

## HOARY HEAD

The time of Medicare is upon me. I am officially one of the recipients of that program. Such indicates that you have reached a certain age. The subject of age is very delicate to some people. I have heard of someone who did not want it placed on their tombstone when they die. I read of one wanted her social security check mailed in a plain white envelope.

The King James Version Bible has two references to what it calls “hoary head.” *“Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD”* (Leviticus 19:32). Also in Proverbs 16:31, *“The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.”* Brown-Driver-Briggs’ definition of word “hoary” is (1) age, gray hair, hoary head, old age. The hoary head is the gray headed or silver-haired person. The one verse seems to be teaching that the “hoary head” person should receive respect from others. It is not very often that you find such today. The verse in Proverbs seems to be telling us that the “hoary head” receiving glory is a conditional statement. “IF” it is found in the way of righteousness. Just growing old is not a sign of someone deserving of glory. *“Gray hairs, to be a crown of glory, must be found in the way of righteousness.”*—Miller. How sad to think about spending your entire life serving self and not striving to walk in the way of righteousness.

—L. Cole

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## CONSUMER DRIVEN “CHRISTIANS”

According to Carey Nieuwhof’s article, Why Attending Church No Longer Makes Sense, fewer people are attending church every year. Many of them are asking, “Why bother?” After all, 1000s of churches are streaming their services live online. If not live, then you can watch or listen to a podcast anytime, any day. We now live in a culture that’s drowning in options and has 24/7 access to anything Christian. And it’s all free. So, why attend church? It is a universal truth that fewer people are attending church.

Even with high energy music, charismatic preachers, and/or casual coffeehouse-like ambience, consumer driven “Christians” increasingly demand something bigger and better. If not, they will go looking elsewhere, or stay home and get their church fix via the internet. Consumer driven “Christians” will find something to please them.

It’s tragic how accurate Paul’s prediction was. He warned Timothy to preach the truth of God consistently, or else people will leave the truth of God behind to diligently seek whatever they want to hear instead (2 Tim. 4.2-4). Consumer driven “Christians” will give up commitment to God and His word, and replace it with commitment to whatever they choose. When they tire of one thing, they will look for something else. It’s all about self. And since assembling to worship God is so inconvenient and unfulfilling, they’ll search for something that’s easier and more pleasing. Church assemblies get in the way of life.

And so, fewer people are attending church ... and we are all affected by it. As fewer people are present in church assemblies to be taught and encouraged, individuals grow weaker (Prov. 19.27). As they grow weaker, their families and churches grow weaker. As these grow weaker, communities and nations grow weaker. All because consumer driven "Christians" would rather do things their way than God's way.

It should be noted that it was to weak Christians that the book of Hebrews was written. Many of the original readers were still needing milk instead of meat (Heb. 5.12-14). A part of the reason for their weakness was due to the habit of missing church assemblies (Heb. 10.25). Thus, the Holy Spirit inspired the writer to encourage them: "let us draw near to God ... let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess ... let us spur one another on to love and good deeds ... let us NOT give up meeting together" (Heb. 10.22-25).

Consumer driven "Christians" think mostly of what pleases themselves. Committed Christians die to themselves and follow Jesus (Lk. 9.23). It's vital to do what God wants, not what we want. As Christians, we are "to make it our goal to please him" (2 Cor. 5.9).

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*Joe Chesser bulletingold 01/18*

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### ***PREACHING CAUSES AN UPROAR!***

- *Preaching one God stirs the idolater and atheist.*
- *Preaching Divine creation stirs the evolutionists.*
- *Preaching immortality stirs the materialists.*
- *Preaching authority of Scriptures stirs the modernist.*
- *Preaching one church stirs the denominationalists.*
- *Preaching the headship of Christ stirs the Catholic.*
- *Preaching on liquor stirs the drunkard/social drinker.*
- *Peaching on the home stirs the adulterer.*
- *Preaching on modesty stirs the immodest.*
- *Preaching on works stirs the lazy.*
- *Preaching on attendance stirs the neglectful.*
- *Preaching on proper speech stirs the gossiper.*
- *Preaching on faithfulness stirs the unfaithful.*
- *Preaching on love stirs those who hate.*
- *Preaching on dedication stirs the uncommitted.*
- *Preaching on giving stirs the covetous.*
- *Preaching on honesty stirs the hypocrite.*
- *Preaching on morality stirs the immoral.*
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**Jan 28, 2018**

Co-Coordinator . . . . . George Clay  
Announcements . . . . . Dallas Eddie

Scriptures Reading.. 1 Thess. 2:13 . . . Austin Clay  
Song Leader . . . . . Steve Anderson  
Opening Prayer. . . . . Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett  
Serve:, Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard  
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne  
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece  
**Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services.**

Count Offering. . . . . Dallas Eddie  
. . . . . Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon—The Bible And...  
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

**WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . Dallas Eddie  
Song Leader. . . . . Steve Anderson  
Scripture Reading...Psa. 101:1-2. . . . Austin Clay

Opening Prayer . . . . . Mitchell Brooks  
Lord’s Supper . . . . . Jacky Carver, Sr.  
. . . . . Gavin Spurlin  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Roger Draper

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcement. . . . . Dallas Eddie  
Song Leader . . . . . George Clay  
First Prayer. . . . . Jacky Carver, Sr.  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Glen Reece  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Justin Draper

**Prepare Communion for JAN  
Karen H. & Diana P.**

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,  
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home  
Carolyn Lankford—Mabry Health Care

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
 Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
 Ramelle Cole, Carolyn Clay  
 Jere Andrews,  
 Susanne Tisdale—Sumner Rehab.  
 Donna Hughes-

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

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Wednesday. . . . . ( <i>Snow and Ice</i> ) . . . . .	11
Worship Sunday AM . . . . .	73
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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Jan. 28th.** Fellowship Meal

**Feb. 4th.** Men’s Business Meeting

**Pantry Item: Mac & Cheese**

**READING SCHEDULE FOR FEB**

01 Lev. 12-14	11 Num. 17-21	21 Deut. 15-17
02 Lev. 15-17	12 Num. 22-24	22 Deut. 18-20
03 Lev. 18-20	13 Num. 25-27	23 Deut. 21-23
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05 Lev. 26-27	15 Num. 31-33	25 Deut. 27-29
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08 Num. 8-10	18 Deut. 4-8	28 Joshua 1-5
09 Num. 11-13	19 Deut. 9-11	
10 Num. 14-16	20 Deut. 12-14	