

2018 and Beyond

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Several weeks ago the soybean crop was harvested in our area. There are fields just about everywhere we look near our home. We now see empty acres stretching away to the woods. We can see a long distance but cannot see through the forest. We know some of what is around us, but there is a limit to our view.

It is that way as we seek to peer through the calendar months into the blank thing known as 2018. Events are scheduled. Plans are made. But we really don't know what 2018 has for us. Some people will be born. Some will die. For others, the year will be just another number on the highway of life.

In some ways I am not sorry to see 2017 depart. There have been natural disasters- hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and forest fires. And there have been huge man-made events- mass killings involving guns and knives and trucks.

But there have also been blessings beyond counting. We have good health and our families and so much.

We do not know what 2018 holds. Will the news be carrying many distressing stories or good things?

And what shall we paint on this blank canvas? What can we do or say or write that will be of lasting value-done in 2018 but lasting far beyond the year?

There are things we can do.

I live in a place where there is a need among senior citizens. The county has made a list of items. Would it mean much to buy toothpaste or tissues or deodorant for those who lack such things?

What about meals or rides to church or flowers or letters?

What about sharing our faith?

What about doing things that last?

As the song says, "The things of earth will soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last."

“Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.”

We must do what we can.

Hello, 2018. We will use your days for His glory.