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SENIORS MINISTRY MESSENGER

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Verse for 2021: Isaiah 40:31

They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles; They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint.

From the Heart of Pastor Bryan Bult

What makes you thankful? I confess that I am usually most thankful when life is comfortable and pleasurable. I have much to learn from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 1, verses 3-4: "We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring." Yet, Paul's gratitude does evoke an "amen" from me. Because I, too, get to minister to, and with, seniors who are still growing in their faith and love for one another. The evidence of that growth consistently shows up in concrete expressions of service. And the matrix of that growth is not leisure, but affliction and struggle. In fact, the greater the challenges, the more resilient your faith has been. Whenever I see you all facing trial and uncertainty with quiet trust and a vibrant hope in Jesus, I give thanks to God. Thank you for consistently showing me what Christian faithfulness looks like!

thankful

Oct/Nov/Dec 2021

Seniors Ministry Staff

Rev. Bryan Bult Assoc. Minister to Seniors
Janet B. Altman Seniors Ministry Coord.

October

- 2 Couples in Action Kayaking on Cedar Creek
- 2 Encouragers Breakfast
- 5 Seniors Ministry Session Committee
- 13 Encouragers Steering Committee
- 14 Encouragers Day Trip to Sky Top Orchard
- 15 Lifelong Learning Seminar: Dementia 101
- 20 Barnabas Ministry Prayer & Note Writing
- 25 Couples in Action Steering Committee
- 30 Couples in Action Autumn on the Farm

November

- 2 Seniors Ministry Session Committee
- 4 Seniors Ministry Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 6 Encouragers Breakfast
- 10 Encouragers Steering Committee
- 11 Seniors Ministry Ladies' Day Trip to Greenville
- 12 Lifelong Learning Seminar: Social Security
- 17 Barnabas Ministry Prayer & Note Writing
- 22 Couples in Action Steering Committee

December

- 2 Encouragers Christmas Caroling Outing
- 4 Encouragers Breakfast
- 7 Seniors Ministry Session Committee
- 8 Encouragers Steering Committee
- 10 The Wonder of Christmas for CIA & Encouragers
- 15 Barnabas Ministry Prayer & Note Writing
- 27 Couples in Action Steering Committee

The Wonder of Christmas

A Seniors Ministry Christmas Gathering

All Senior members are invited for dinner, a musical program, and a homily by Dr. Thomas.

Friday, December 10

5:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Cost: \$8 per person

Reservations will be accepted from November 3 thru December 3.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

From Our Senior Pastor

Some five years before his death, theologian and preacher, J. I. Packer, wrote a book about aging. He called it, *Finishing Our Course with Joy: Guidelines from God for Engaging with Our Aging* (Crossway, 2014). With his characteristic precision, Packer noted how Paul approached his own final years: seeking opportunities to invest in those who would outlive him; making the most of his maturity and wisdom (working smarter, not harder); with humility (as opposed to living pridefully); and with great intensity and zeal for the things that will last beyond the grave in eternity. It is a wonderful read but be prepared to be challenged! Joy, he tells us, comes to those who put Jesus first and others second and ourselves last. Not all Christians grow old gracefully and apart from heeding Packer's recommendation, we too are likely to succumb to becoming someone we do not wish to be.

*Jesus, help me to finish the race
strong and to make my life a
testimony to your grace.*

*Lord, help me to rejoice in hard
times trusting that trials will make
me more like my Savior.*

*Lord, help me to live every day of
my life victoriously and
triumphantly knowing that you will
never leave me nor forsake
me. Amen*

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

ENCOURAGERS
FELLOWSHIP | PRAYER | SERVICE
Singles 50+ Years Old



If you think of Bill Bates as an accomplished organist and composer, you are absolutely correct, but he is also a tour guide extraordinaire. In August, the Encouragers enjoyed and were educated by "A Tour of Greece: In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul" as we visited the stops on Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys via pictures from Bill's trip to Greece. The Greek cuisine provided by Chef Rich (salad, pita bread, stuffed grape leaves & baklava) completed our tour of Greece.

Encouragers Day Trip to Flat Rock, NC, October 14



The group will depart FPC at 9:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be enjoyed picnic style at the orchard.

**Organized by
Seniors Ministry**



For Ladies Over 50

Thursday, November 11

Depart 9:00 a.m.

Shop and have lunch in beautiful downtown Greenville.



