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## FOREVER YOUNG

“May you grow up to be righteous, may you grow up to be true, may you always know the truth and see the light surrounding you. May you always be courageous, stand upright and be strong. May you stay forever young, forever young, forever young, may you stay forever young.” That is the second verse from the song written by Bob Dylan and aptly titled, “Forever Young”. While the backstory to the song is that it was written for Bob Dylan’s son, Jakob. Nevertheless, the lyrics ring so true for those who feel the years creeping up on them, “stay forever young”. To be sure we do slow down somewhat as we age, but one cannot give in!

The Scriptures are replete with numerous examples of individuals who aged with grace. “Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dimmed nor his natural vigor diminished.” (Deuteronomy 34:7) Dorcas, was active up to the point of her death, serving the poor and widows (see Acts 9:36-39). In the 92nd psalm the following is found. “The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green.” (v. 12-14)

Solomon makes a valid point in Ecclesiastes chapter twelve and verse one. “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw when you say, I have no pleasure in them.” While that is the ideal, there is the recognition that you can’t change the past (see Philippians 3:8-14), and you must press on to that which lays ahead, mindful of the seeds that you are now sowing. “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he

will also reap. For the one who sows to his flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit, shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:7-8)



While the years may take some of the vibrancy away in a physical sense, there is no need to lose vigor spiritually or emotionally, stay engaged; find a way to be of service and doing something. “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.” (2Corinthians 4:16) There is a unique beauty in aging. Job noted

in his response to Zophar, “Wisdom is with aged men, and with length of days, understanding.” (12:12) Take note of what Solomon pens in Proverbs 20:29. “The glory of young men is their strength, and the honor of old men is their gray hair.” Those who have been fortunate enough to be granted long life, should have garnered wisdom and insight to share with those who are younger. To be an example in conduct, love, purity, wisdom and faith.

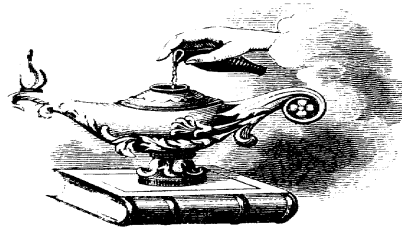
Thomas Bailey Aldrich, who was a noted poet, editor and author in the mid 1800’s, wrote, “To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is to triumph over old age.” Rock singer, David Bowie is quoted as having said, “Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been.” That is indeed profound, especially in light of the fact that those of us who have put on Christ in baptism have been born again (see Romans 6:1-6) and as such are children of God. As children we are expected to grow and develop, to become the person God would have us to be.

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” (Psalms 73:26) (wbe)

# TIMES OF ASSEMBLY

## SUNDAY

- Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
- Afternoon Worship 2:30 p.m.



## WEDNESDAY

- Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
- On Line & In Home Studies Available On Request*

## NEWS & NOTES

### IN OUR PRAYERS...

Let us be certain to consider in our prayers those listed below.

- ♦ **Linda Smith** (cancer treatment)
- ♦ **Gloria Odorizzi** (home bound/health concerns)
- ♦ **Linda Miller** (eye disease/pain & mobility issues)
- ♦ **Ann Joseph** (home bound/health concerns)
- ♦ **Phil Chatman** (eye disease/health issues)
- ♦ **Susan Odorizzi** (wet macular degeneration in both eyes)
- ♦ **Darlene Kirtz** (MS)
- ♦ **Johnnie Binder** (Lupus)
- ♦ **Janice Hantsbarger** (traveling to Iowa later this week)
- ♦ **John & Kathy Adams** (traveling to Mexico)
- ♦ **Kathy Thompson** (eye disease)
- ♦ **Jim & Kelly Maury** (cruise to Mexico)
- ♦ **The work here at Winnetka**

### MEN'S BIBLE CLASS...

The next Men's Bible class will be this coming Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The class is held at the Evans' home. If you plan on attending, please let Bruce Evans know beforehand. All men are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

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Tilting at Windmills , cont. from page one

Take note of the words of Elijah as found in 1Kings 18:22, "I alone am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men". Undaunted, he called out the prophets of Baal and with God's help enjoyed a resounding victory. Which was short-lived, as seen in the next chapter of 1Kings. He gets word that Ahab and Jezebel are out to settle scores with him. He makes the decision to run and hide away, while asking

God to take his life.

When Elijah lamented that he alone was left, God pointed out to him that such wasn't the case. In fact, there were 7,000 in Israel who hadn't bowed their knee to Baal. Likewise, God directed him to get back to the work set before him.

