

Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you!
I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you

Isaiah 46:4



Service of
Worship &
Communion

Sunday, 4th September, 2016



Berean Bible Church

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. • Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30 p.m.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Order of Service

Ministry of Music – Choir

Invocation

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord

Hymn #3

Hymn #720

1st Scripture Reading – Psalm 148

Hymn #44

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Choir

Hymn #796

Message – Bro. Tony Montague

Hymn #

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 33:1-9

Ministry of Music – Sis. Naomi Williams & the Harvest Singers

Benediction – Choir



Please remember to pray for:

- Our senior citizens
- Our government
- Our teachers and children on their return to school
- The building project
- The Outreach Ministries
- The work of the Gideons, The Bible Society and ISCF
- The sick and shut-ins



WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT GETTING OLDER

Imagine celebrating your birthday like you're 10 years old again. Full of joy, excited for the year ahead, doing something you love with the ones who make you smile.

Why do so many of us stop celebrating as the years pass? Birthdays come and go – maybe there's a dinner involved, a few cards, some well wishes online. We move up one number, and it's business as usual.

What would it look like to really celebrate our years again – to begin shifting our focus from the fear of aging, to the rich, full lives God is calling us into as the years pass?

This is not an easy task in a culture that fears growing old. Every day we're bombarded with anti-aging messages. Remember this popular skincare commercial from the 80's?

"Why grow old gracefully?" Says a beautiful, wrinkle-free woman, "I intend to fight it every step of the way!"

But what does God say about it all? If we listen to the One Who created us, we will hear all about grace and goodness; not fear and resistance.

He reminds us more than once in His Word that growing older is an honor. "Gray hair is a crown of splendor..." (Proverbs 16:31 NIV). The more years we live, the more experiences we're given to learn from, and the more wisdom and perspective we gain to see life in new and beautiful ways. When we see someone in their later years (or when we look in the mirror and it's us!) let's remember what a gift that is.

And while the media leads us to believe that youth somehow has more value, the truth is, we are treasured by God at every age. Not only that, but He gives us specific gifts to share with the world in every season of our lives. In Titus 2:3-5, Paul reminds the older women of their great purpose – that by living reverent lives of love, self-control, purity and kindness, they will bless and nurture the hearts of the younger women and their families. The generations to come depend on our willingness to share what God has given us.

Some of us also fear growing older for physical reasons. Aging is often seen as a loss of control. Maybe our bodies aren't able to do what they once could; our memories aren't as sharp; we begin to need more help than we used to. As the years pass, our fear of the unknown may grow stronger.

But the truth is, we've never been in control anyway! From the moment we were created - whether we've realized it or not - we've relied on our Creator for every breath. Growing older helps us to shed that illusion of control more and more, and to rest in the promises of our loving God. Whether we're 9 or 90, He vows to be with us every step of the way:

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (Isaiah 46:4 NIV)

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How can we lean into God as we age, trusting that every day matters, from our first to our last?

Claim His Promises - Sit with a journal and your Bible, and interview yourself about growing older. Am I afraid of aging? And if so, why? Once you've recorded your thoughts, find specific promises in God's Word that will help bring you peace and assurance.

Make Healthy Choices - While the human body is not intended to live forever, we can still honor our Creator by making choices that bring us health and strength each day. We are here at this time for a reason – let's not miss the opportunities to help guide and encourage those around us!

Celebrate Life Every Day - Whether you're celebrating your birthday or that of someone you love, remember that every day in every life matters. Don't wait for a milestone to make it extra special. Look in the mirror and cherish your laugh lines; remember how they are created. Smile at the grays; God says they are splendid. Laugh at the future; remember Who's holding it all.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Seniors' Service
September 11th



Sunday School
Promotion Service
September 18th

Is your team up to the Challenge?

Find out Sunday, September 25th at 6:00p.m.



September Birthdays

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| 7th – Myrna Belle | 17th – Shelah Alleyne | 27th – Cardinal Alleyne |
| 9th – Julia Ifill | 19th – Diana Bentley | 29th – Sylvine Marshall |
| – Gavin Neblett | 20th – Anne-Marie Cruickshank | – Sarah Thompson |
| – William Wells | 24th – Marva Springer | 30th – Beverley Wason |
| 10th – Cynthia Trotman | 25th – Esmay Maycock | |
| 11th – Shelly Welch-Peters | 26th – Adrian Greenidge | October |
| 12th – Ormenta Hoyte | – Aubrey Maloney | 2nd – Jersey Daniel |

Anniversaries

22nd – Nicholas & Rachel Williams **27th** – Patrick & Eartha Skeete