For Men Over 50

Thursday, November 4

8:00 a.m. Jackson Hall

Breakfast Hosted by Pastor Bult

Cost: \$5



Dementia 101

Presenter: Janet B. Altman

Fri, Oct 15 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Jackson Hall Refreshments

**Social Security Admin.
Virtual Presentation**

Presenter: Tony Williams

Fri, Nov 12 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Bridge 125 Breakfast

**Reservations Needed
Guests Welcome**



Second Annual

Autumn on the Farm

Sat, Oct 30, at 5:00 p.m.

Home of Bill & Donna Resseguie

659 Wood Branch Lane

Ridgeway, SC 29130

Cost: \$16 per couple

Reservations due by Oct 22.



**Before You Go to Sleep
on Saturday, Nov 6.**



Gamecock Football

Home Games

Oct 2	vs Troy
Oct 16	vs Vanderbilt
Nov 6	vs Florida
Nov 20	vs Auburn
Nov 27	vs Clemson

Clemson Football

Home Games

Oct 2	vs Boston College
Oct 30	vs Florida State
Nov 13	vs UConn
Nov 20	vs Wake Forest



Veterans Day
November 11

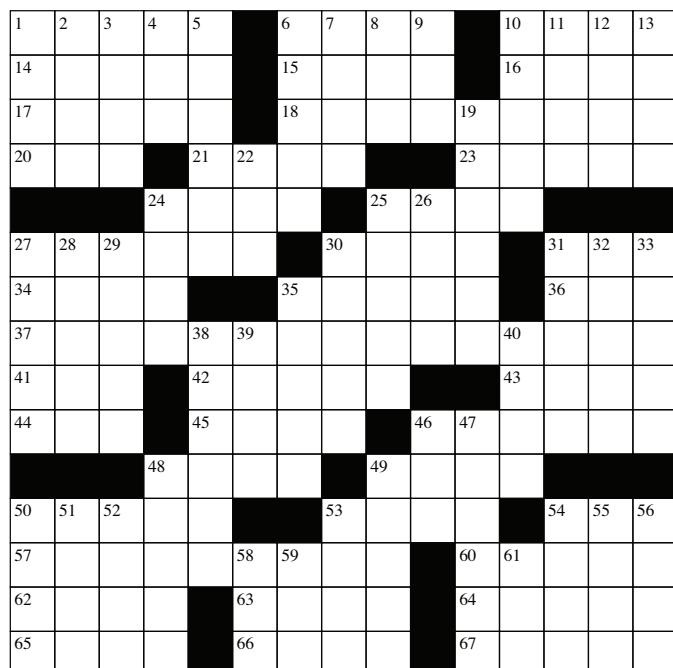


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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Story's lesson
6. Move smoothly
10. Quiz
14. Launch vehicle
15. Excellent rating
16. Type of lily
17. Sing like Bing
18. Happen
20. "20 Questions" answer
21. Extended family
23. Unwelcome ones
24. Ring
25. Went down a chute
27. ___-eyed; unrealistic
30. Arthurian legend lady
31. Numbers expert: abbr.
34. Projecting piece
35. Cubic meter
36. Scurry
37. Final practices
41. Eur. language
42. Solitary figure
43. South African fox
44. Suffix for calm or cold
45. Skunk's weapon
46. Bacon serving
48. Copycat
49. Bucks
50. Embarrassment
53. Shade providers
54. Spanish article

DOWN

1. Department store founder
2. Bad guy
3. Old Oldsmobiles
4. Mexican year
5. Cavalry soldier
6. Deadly
7. Forsaken, to a poet
8. Stop ___ dime
9. Skin tumor
10. Recorded
11. Whitney & Wallach
12. Organize
13. Golf shop purchases
19. Frightener of a nursery rhyme girl
22. Reclined
24. Elected official: abbr.
25. Contemptuous look
26. Italy's dollar before 2002
27. Bog plant
28. Weight deductions
29. Turn aside

30. Old anesthetic
31. Freeway disaster
32. Sign of life
33. Goose's response?
35. Masculine title
38. Skiers' milieu
39. Was a passenger
40. Cumberbund
46. Horned animal
47. Liabilities' opposites
48. Love, in Livorno
49. Sneaker feature
50. Quench
51. Will designee
52. Zeus and Hera's son
53. Beige shade
54. Pioneer
55. Land division
56. Train depots: abbr.
58. Buddy
59. Of bygone times
61. Dealer's handful

