

Pastor's Corner

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Several days ago, I was updating my calendar and was surprised to notice that Fall was less than a month away. The days are growing shorter and soon the gardeners, whose discussions have been about the heat and the rainfall, will be looking for the first frost. School starts next week. Busses will be running, and many folks will spend their Friday nights rooting for their school's football team. I haven't noticed, but would not be surprised, if stores are already putting out Halloween candy; and it won't be too long before the weekly specials include turkeys and cranberry sauce. Of course, that means our annual binge of gift shopping, parties, and traveling to see the families for the holidays...

I'm suddenly tired just thinking about it.

But wait, let's all just stop and breathe, and remember that we still have a month of summer to enjoy. This summer we have all talked about how hot it has been. Certainly, that is true, but come next February many of us will probably look back fondly on these hot days as we battle snow and ice.

It is easy to get caught up in looking at next week, or next month, or to the next holiday. The problem with that is that it makes it hard to enjoy the gifts God gives us today. Each day, each season, has its own blessings. If you know where to look, God is blessing us every day.

The winter cold gives nature time to rest so that we can enjoy the explosion of life in the spring. Spring gives way to summer where the warmth of the long days provide food. The fall provides a last brilliant display of life before the trees give up their leaves to nourish the ground.

In Matthew 5:34 Jesus tells us, "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." That is certainly true, but it is just as true that we should enjoy today, because each day has gifts of its own to enjoy.

