

Three short things

Job 14:1 reads, “Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.” We say this today that life is short. That means that life is not very long. When children are small it seems to them that it is a long time from one birthday to the next. They are so anxious to grow up and it seems to take so long to them. On the other hand, we grandparents know that it is not very long from one birthday to the next for them and for us.

When we compare our lives to those who lived before the flood, yes, our lives are very short. When we study Genesis 5 we see how long some of these individuals lived. Seth was one hundred and five years old before Enos was born to him; then he lived another eight hundred and seven years, so the total years of his life were nine hundred twelve years (Genesis 5:6-8, that is just an example. Read that chapter to see how long others lived. Remembering that this is all before the flood). So our living close to a hundred years old is not close, so our lives are short.

James talks about this same subject, “Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away (James 4:13-14). This vapor that James is talking about can be compared to the vapor that comes out of the spout of the tea pot that is on the stove boiling. The vapors appear for just a little bit and then vanishes away. According to James our lives are the same, short.

The Psalmist stated this, “Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity” (Psalm 39:5). How wide is your hand? Some even might be wider than others, but no matter your hand is not that wide. So life is short! We need to be prepared to meet God as all times then. Another short thing is that of the sinner’s joy. Read Job 20:4-5, “Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth, That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?” The only joy that the wicked or the hypocrite will have is on this earth. There is no joy for these folks where they are going for eternity. Hebrews 11: 23-26 state, “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the kings commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.” The pleasures of sin are but for a season! They do not last long, so they do not belong in this side of eternity not the other side of eternity. Let us not have joy for just a short time, but let us seek the joy that will last for eternity.

The last thing that is short that we will notice is that of the saints afflictions. Paul wrote, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worth for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Corinthians 4:17). In 2 Corinthians 11 Paul mentions his “light affliction”; “Of the Jews

five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and day I have been in the deep” (2 Corinthians 11:24-25). Paul explains this further in Romans, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18). When compared to eternity and its rewards the hardships that we endure are light. We think of the home far above the skies, then it is easier to endure and it is not very long. Heaven will be worth it all!

Let us keep these three short things in mind as we walk down the pathway toward eternity. It may seem a long way off for us, but in reality it is not. They are short. Let us endure to the end! Love, Keith.

WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

Every week Amy Hill sends out emails of the latest news and upcoming events here at Monroe. If you are NOT receiving these emails but would like to please EMAIL Amy so she can get you on the current list. Her email is: amy30655@hotmail.com

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514

For The Record...

January 24th

Bible Study	63
AM Worship	85
PM Worship	51

January 27th

Bible Study	50
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Offering January 24th
\$2464.00

Please keep any electronic devices
on silent during worship.

Secret Sister Reveal Party

will be held on Feb. 6th
in the Fellowship Hall
at 9:30 AM. Please bring your
final gift and a brunch dish

*ANY of the ladies may attend
this brunch! Plan to be there!*

Where can you help out?
Please let one of the deacons know.

IF YOU NEED A HEARING DEVICE PLEASE LET US KNOW!

LADIES DEVO

February 9th at 7pm the ladies will have their monthly devo in the fellowship hall. This is a great way for the ladies to build their relationships and study the Word of God. Please join them! Bring a finger food!

APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Keith and Judy will host their 3rd Annual Member Appreciation Breakfast on February 20th at 9AM. It will be in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please fill it out so they can prepare the correct amount of food.

RAINTREE TRUCK

The Raintree Truck will be here February 1 and 2 to pick up any donations you have for their pantry and thrift store. There is a list in the foyer of items they are in need of at the moment. Laundry detergent is ALWAYS needed!

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS...

As we go through this next year we need to keep in mind that there are chances that we will be bombarded by things that are trying to under mind our Christian faith. The world will slowly try to whittle away at our strength, our commitment and our faith. God has promised that he will always take care of us and through his word we will find strength. Only by our studying, attending classes, attending worship services and by fellowshipping with each other will we be able to find the strength to overcome the challenges of the world. Hope to see you all soon and often.

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JANUARY 31, 2015

Assembly Times:

Sunday

Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Acts 17:30
Confess	Romans 10:9-10
Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Matthew 7:21

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Visitors Welcome!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AFTER WORSHIP-TODAY!

Lunch will be served next door after morning worship! Plan to stay. You've gotta eat!

MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED-9AM~ POT-LUCK CAFE

- 02/02 Raintree Village Truck
- 02/06 Communion Bread Class-11AM
- 02/06 Secret Sister Reveal 9:30AM
- 02/07 Team 1 Group Meeting

02/09 LADIES DEVO-7PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Donna Parker recently had surgery and is doing well. Larry Eldridge's sister, Donna White is taking chemotherapy. Pat Thomas has 2 aneurysms on her heart. She will take steps soon to resolve this.

Art and Edwina's daughter, Pamela is doing better. Continue to pray. Linda Parker is having nuclear studies done. Please pray. Sharon Bowdens father-in-law had a stroke and has lost vision in both eyes.

Carole Wolaver's sister, Joyce Beech has been admitted to hospice. Almeda Cooper is undergoing physical therapy. Anthony Ansley's aunt, Ettie Foster, passed away. Anthony recently had a procedure done for a degenerate disc in his neck. Mary Nell's brother, Adrian Walker, has been diagnosed with lupus. Several have lost loved ones. Please pray for their comfort. There are several others...friends, family, co-workers of ours that are in need of prayer. Please continue to pray for each other.



PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY



Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd,
Shilo Crane, Garrett Crane, Tim Dixon, Matt Shepherd, Corey Henry

IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE ADDED PLEASE LET US KNOW.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-JAN.

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Canned Ham
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit
- Trash Bags
- Body Wash

COMMUNION BREAD PREP CLASS

Dotty Shepherd will have a class on February 6th at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend just come on!

Come back to worship tonight!