

The Bereaved:

Our sympathy is extended to the **family of Burton Brown**, Bettye's brother, who passed away and was buried last week.

The Sick:

Amy Pittman is at home recovering from surgery to have her gall bladder removed.

Susie Kaiser continues to suffer with chronic back pain and knee pain. Her daughter, Kim, is also having difficulty with severe back pain.

Lucille Hall, Ethel's mother, is in serious condition in the hospital in Dickson.

Sibyl Claypool, Mark's mother, is at home recovering from knee replacement surgery. Her address is 443 Oakley Dr., Nashville, TN 37220.

Vicky Collins, friend of Carolyn Lowder who underwent surgery for breast cancer, has received a good report and is believed to be cancer free.

Continue to remember **Xenna Gooch**, **Katherine See**, **Ronald Miller**, Larry's father, **Louis Mullen**, **James Tanksley** and **Pansy Hensley**.

News & Notes:

--**Group 1** will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

--**Congratulations** to Carolyn Lowder on the birth of her new granddaughter, Amalie Jane, born on October 6 to her son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Laura Lowder. Amalie Jane weight 6 lbs, 14 oz and was 20 inches long.

GOSPEL MEETING

We will begin a gospel meeting in two weeks (Oct. 25 - 27) with Dan Edwards from Ethridge, TN. Dan is not only Doug & Linda's son-in-law, he preaches for the Marcella Falls church and works as a Licensed Professional Counselor and Mental Health Service Provider. He plans to speak on the following topics:

Christ-Centered Living

Sun. 10/25, 9am: The Bible and Mental Health. This lesson will examine case studies of several Bible characters to identify possible mental health issues that affected their lives.

10/25, 9:55 am: Wonderful Counselor. This sermon will validate Isaiah 9:6 that Jesus is truly a "Wonderful Counselor" in that He demonstrates traits encouraged for professional counselors.

10/25, 2:30 pm: Christ-Centered Therapy. This sermon is taken from Rom 12:2 and will demonstrate how the gospel of Christ can transform the mind.

10/26, 7 pm: Christ-Centered Marriages. This sermon will emphasize how wonderful our marriages become when we put Christ at the center and live up to our roles.

10/27, 7 pm: Christ-Centered Families. This sermon will emphasize how families can flourish when we put Christ in the center.

Flyers are available in the lobby for your use in inviting others. Plan now to attend!!

Perry Heights Elders: Doug Driver, Johnny Felker
Deacons: Ralph Brown, Mark Claypool

Service Times: Sunday: Bible Study - 9:00 am, Worship 9:55 am & 6:00 pm; Wednesday Bible Study- 7:00 pm

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*"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"
Heb. 10:24*

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Where the Roses Never Fade

I enjoy watching the Andy Griffith Show (the old black and white episodes with Barney Fife are the best). However, I do remember a color episode when Aunt Bee had dreams of winning a flower contest. Her rose was perfect until Opie accidentally threw a football and snapped it in half. He tried taping it together to keep Aunt Bee from finding out, but it wilted. It's glory faded and she was devastated.

So it is with this life. Things fade. We buy new cars because the old one fades. We remodel houses, and buy new clothes, and exercise—trying to fight against our aging bodies. We watch loved ones fade before our very eyes.

As Christians, however, we are a part of something that never fades. This was not true of the Old Testament system. It had great glory while it lasted, but it is no more—having given way to the New. When Paul wrote Second Corinthians, false teachers were trying to mix new Christianity with the old system of things. Paul stresses that the old has passed away and has been replaced with something better.

To make his point, he reminds them of the time Moses went to the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments. When he returned to the people, his face was glowing. How impressive this must have been for them to see! To keep the people from seeing the glow fade, Moses covered his face with a veil. Paul then says that the old law was glorious, but its glory has faded (3:7-16). Get the point? The glory of the Old faded until it was no more.

In contrast to the old, Christians live under the New Testament, the teachings of Jesus and His apostles. Its glory grows greater and greater with each day. It doesn't fade (3:18).

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Preacher's Pen points

Taming the Storms of Life The Storm of Old Age



Challenges of Aging

Loss of physical h_____ L_____

E_____ difficulties A_____ and n_____

Becoming d_____ Caregiver b_____

M_____ debilitation F_____ exploitation

D_____

A Brief Look at Psalm 71 (The prayer of an aging man)

The _____ he experienced (71:9, 18, 12)

The _____ he expressed (71:5, 17, 6, 20, 3, 16)

The _____ he expected (71:23, 15, 18, 7, 21)

How Shall the Old Secure Their Hearts? (Some practical suggestions)

Keep _____ & growing in faith.

Stay _____ to loved ones, friends, and brethren.

Count your _____ daily and avoid _____.

Treat others with _____ rather than with insensitive _____.

Keep _____ others.

Keep you eyes on the _____.

As you go through this time remember the words of David, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for you are with me." He will be present with you; and He still calms storms!

When we read about Jesus in the New Testament, we see Him in all of His glory. Not only this, but as we strive to live by what we read, a wonderful transformation takes place. We become like Him—from **glory to glory!**

The growth, glory, and the excitement only gets better and better each day. It doesn't fade, but culminates with our arrival into heaven, the most glorious place of all. The Bible says, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (3:18).

Remember this when you see your body fading and growing weaker. The outer man may be fading, but the inner man is getting stronger. An older lady once expressed thanks for the lesson, then said, "But I get so discouraged because I go home and try to reflect back on what I have heard and I just can't remember it all." I asked her if she had any wicker baskets at home. She replied, "Yes." I said, "I imagine they get dusty sometimes and you have to wash them." "Yes," she said. Then I replied, "You know as you fill those baskets with water, it runs out. They leak. The baskets don't hold the water, but they sure are a lot cleaner." My point? That's the way it is with our frail minds. We may not be able to remember everything, but the word of God is filtering through, cleaning us up and making us more like Jesus. That's glorious!

Granville Tyler was a great man of God, a powerful preacher and a wonderful example to little boys like me who listened to him preach years ago. In his final days, I went to visit him. As I looked at his weak frame, a thought hit me: "This man may not be able to recall a number of scripture references in this condition, but he knows Jesus in a way that I long to know Him."

Paul continues this thought in 4:16-18 when he says, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary but the things which are not seen are eternal."

In the words of a great hymn, "Saved ones gone to be with Jesus, In their robes of white arrayed, Now are waiting for my coming, Where the roses never fade. Here they bloom but for a season, Soon their beauty is decayed; I am going to a city, Where the roses never fade."

How comforting.

Jeff May, *Biblical Insights*