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Psalm 103:15-16, *“As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.”*

Today is the last Sunday of October. We only have two months remaining in 2022. We can know from the rest of the year that these eight weeks will pass very rapidly and we'll once again be at the beginning of a new year.

As we see the end of the year approaching we can see the flowers of summer and Fall quickly fading. Soon they will be frozen and gone as the cold winds of winter pass over them.

The Psalmist was letting us know in the above verse that our lives are like that. We are like grass and flowers that flourish and soon we are gone. James says regarding the rich in James 1:10, *“...because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.”* Even though James was addressing the rich to warn that they would not be here long, the same warning would apply to all of us. And truthfully, with all we have in this day and time, the term “rich” could easily apply to us.

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It seems that so many people are commenting on the rapid passage of time. It does indeed seem to go faster than it used to, but no doubt this is simply our perception. It probably seems to go faster because each day is filled with non-stop activities and then one day leads to the next, until a whole year passes.

The words of James 4:14 are so easy to see as one grows older, *“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.”*

Just as we know the end of the year and cold weather are near by observing the Earth, we know that the end of life is near. Every day we awaken, we are one day closer to the end of our lives. For those in the LORD this is a glorious time that we look forward to and anticipate.

There are so many passages that let us know how much better it is for the saved to die than to be here. Certainly we are to stay here as long as we are able and work for the LORD, but we know the day of death is better than the day of birth. Ecclesiastes 7:1 says, *“A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.”*

Paul said in Philippians 1:23, *“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.”* He said it was far better to leave this life and go be with Christ than to remain.

It's a blessed event to die in the LORD. Revelation 14:13, *“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”*

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, and Linda Terry. Larry Compton** had a lens replaced Monday and

all went well. Unfortunately, later in the week his retina detached. He is scheduled for surgery this morning.

—Thanks to **Mark Crabtree** for installing a light on the sign out front. It makes the sign very easy to see after dark for anyone looking for the Church building.

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The word blessed conveys the thought of happiness and contentment. We not only are blessed when we die in the LORD, but we rest from our labours and our works do follow us. That is the one thing we take with us beyond this life—our works.

All these passages which talk about how much better it is to die when we are in the LORD than to live are not suggesting that we end our lives early. We are to stay here and labor for the LORD as long as time permits. These verses give us hope and something so wonderful to look forward to that we simply cannot imagine.

Those of the world dread and some even refuse to think or talk about death. It's no wonder. They have no hope. For us in the LORD each day that passes we know we are one day closer to being with the LORD.

In referring to the LORD's return at the end of time, Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 4:17-18, ¹⁷*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* ¹⁸*Wherefore comfort one another with these words.* It is indeed a comfort to know we will ever be with the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, October 23, 2022		
Classes	12	Matthew 26:47-56
Preaching	16	Revelation 22
Contribution	\$809.00	
Evening	10	Hosea 5 & 6
Wednesday, October 26, 2022		
Classes	14	Galatians 4

Visitors—
Oct 23 (AM) Audrey & Tucker Franklin (Lexington, KY)
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Oct 26 (Wed) Emma Biggs (Legrande, KY)

Bible Quiz

Hosea said the LORD will raise us up
and we shall live where?

Last Week's Answer— Backsliding heifer (Hosea 4:16)

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.

—Titus 1:2

—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)