

# COMMUNITY

## God isn't through the news

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home church, join us.

A few weeks back I wrote a sermon entitled, "God values our young people". Today's sermon should be entitled, "God values our non-young people." If you're a non-young person, today is your day.

Many people assume that aging means slowing down, stepping aside, or becoming less useful. But the Scriptures paint a very different picture. The Bible consistently honors age, wisdom, and faithfulness.

There's an old saying that says, "youth is wasted on the young." It's a famous proverb commonly attributed to George Bernard Shaw

expressing the idea that young people often don't appreciate the energy, health, vim, vigor and opportunities they have, because they lack the wisdom and perspective that usually come with age and experience.

But here's the truth that saying doesn't tell you: Wisdom is wasted on no one. And God never wastes

a life that is surrendered to Him, so let's not waste it either.

You may not have the energy you once had, but you have something far more valuable — decades of walking with God, learning His faithfulness, and gaining the kind of wisdom that only comes through time, trials, and trust. The Bible says: Psa 92:13 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree. He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Psa 92:14 Planted in the House of Adonai, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

Psa 92:15 They will still yield fruit in old age. They will be full of sap and freshness.

This speaks of palms that grow 90 feet high and are 200 years old.

The world may say youth is wasted on the young, but God says wisdom is treasured in the old. The world celebrates strength, but God celebrates faithfulness. The world values speed, but God values steadiness.

Your age is not a setback — it's a spiritual advantage.

The Bible consistently honors age, wisdom, and long faithfulness. God does not retire His people — He

reassigns them.

Let's look at what God Himself says about your value, your purpose, and your future. GOD PROMISES TO CARRY YOU ALL THE WAY

— Isa 46:4 Even to your old age I will be the same, until you are gray I will carry you. I have done it; I will bear you; I will carry you; I will deliver you.

God doesn't step back as you age — He steps closer. You are not living on leftovers — you are living on promises. God's commitment to you is lifelong. He does not retire from loving you, guiding you, or utilizing you. The word never gets old, so, why should we ever cease spreading the gospel?

If God is still carrying you, then He must still have purpose for you, and Scripture makes that purpose clear. Fruitfulness is not tied to age — it's tied to abiding. God says your fruitfulness is right now. Your ability to continually influence is still ahead of you, and your best years are still accumulating.

Older believers carry unique spiritual weight. Your prayers carry depth. The most dangerous person in the world is a pray-

ing grandma. Your words carry wisdom. God has been shaping you for decades. You are more spiritually seasoned now than ever before. The Holy Spirit has been constantly renewing your mind ever since the day you got saved.

The golden years offer unique opportunities to fulfill Heaven's assignments that younger generations simply cannot.

I don't know about you, but when I hear a sermon that has a story in it that I can relate to, I remember the lesson taught within that story much better.

GOD SAVES SOME OF HIS GREATEST WORK FOR LATER YEARS

A. Biblical examples of late-life calling. Abraham — called at 75. Moses — confronted Pharaoh at 80.

Caleb — claimed his mountain at 85. Joshua 14:10 Joshua 14:11 I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me — as my strength was then, so is my strength now, for war and for going out and coming in.

God often waits until we are seasoned. Age brings the time and patience we didn't have as a younger person.

We're busy. That not

only ties us up physically, but it ties us up mentally also. As non-young people, it is our duty to pass these things along to others, whether they're younger people or older people.

Your age is not a disqualification — it is a qualification.

You have lived through storms and seen God's faithfulness. You have a testimony younger believers desperately need. GOD IS STILL WORKING IN YOU TODAY

Philippians 1:6 — "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." You may feel slower, but God is not slower. Your pace may change, but your purpose does not. God's work in you is not limited by physical strength it's just refocused towards mental strength. Your spiritual influence is increasing, not decreasing.

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A LEGACY TO PASS ON. Psa 71:17 God, You taught me from my youth, and I still keep declaring Your wonders.

Psa 71:18 So even until I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, till I tell of Your strong arm to the next generation, Your might to all who are to come.

Your story matters. You

have lived through battles others haven't faced. Your testimony is a gift to the next generation. Younger believers need your encouragement. Families need your prayers. Churches need your wisdom.

Legacy is not about what you leave behind — it's about who you build up.

You can shape faith in your children, grandchildren, and church family. Your words can outlive your years. So, how do we get started? Encourage intentionally. A phone call, a card, a kind word can change a life. Mentor younger believers. Share your wisdom. Share your story. Share your faith.

Hospitality takes many forms. Greeting cards, writing notes, Listening, Blessing others with your presence. No matter your age, God has purpose for you — and He is not finished. You are not in the leftover years; you are in the purpose years. You are not forgotten. You are not sidelined. You are not finished. God is still writing your story and the chapters ahead may be the most impactful yet. Now, let's get going!!!

## Morehead OLLI Open House January 14

The mission of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Kentucky, Morehead branch, is to engage the minds, elevate the spirit and enrich the lives of adults aged 50+ through educational, social and community activities. An open house with registration for spring courses and shared interest groups in Morehead will be held in the Wesley Hall of Morehead United Methodist Church at 227 W. Main Street from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14th.

Courses and discussion groups available this semester include: Shrines of the World; U.S. and International Travel; Great Decisions Foreign Policy; A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls; Yoga Foundations; OLLI Amblers; Spanish for Beginners; Beyond Gatsby: The Double Bind; Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group; TED Talks; and Drama 101.

Classes meet different times and days, all during day time hours. Online Morehead registration will also be available starting Friday, January 16th at [olli.uky.edu](http://olli.uky.edu). Come join us! Have fun and learn something new!

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This notice is intended to inform the residents of Menifee County, Kentucky that Menifee County Fiscal Court is in the process of closing out the Menifee County Senior Center Project (Grant No. 20C-184). The project was funded in part by the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant (KCDBG) Program.

A public hearing will be held at the Menifee County Fiscal Court Courtroom, 12 Main Street, Frenchburg, Kentucky 40322, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM. The purpose of this hearing is to review the past use of funds and overall program performance associated with the project. If there are any questions or comments regarding the project, they should be directed to:

Menifee County Judge/Executive

Menifee County Fiscal Court

P.O. Box 105

Frenchburg, KY 40322

Phone: 606-768-3482

TDD: 1-800-648-6057

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Comment Due Date

Written comments will be received until the date of the public hearing, January 20, 2026, which is at least seven (7) days from the publication date.

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