

Senior Day - Next Saturday, April 6th - 10:00 a.m.
Speakers: Albert Farley and John Board. - Lunch provided.

Life Gets Better Day by Day

For which cause we faint not, but through our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. - 1 Corinthians 4:16

In reply to congratulations on his 86th birthday, Sir William Mulock stated:

I am still at work, with my hand to the plow, and my face to the future. The shadows of evening lengthen about me, but morning is in my heart ... I have had varied fields of labor and full contact with men and things, and have warmed both hands before the fire of life. The best of life is always farther on. Its real lure is hidden from our eyes somewhere beyond the Hills of Time.

The Bible pays a beautiful tribute to age. "The beauty of old men is the gray head" (Proverbs 20:29). "Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom" (Job 32:7). This is due to the lessons learned from rest and labor, health and illness, achievement and disappointment, ease and struggle, peace and war, sowing and reaping. They have experienced life in every form; they have seen the best of days and the worst of days.

The most adorable and lovely people in the world are those who have been mellowed and softened by the passing of many years. They radiate kindness and consideration, calmness and tranquility, knowledge and wisdom. Their lives have had double portions of laughter and tears, joy and triumph, heart-break and ecstasy, and each has done its part in the enrichment process of forming a strong and noble character. And now, seasoned and matured by years of experience, they are living in their Golden Years. Look the world over for beauty, and you will find none greater than this.

Indeed, life is a story in volumes three:

*The Past, The Present, The Yet-to-be
The first is finished and laid away,
The second we're reading day by day,
The third and last of volume three
Is locked from sight; God holds the key.*

- Leroy Brownlow, from "Give Us This Day" © (used by permission) -

*The ravages of time cannot be stopped,
Yes, outwardly we perish every day;
But inner strength of heart can be renewed
By trusting in the Lord to light our way.
- David Sper -*

- > All would live long but none would be old.
- Benjamin Franklin
- > Aging seems to be the only available way to live a longer life. - Dee Auber
- > Live your life and forget your age.
- Norman Vincent Peale

- > With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come. - William Shakespeare (Merchant of Venice)
- > Aging is a privilege denied to many; embrace it with open arms.
- > The beauty of old age is the treasure chest of memories we accumulate.
- > The older we get, the more valuable time becomes.
- > You're not old, you're just becoming a classic.

Life is fragile; handle with prayer.

News & Notes

CONVERT'S CLASS: Canceled for ALL of April. Resumes in May.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, April 6th, 8:00 a.m. at Family Kitchen & Smokehouse (formerly EJ's).

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, April 7th about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building. Covered dish **also on April 21st** (the first day of our meeting).

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: National Road Church of Christ, Wheeling, Saturday, April 20th. Additional details on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Ramen noodles.

REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: Continuing Health Care, Lisbon: Stan Williams. **At Home:** Harry Huff, Alan Six (Marilyn Miller's brother), Anita Hopwood, Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, David Michaels (Ed's brother), Todd Grimes (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece), Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker), Rich Shilling (relative of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Calcutta Health Care:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother). **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan,** 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

New Philadelphia.....	Apr. 7-10.....	Brian Kenyon
Hanoverton	Apr. 14-18	Dan Kessinger
Weirton Heights	Apr. 14-19	Ed Mellott
CHESTER	Apr. 21-25	Bruce Daugherty

Easter

Curtis L. E. Graves

Easter is a mixture of three particular events: the Hebrew Passover, the resurrection of Christ, and a pagan festival of Spring. It was not until the 4th to 7th century that the rule was finally set and adopted as to when it should be observed. This tells me then that Easter, as a special holy day to be observed, is not authorized by Christ. It is a manmade observance that came about three to six hundred years after Christ's death. The observance of Easter Sunday as a special holy day cannot be found in the Bible. The use of *Easter* in Acts 12:4 in the King James Version is a mistranslation of the Greek word *pascha* which should be translated "passover." W. E. Vine says in his lexicon that: "The term Easter is not of Christian origin."

New Testament Christians commemorate the death of Christ each (every) Lord's day, (Sunday, first day of the week) in the partaking of the Lord's supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Colossians 3:17 tells us: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." That is, do all by the authority of Jesus. Since there is no authority to celebrate Easter in a religious way (Col. 2:16), then it cannot be done "by faith." Romans 14:23 says, "for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Faith comes by hearing God's Word (Rom. 10:17), yet God's Word does not instruct us to observe this day. Therefore, it cannot be done in faith. Let us go back to the Bible and not what men would have us do!

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -