

Greetings in His matchless Name!

It seems like time really flies by these days (*tempus figits* 😊). The older I get the faster it seems to go. The days fly by and it seems like the last Fedena Flyer I wrote was but a few days ago, but in reality it was back in July and I was picking tomatoes out of my garden. Perhaps it seems that way since it is the end of October and the leaves are still green and haven't turned their beautiful fall colors as yet.

Shirley just celebrated (?) her 82nd birthday yesterday. I gave her a gift she really liked. She had been scheduled to have cataract surgery on Nov. 1 and Dec. 1. We went to the cardiologist to get surgical clearance and he talked us out of having it done due to the possibility of post-op problems. Since she is not someone who reads a lot and doesn't care for TV or computers it seemed perhaps not a great option. So I let her off the hook and we cancelled the surgeries. She was elated! I really didn't know how much she was dreading it. So that was her BIG Birthday present.

Another present we both received was that our daughter and son-in-law (Crystal & Jerry Lefevers) came up from Pensacola, Florida where they and our granddaughter Stephanie and her family have recently moved. We picked them up at the Phila. Airport and they will be staying in our home for several days. We didn't expect to see them again so soon. (*By the way, we are praising the Lord that the hurricane missed Pensacola, and them, entirely. Unfortunately it devastated neighboring towns and several churches.*) My other daughter, Dawn, already lives on the Florida east coast. That only leaves my son Dan and his family nearby and they provide meals weekly for us. However, one of our grandsons, Stephen Lefevers, is temporarily living in our area and he and his wife have been sharing meals with us as well, so we praise the Lord for that. We are getting to know his wife Linda and three children for the first time, since they normally live in Kentucky.

I am still preaching and teaching God's holy Word in our home church, Straightway Baptist in Lawrenceville, NJ (about 15 minutes from our home), due to the generosity of our pastor Louis Guarneri, and in other churches as God opens the door. Last Lord's Day I taught and preached all three services in Willingboro, NJ, where Aaron McCullough is the good pastor, on the subject of Heaven (*my favorite subject, since Shirley and me will soon be moving there*), and a man and two ladies came forward in the AM service to get saved! Praise the Lord! So, God is still using this old preacher.

When we came home after the AM service Shirley fell (again) and hurt her side & couldn't return for the PM service. The church is about ½ hour from our home and she stayed in bed while I was gone. She is doing O.K. considering she has fallen over 100 times 😞. The only thing she has broken so far is furniture 😊. We had another good service that evening with several believers dealing with issues in their Christian lives coming forward at the invitation.

As I look back I am glad for the life the Lord has given me and for the wife He has given me. I praise the Lord for getting saved before I got married and before my service in the U.S. Army in Germany after WWII. (I had already served 6 years in the U.S. Navy stateside.) I thank Him for allowing me to teach my first S.S. class and preach my first sermon in Germany and then calling me to the pastoral ministry when I returned from duty overseas. (I regret that I didn't get saved until I was 22 years of age.) I praise Him for allowing me to be the pastor of 4 churches. All 4 saw great numerical and spiritual growth. God has been so good to this unworthy sinner! AMEN! He has continued to use me and Shirley over the years since "retirement" due to health issues. I am still ticking (though the clock is winding down) and willing to answer His call wherever it may be, till that final call home to heaven.

Keep looking UP! And keep on serving our Savior!

Sincerely in the Savior,

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