

2019 is but hours away. Yep, 2019!

It doesn't seem so long ago that as an elementary student in the 1960's I thought the turn of the century was a long way away. I remember thinking as a young engineer that I had forever to plan my retirement. I remember in my forties that my dad, in his sixties, was "getting old" (he lived until he was 83, by the way). Now, I'm in my sixties. Retirement age is just around the corner, I'm getting old – I turn 65 in October. Yikes! Well, at least according to the calendar I'm getting old. I don't have to act my age, after all!

In theory, I'm in my twilight years. I believed in Jesus, who died for my sins, was raised from the dead, and gives eternal life to any and all who believe in Him, in early 1973. FORTY SIX YEARS AGO! Can I look back on the time since and say I've been faithful to what God intended for my life? For the most part, I think so. I've (mostly) walked with Him. I married a great lady and we have raised all our kids in the Lord. Granted, they must make the personal choice to follow Him, but it's exciting to see that all three (and the two in-laws) are following Christ. I've used the gifts and talents He gave me to serve Him in a variety of ways. Perfectly? Of course not. I'm still learning new things about myself and growing – and not always things I like. But overall, I've sought to follow Him.

How about you? No matter how many years you've been a believer, have you (mostly) followed Him?

Ah, but neither of us can influence the past, can we? We can't get stuck there – whether a good or not-so-good past. The good news is, God can start using us now, wherever we are in life. It's never too late to start and he never retires us prior to death.

So, I'm not planning retirement. I'm not planning to say "I've served until my mid-60's... now it's 'me' time." I plan to continue following and serving until I can't. I want Him to use me in my final decade or two (or three??). There's something about turning 65 this next year that's making me reflect but also to look ahead. I'm thinking about what I want to do this next year; about what God wants me to do. I have some ideas, which I won't list here, for the sake of brevity (?). How about you? What do you want to see God do IN your life this year? What do you want to see God do THROUGH your life in 2019? Don't wait until you're my age. Pray big and see what God does with you. Plan and faithfully act accordingly. Don't just dream about what God wants to do; make it a priority. No matter where you are today, He can and will use you tomorrow, if you let Him.

*So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)*

Roger

BBC Family Update

- We extend our deepest sympathies to Sherry Roth and her family in the death of her father.
- Pray for the group of men going to Pine Cove for the Men's Retreat. Pray that God would impact their lives.



- 6 - AWANA club resumes, 4pm
- 7 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 13 - Youth Christmas Party, 6pm
- 19 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 25-27 - Men's Retreat at Pine Cove

JANUARY 7 - 7pm



EVENING OF PRAYER



Ex Post Facto

Youth Christmas Party

January 13, 6pm at the Ridlen's home

Awana Clubs™ See you at 4pm!

Club meetings will resume on January 6.

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11



January 19

MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:30am

JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA	7 Evening of Prayer 7pm	8 *Gabriel Roth	9	10	11 *Micheal Thompson	12
13  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	14	15	16	17	18	19 
20 9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	21	22 *Mike Lothes	23	24	25 	26
27 *Kim Hickman 9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	28	29	30	31 *Merle Ridlen Emma Matlack		*Birthdays