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Reflection



"For we must all
appear before the
judgment seat of
Christ;...
II Cor. 5:10

It is in the epistle of James that we are reminded of the brevity of life. James likens life to a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Truly life is short and quick paced. Even if you live to be a hundred, which most of us will not, in the light of eternity that is a very short time. The older one gets the faster time seems to move. Just listen in on the conversation of mature adults and in the midst of all the aches and pains you'll hear a reference to the flying of time. No doubt many of us have already lived longer than the time we have left. So if we are going to do anything with

lasting value for the Kingdom of God we might ought to do some serious contemplation.

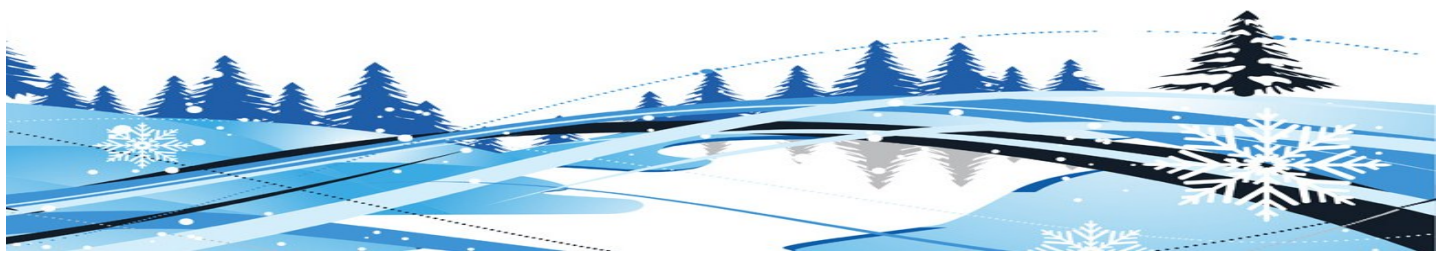
A new year is not only a time of ordering the future but a time of reflection and assessment. Looking back over 2010 what brings to you a sense of satisfaction? Do you note anything of lasting value? It was Jesus who said that true treasure of lasting value is what we lay up in heaven.

It has been assessed that if a man lives to be 70 years old he spends: 20 years sleeping, 20 years working, 6 years eating, 7 years playing, 5 years dressing, 1 year on the telephone which is probably more since cell phones), 2 1/2 years

smoking, 2 1/2 years in bed, 3 years waiting for somebody, 5 months tying shoes, 2 1/2 years for other things including 1 1/2 years in church. To spend 1 1/2 years in church in a relative life span of 70, one must, on the day of his birth, begin to spend five minutes of each morning and every evening in devotions, plus three hours per week in church.

Jesus is coming. His coming is closer than its ever been. All of us have an appointment with Him that will be kept. Now, may we all do what we will be glad we did when we stand before Him on that day.

Pastor Ricky



How True It is

Another year has passed and
we're all a little older.

Last Summer Felt hotter and
Winter seems much colder.

I rack my brain for happy
thoughts, to put down on my
pad,
But lots of things that come to
mind just make me kind of sad.

There was a time not long ago
when life was quite a blast.

Now I fully understand about
"Living in the Past."

We used to go to friends homes,
football games and lunches.

Now we go to therapy, to hospi-
tals, and after-funeral brunches.

We used to go out dining, and
couldn't get our fill.

Now we ask for doggie bags,
come home and take a pill.



Happy New Year!

We used to often travel to places
near and far.

Now we get backaches from rid-
ing in the car.

We used to go out shopping for
new clothing at the mall.

But, now we never bother... all
the sizes are too small.

That, my friend is how life is,
and now my tale is told.

So, enjoy each day and live it
up... before you're too old!

—Author Unknown

Nothing is too hard for God

If God were stinted in might and
had a limit to his strength, we
could well despair. But seeing
that he is clothed with omnipo-

tence, no prayer is too hard for
him to answer, no need too great
for him to supply, no passion too
strong for him to subdue, no

temptation too powerful for him
to deliver from, and no misery
too deep for him to relieve.—
Arthur W. Pink

Happy Hearts Meeting

Peggy Dellinger invites all Sen-
iors to come to her house at 12
O'clock noon on January 11th for
a grand ole time of fellowship,
fun and food. Peggy is a great
hostess!

The menu includes Hot Dogs,
BBQ, Chili and Desserts.

Come and enjoy a great after-
noon.

Peggy lives at 2158 Dale Avenue,
in Lincolnton. Her phone num-
ber is 704-735-8890. Give her a
call if you need directions to her
house.



A Thought For The Year 2011

If someone were to give you the sum of \$87,000, what would you do with it? There are probably many things you would buy. Or you might give some of it to a member of the family or to a charitable organization. "But," you say to yourself, "no one's going to give me that amount of money." No they probably will not, but there will be something given to you this year that money cannot buy. Time! That's



right. You'll be given 87,000 hours or 5,256,000 minutes. You

can use them wisely, spend them all on yourself, or give some to the neighbors or to your community in service. We may not be wealthy in terms of dollars and cents, but the one thing we all have in common are the hours of 2011. How will you and I go about using them?

Thank You Church Family

You brought so much stuff, food, and offered up prayers for us, sent cards and letters. Words just won't say how much we appreciate all you have done for us. Thank You!

We especially loved the Christmas Songs. Many thanks to David and the Carolers.

Praise the Lord! Junior is so much better.

We love you dearly, Church family. We pray the Lord will bless you and your families with all good things in the new year .

Junior & Jewel Yarbrough

Thank you!
For your love and kindness and for everything you have done for us.

Engraved Bricks

If you did not get an engraved brick for the walkway in the Prayer Garden you have another opportunity to purchase one.

I would like an order of a least 10 Bricks. I already have 2 ordered.

To order an engraved brick, contact the church office (704)735-3935 or contact Peggy



Coffey at (704) 735-4812. Thank you for supporting the Prayer Garden project.

Peggy Coffey

PS: I would like to fix up the outside space in front of the nursery rooms, if we have any extra money.

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We are a conservative Baptist church committed to serving God and the needs of you and your family. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, at Riverview View Baptist Church you will find a supportive community with a wealth of opportunities for personal growth.

We aspire to strengthen each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ-at every point in their life, and encourage personal and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study and active service in our church and community.

We invite you to come and worship with us and allow God to work in and through your life by leading where He would have you to serve.



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