It may seem daunting at times and there will most likely be derision directed our way as people will not want to hear the truth. Nevertheless it is imperative that a unit-

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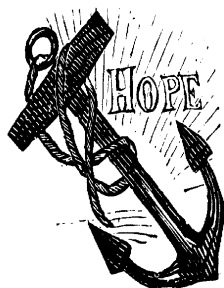
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## PRAYERS REQUESTED...

In your prayers please continue to consider the following

- ♦ **Ann Joseph** (various health concerns)
- ♦ **Linda Miller** (pain & mobility issues)
- ♦ **Kathy Thompson** (upcoming medical procedure; May 12th )
- ♦ **Phil Chatman** (eye disease/health concerns)
- ♦ **Manny Gonzalez** (serving in military)
- ♦ **Kathy Adams** (upcoming medical procedure)
- ♦ **The work here at Winnetka**



## LADIES CLASS...

The next ladies Bible class will be Saturday morning, May 14th at 10 o'clock. The class will be at the Evans'. For more information contact *Linda Evans*

## FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE "CHANNELS"...

Please encourage your friends and family members to check out the "videos" posted on the congregations Facebook page and YouTube channel.

## MEN'S CLASS...

The next Men's Bible class will be, Saturday morning, April 30th at 10 o'clock. The class is held at the home of Bruce Evans.

## OUT OF TOWN...

Please remember in our prayers those of our number who will be traveling later on this week.

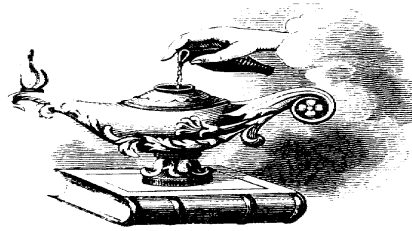
- ♦ **Jim & Kelly Maury** (cruise)
- ♦ **Joy Borchers** (Tennessee)
- ♦ **Al & Janice Hantsbarger** (Death Valley)

**"This hope we have  
as an anchor of the  
soul, a hope sure  
and steadfast and  
one which enters  
within the veil. "  
Hebrews 6:19**

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God: An Autobiography, cont. from front page

Job and his so called “comforters” thought they had a handle on God, but little did they know. In fact as the book of Job winds down, God speaks to Job from out of a whirlwind. *“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now gird up your loins like a man, and I will ask you, and you instruct Me!”* (38:2-3) God then goes on to ask questions of Job, that there is no possible way Job could know. All directed to the fact that God and His ways are far and away above the thoughts and concepts of man. After all God is the Creator, mankind merely the created. However, God through His infinite love, care and compassion has provided to us the necessary information whereby we can come to both know and build an intimate relationship with Him.

So have you come to know God? Not a mere mental ascent type of “knowing”. Rather a knowledge that will foster a relationship that is personal, alive and vibrant. One that is recognized by God. Or as Paul would state it, *“but now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God.”* (Galatians 4:9) The same basic sentiment can also be seen in 1Corinthians chapter eight and verse three, *“but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.”*

When all is said and done, the best answer to understanding God and building a relationship with Him is to adhere with the information that He has provided to His creation through His authorized word. His autobiography, the Bible. (wbe)



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Please remember in your prayers those listed below.

- ♦ **Linda Miller** (degenerative eye disease/pain)
- ♦ **Johnella Binder** (Lupus/recent medical procedure)
- ♦ **Dina Villanueva** (cancer)
- ♦ **Linda Smith** (cancer)
- ♦ **Sandy Stiles** (cancer)
- ♦ **Phil Chatman** (eye disease/health concerns)
- ♦ **Kathy Thompson** (health concerns)
- ♦ **Eddie Joseph** (hospice care)
- ♦ **Ann Joseph** (health concerns)
- ♦ **Gloria Odorizzi** (health issues)
- ♦ **Jim & Kelly Maury** (traveling)
- ♦ **Darlene Kirtz** (MS)

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS...

The Ladies Bible Class meets Friday mornings at 10 o'clock. For more information please contact Janice Hantsbarger

### NEXT MEN'S CLASS...

The once monthly Men's Bible Class will meet, Saturday morning, June 19th at 10 am. The class meets at the Evans'. For more information contact Bruce Evans

### “GUEST” SPEAKER...

During the afternoon service today, Austin Watts will be the “guest” speaker.

### SIGN UP SHEETS...

On the bulletin board, there are sign up sheets for those willing to help with keeping the building clean.