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As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory

This summer as many of you know, my family and I got to take a big vacation. Instead of putting our toes in the sand, we decided to go visit my sister-in-law and her husband in New Jersey. While in the area, we visited D.C., New York City and spent the 4th in Philadelphia. As you can imagine it is great to be back home.

While in Philadelphia, I let my boys know this is the city of brotherly love. As such it is against the law there to be mean to your brother or disrespect your parents. They sort of did not believe me until I asked two cops on the street about this and they concurred. Overall the boys were nicer to each other.

As I thought about this made up law of mine, it dawned on me this is really the same kind of law God has for everyone in His Kingdom. God wants each of us to love other people, be kind, honest and honorable. God does not want any of us to be disrespectful to Him (our Father) or anyone else for that matter. We are to be the embodiment of His nature and character in this world. We are not arrested and jailed when we fail to show this love (i.e., we are never forced to do this). Instead God wants us to be so touched by His love for us that we willingly show it to others. Paul said it this way, "Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially those of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). I would call this brotherly love to all. So the challenge is this: How will you show your brotherly love to others this week?

Brian

A Good Old Age....By Joe Macer

I Chronicles 29:28 He died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor. His son Solomon succeeded him as king.

The above verse was written about King David. David died at a good old age. What was his age at his death? II Samuel 5:4 recorded that he began to rule when he was 30 years old and that he reigned for 40 years. David was seventy when he died. What is old? This question has been asked for centuries. In the Bible we find in man's earliest history very old age. Methuselah died when he was 969 years old. Many Old Testament characters went well above one hundred years. This passage is calling seventy old. Barzillai was called a very old man when he was eighty years old. Anna the prophetess was also called very old and she was 84. Perhaps what is most important is not the number but the way you have lived your life throughout the years given to you.

I began thinking about this after reading this quote this week. "Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many." What matters the most is enjoying life. David enjoyed the majority of his life because of his closeness to God. Sin wrecked a few months of his life. The consequences of sin also brought displeasure on several occasions but the majority of his life was about seeking, serving and relying on God. Take whatever years that are given to you and make the most of them. Do not always look to the far future but live today to the best of your ability. Are you enjoying life? There are blessings that do come with age. Solomon recorded in Proverbs that " Children's children are a crown to the aged." The aged often slow down and enjoy life much more and draw closer to God as well. Let's enjoy what God has given to us whether it is one more day or ten years or 50 more years. After this we will enjoy eternal life if found faithful to the Lord.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady, Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC, Hillview, Rm. 209
- Mary Chumbley
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox, Vera Daniels
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 123-B
- Charline Gossett - sick at home
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO
FRANCES PETTY - JULY 12
LET'S SHOWER HER WITH CARDS!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Jim Thomas, father of John - surgery Friday to remove tumor from lining of brain at Vanderbilt, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo for brain tumor, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - broken hip, Life Care, Rm. 113, Travis Jett - Hillview, Rm. 107, Rick Luna, Tristen Kelley, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Willie Farless - brother-in-law/Reba Jones, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Adrian Johnson - friend/Nicholson's, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Imogene Purdom, sister/Helen Lusk, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Jimmy Johnson - cousin/Libby Moss, Carla Ragsdale, Little Gatlin Macer, Karen Lockridge, Patricia Luther, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Sherry Nicholson - sister-in-law/Larry Nicholson, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Joan VanHooser, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Faye Kelley- Jason Kelley's aunt, Erin Morris family

Sympathy to: Betty Roland in the death of her sister Virginia Robinson, whose funeral was yesterday in Mississippi.
Sympathy to: Helen Lusk in the death of her brother Charles Fike, whose funeral will be tomorrow in St. Louis, MO.

WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 13, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tim Raines
 Serving:
 Charlie Willis Jerry Williams
 Cody Spires Gary Boyd
 David White Barrow Brown
 Dave Coleman Bobby Daniels
 Read I Peter 5:8-11.....Boyd Wood
 Sermon: "Our Adversary".....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick
 Read.....Barry Cross
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Tommy Hight
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Alex Jones

HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY TO
VIRGINIA STAGGS - JULY 10
LET'S SHOWER HER WITH CARDS!

Ushers: Johnny Smith, Terry Burgess, J.W. Gilliam
 Greeters: Clyde & Sara Farris, Robin Weaver, Katherine Nicholson
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)
Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Linda Kuykendall, Teresa Lyle
 P.M.....Alice Williams, Debbie Massey

Song LeaderJoe Macer
 Speaker:.....Sellers Crain
 Prayer.....Byran Farris
 Announcements.....Brian Gregory