were wasting their time on idealistic things that are less practical than those of the "real world."

Well, if the God of the Scriptures does not "really" exist, then we'd be better off to dispense with the pretense that He does. Yet if He *does* exist then we need to take Him with all the seriousness that our minds can muster. There is no need to relegate spiritual truths to a secondary status. To be people of faith does not mean that we're making things up. It means that we're committed to the massive continents of truth that lie beyond our present horizons.

“Commitment to the spiritual reality is simply commitment to reality and it is the way to really appreciate the wonder of all life. It is the way to come to understand the extraordinary fact of the mystery of life itself, the inner hidden secret of life that gives it its real excitement. Entering on the spiritual path is coming to appreciate our life as a voyage of discovery.”
John Main

Getting Older

By: W. Frank Walton
Charlottesville Beacon

“The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness” Proverbs 16:31

As soon as we are born, everyone begins to get older. Have you ever plucked out a

gray hair? Our sensual culture worships youth and good looks more than virtue and good sense. This began with those who came of age in the 1960's, saying, "Don't trust anyone over 30." Those spoiled baby boomers have had to revise their mantra, pushing it ever higher as they themselves age. However, there is more to life than being young, looking good, and having a good time.

In the Biblical world, gray hair was a badge of honor, not a sign of being decrepit. *“The splendor of old men is their gray head”* (Proverbs 20:29). It represented maturity, hard-won experience and wisdom by living long and learning well from God's university of hard knocks. God's purpose for our lives is our spiritual and moral development, *“so we might share in His holiness”* (Hebrews 12:10).

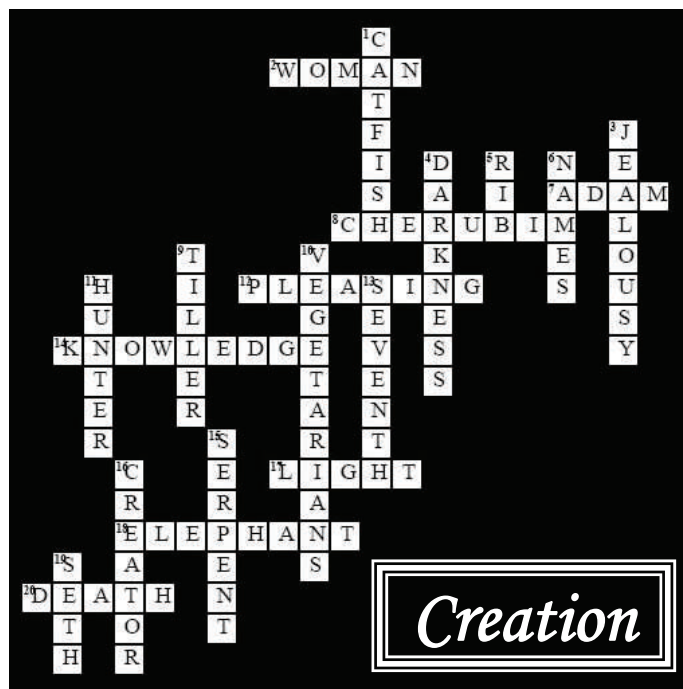
It is not how long we live, but how well we live before God that counts. *“Teach us to number our days, that we may present to you a heart of wisdom”* (Psalm 90:12). As the years roll by, we never retire from the Lord's service. Caleb was one of the faithful few to the divine vision to conquer Canaan with God's help against all odds. He remained active and alert to the end, with youthful exuberance to take on new challenges (Joshua 14:6-15). *“Paul, the aged,”* still wrote encouraging letters during his final Roman imprisonment (Philemon 1:9). To keep his mind sharp and occupied, Paul was still studying toward the very end of his life (2 Timothy 4:13). Victor Hugo said, “Winter is on my head, but spring is in my heart.”

Someone has said, “Experience is what you get after you don't need it.” No, if we keep active in the Lord's work, we can use our experience somewhere in the future, even if it is teaching someone younger (cf. Titus 2:3-5). Contrast this with some elders who may think serving as an elder is a lifetime appointment to a board of directors, regardless of their declining fitness of age and ability to execute the “hands on” work of shepherding the flock.

David Lipscomb, long-time editor of the Gospel Advocate and co-founder of David Lipscomb University, knew the Bible in his day about as well as anyone. In the very last months of his life at 84, he would sit in his rocking chair and study his Bible for up to 2

hours daily. In 1916, a year before his death, he wrote, "We have long ago passed the threescore and ten years allotted to man on earth.... As we approach the end, the more we study the word of God, the more anxious we are to meet him, knowing we have opposed all innovations and changes upon His order at every point along the line of duty drawn by Him" (Gospel Advocate, 1916, p. 1).

May this be our epitaph, that we were faithful to the Lord and His Word, as we get older until the very end of our life on earth. It is better to wear out than rust out in the Lord's service. Christians should not detest getting older. As we progress through the Lord's school of discipleship, it brings us closer to graduating to that heavenly shore where there are delights with our Lord forever more (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). The sick and physically weak are then forever healthy and strong.



A great amount of thanks go to:

**Harold Marshall
Chuck Isinghood
Matt Ferrell**

for helping to get the parking lot ready for winter by filling in the cracks in the pavement and repainting the lines.

If they seem a little crooked now you can understand why.



Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Nathan Marshall
Announcements	Dave Harless
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Ezekiel 21:1-16
Reader	Terry Smith
Prayer	Harold Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Earl Miller
Fruit of the Vine	Dan Marton
Serve	Don Coen, Sr.
Serve	Nathan Marshall
Closing Prayer	Matt Ferrell

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Dave Harless
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Ezekiel 21:17-32
Reader	Nathan Marshall
1st Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Ed Roberts
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Wednesday

Announcements	Dave Harless
Class Prayer	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Invitation	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Hospital:

- Ann Rudolph is in Weirton Medical Center. She fell and broke her hip Monday and had surgery on Wednesday and remains in the hospital.

Recovering:

- Cary Lancaster was admitted to the hospital early last week with heart problems. After draining the fluid around his heart, he was released Wednesday evening.
- Terry Smith
- Mary Jane Myers continues her slow recover from surgery
- Joyce Coen
- Marie Roberts

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap

Prayer Requests:

- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew, was diagnosed with colon cancer, and will be having surgery in the next few weeks.
- Gary Dickerson, a longtime friend of the Henderson family suffered a massive heart attack recently. The prognosis is not very good given the condition of his heart. Please keep the Dickerson family in your prayers.