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I wrote the article on the next page in the October 29, 2000 issue of our bulletin. In it I talked about being half-way to 80 years old. It seems hard to believe but over 25% of that remaining 40 years has passed. Actually, as of next week, it's 27.5% of the remaining 40 years, IF, I live to be 80.

I truly feel we need to, unlike the world, look at death differently. It is the end of our time here but only the beginning for us. I feel the closer we live to the LORD the more our hearts desire to go and be with Him.

Paul wrote in Philipians 1:23 that he desired to go be with Christ, which was far better.

When Abraham and Aaron died, the LORD spoke of them going to join their people. That's a very comforting thought to know that when we die in the LORD we go to join our people. The saved in Heaven ARE our people. This world is not.

Jesus said in John 17:16 "*They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*"

The more we see of the world and the ways of the world, we can truly see what Jesus was saying in that we are not of this world.

The following article was written eleven years ago:

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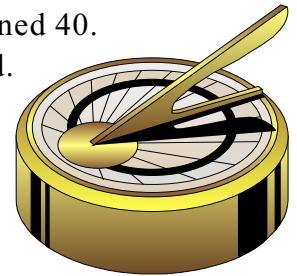
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Half-Way There?

This past Monday, October 23rd, I turned 40.

When I was young, 40 seemed old. Now that I'm 40, it seems young. Just a few days ago, I heard someone comment they wished they could return to their early 40's once again. To him, I must still be young.



The Psalmist wrote in Psalms 90:10, "*The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years, yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*" If I live to be fourscore, or 80, then I am at the halfway point of my life. It's certainly possible that I am not quite yet at the halfway point, but I may be well beyond half. I may not even have the remainder of today. Some might even say I'm "over the hill." Even so, I would much rather be "over" the hill than under it. Once placed under the hill, time's up.

It's strange how we perceive age and the passage of time. Time certainly seems to pass much more quickly now than when I was younger, but I know it travels at the same speed. One verse rings so loud and clear when we think about the rapid passage of the years. In James 4:14 we are told, "*Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*"

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Vicki McDaniel and Alroy & Lois McDaniel.** **Lillian Riffle** is having trouble gaining

weight. The sister of Dennis Brangers is quite ill with cancer. **Taylor Dennis** had tests at Kosair’s Children’s Hospital in Louisville this past Friday. His optic nerve remains inflamed but the spinal tap revealed no problems.

—There will be a lasagna dinner for the congregation next Sunday afternoon, October 23, at the home of **Sandy Duncan** at 3:30 p.m.

—Thanks to **Mark Crabtree** and **Dennis Brangers** for mounting the new sign in front of the building last Sunday evening. Also thanks to **Ruby Edwards** for lettering the sign.

—Just a reminder that you can obtain copies of the bulletin from our web site or can have them emailed to you. You can also have copies of the Wednesday night lessons emailed to you.



When a child is young, he or she may want to do many things that look enjoyable such as playing in the street, eating candy and junk food instead of the healthy food needed, etc. The child may not want to attend school, take a bath, or any number of things.

The parents constrain the child to do the activities anyway, because the parents know they are for the good of the child.

The commandments of the Lord are like this. Many people may question and ask “why,” but in Deuteronomy 6:24, the Lord told the Israelites, “*And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as [it is] at this day.*”

Let’s always obey the Lord wholly. It is to our benefit.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, October 9, 2011		
Classes	14	Luke 11:27-54
Preaching	19	Luke 16:19-31
Contribution	\$320.05	
Evening	21	Obadiah 1:1-21
Wednesday, October 12, 2011		
Classes	16	Deuteronomy 1:1-46

Visitors— Oct 9 (AM) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY)
 Oct 9 (PM) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY);
 Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The ones of Edom set their nest among what?

Last Week’s Answer— Four days (John 11:17)



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 The Hart County News-Herald**

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)