

"I want to be a worker" (1 Thess. 1:3)

The Coastal Light

Church of Christ

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"Yet who knows
whether you have come
to the kingdom for such
a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

"The churches of Christ salute you"

Romans 16:16

Sunday Services

10:00am Bible Class

11:00am Worship

6:00pm Worship

Wednesday Service

7:00pm Bible Class

Welcome Visitors

**You are our honored guest.
Thank you for coming to visit with us.**

**Please complete a Visitor's Card and put it in
the collection plate.**

Let us know if we can assist you in any way.

**You are encouraged to take any DVDs or tracts
you find in the foyer and enjoy some Visitors
Bread in the basket beside the door as you exit.**

**Past sermons can be found on our website at:
www.churchofchriststm.org**

PRAYER REQUEST

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Steve Lane, Mary Perry, Jerry Gross
stroke, Judy Miller, Richie Lott, Duane
Patton, Baby Maude Hamshire

Shut - ins

Remember our shut-ins. Reach out with a
phone call, visit or card to keep them
encouraged.

Clyde Crane, Mary Perry, Judy Smith, Steve
Lane,

Card Ministry

Announcements

Fellowship meal today followed by early
afternoon service @ 1:30 p.m.

God's Plan for Saving Man

God Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Inspired word: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christians Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christians Faithfulness: Revelation 2:10

Today's Sermons:

AM –

Elder's Corner

Psalm 38:10 – “My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes.”

Today is just another day. A day in which there are many things for me to do – some easy and some not so easy, some maybe impossible. In my mind, I tell myself “Ha! I can do that!” In truth, I will have great difficulty doing them if at all. These melancholy days of late life, (I am rapidly approaching 70) are perhaps the ones for which to be most cautious. Will I spend them idly, fearfully, foolishly? Most days the heart still roars like a young lion, but the body knows differently. It would be easy to spend each day reminiscing about more vibrant days as men often do when focusing on the teenage or college days of athletic triumphs. Importantly, I must not daily sit still in this manner, but go and live life and fulfill the purpose of my days giving glory to God in the good works He has prepared me to do. Still, reflection is not a forbidden thing. The words of the Psalmist David ring true in regard to the failing light of the eyes. It's impossible to see clearly any more without the help of my glasses. There may come a day before the final ticking of the clock that the vision goes completely away.

When your eyes no longer behold the things of this earth, what visions will you behold? What goodness, what joyfulness, what images will fill your mind. Will you see the loving kindness of God? What activities of worth are we engaged in right now, while the light in our eyes shines on and we can still move about following our own will? It is said that the mind stores everything we have ever heard, said, or done. The question is: what will we fill our time with now, in these later years of our lives that we might recall in the future? Will we remember the day in and day out of work or the time spent in the arms of our loved ones? Will we remember the moments of smiling and singing in worship with our friends or level 23 of a popular video game? When the eyes are unable to see, will your mind be full of the hope and promises of God or reruns of a television sitcom? It is a good thing to live a quiet life providing for our families with the work of our hands. Moments of relaxation and restfulness are pleasant as well. When the darkness replaces your sight, what will bring joy and remembrance of the loving kindness of God? Will you recall the baptism into Christ of your friends and family? Will you recall seeing the faces of those once lost as they hear the promises of God and accept Jesus as their Savior? Will you recall times spent providing care for those truly needing it? Will you recall the awe of the amazingly intricate display of the heavens above declaring the mighty power of your Heavenly Father? There are pure, wholesome, Godly things with which we can reflect upon happily if we gather them into our life now.

Proverbs 3:21-22 – “My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.” Though our bodies grow tired, our eyes dim, our days wind down, do not fail to finish the race put before you. Live the honest, pure, lovely, virtuous things of life. Spend your days with discretion not embracing worldliness which will only leave you with shame and guilt to picture in your final days. Rather walk in wisdom, enjoy each breath, and experience the peace of God. The aches, pains, and weakness are going to come if you are blessed to see many days. Just don't let them stop you from marching onward. Thank God and keep on making memories of everything around you while the light still shines in your eyes.