

Class of 2020

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Attending the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill to attain a major in Biology and then pursue a graduate in the medical field. *Suggested Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, TJ Maxx, HomeGoods*



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Attending the University of North Carolina Wilmington to attain a degree in Physics. *Suggested Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, TJ Maxx Bed Bath and Beyond, Amazon, Chickfila, H&M, Ikea, Urban Outfitters*



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Attending Brunswick Community College to play softball, then transferring to a four-year college to attain a degree in Criminal Justice. *Suggested Gift Cards: American Eagle, Foot Locker, Dick's Sporting Good, Walmart, Amazon*



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Attending Brunswick Community College in the pre nursing program while working at Autumn Care of Shallotte. *Suggested Gift Cards: Walmart, Ross, Bath & Body Works, any fast food*



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Enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. *Suggested Gift Cards: Xbox, Bass Pro Shop*



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Attending Brunswick Community College, then plans to transfer to University of North Carolina Wilmington to attain a degree in Nursing. *Suggested Gift Cards: Walmart, Belk, Office Depot*



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Attending either East Carolina University or Brunswick Community College to attain a degree in Project Management. *Suggested Gift Cards: Walmart, Amazon, Subway, Gas Card, Chickfila*



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Men, What Will Your Obituary Say?

Author Michael Hyatt, in a book called *Living Forward*, suggests a unique, but uncomfortable, exercise. Write your own obituary. The very idea makes you pause and reflect, what would it say? And are you living a life that you want printed in the final summary of all you were and all you did?

In January, Ken Fuson did just that. A journalist with a knack for humor, Fuson's death was drawing near, so he sat down and wrote his own obituary. This is what he said:

"Ken Fuson, born June 23, 1956, died Jan. 3, 2020 in at Nebraska Medical Center, of liver cirrhosis, and is stunned to learn that the world is somehow able to go on without him. Ken attended the University of Missouri-Columbia's famous School of Journalism, which is a clever way of saying, "almost graduated but didn't." Facing a choice between covering a story for the newspaper or taking his final exams, Ken went for the story. He never claimed to be smart, just committed.

In 1981, Ken landed his dream job, working as a reporter for The Des Moines Register. Ken won several national feature-writing awards. No, he didn't win a Pulitzer Prize, but he's dead now, so get off his back.

In 2011, Ken accepted a job in the marketing department at Simpson College, where he remained until 2018. He was diagnosed with liver disease at the beginning of 2019, which is pretty ironic given how little he drank. He is survived by his sons who all brought Ken unsurpassed joy. He hopes they will forgive him for not making the point more often. He loved his boys and was (and is) extraordinarily proud to be their father.

Ken had many character flaws - if he still owes you money, he's sorry, sincerely. He prided himself on letting other drivers cut in line. For most of his life, Ken suffered from a compulsive gambling addiction that nearly destroyed him. But his church friends never gave up on him. Ken last placed a bet on Sept. 5, 2009. He died clean. He hopes that anyone who needs help will seek it. Miracles abound.

Ken's pastor says God can work miracles for you and through you. Skepticism may be cool, and for too many years Ken embraced it, but it was faith in Jesus Christ that transformed his life. That was the one thing he never regretted. It changed everything. God is good. Embrace every moment, even the bad ones. See you in heaven. Ken promises to let you cut in line."

Thankfully, if you are like me, we expect we have some time yet to go. But it's never too early to consider, what if you wrote your own obituary now? Men, what if you looked death in the face and decided

how you would summarize your own life, and then put it on paper?

Because when you do that, you have to also face a simple truth. Are you living the life you want summarized at the end and memorialized in print?

From Fuson's self-written obituary, we can pull five biblical truths to reflect on at any stage in life, but especially when we consider how we want this to end. The Apostle Paul thought a lot about these five things, and God preserved his wisdom to go along with it.

First, it's not about you. You might be "stunned to learn that the world can go on without" you, but it can. So be careful to invest yourself unselfishly in the things that really matter, not just your own whims and preferences. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves" (Phil. 2:3).

Second, know what makes you tick, and live your purpose. Fuson knew he was born to be a journalist, and he lived his dream. Let's hope we can all say we used our one life to fulfill our passion and mission, and apply ourselves to it for God's glory: "Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people" (Col. 3:23).

Third, don't take yourself too seriously. Pursuing perfection just makes a man weary. In fact, be able to laugh at yourself. You'll live longer. "For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one" (Rom. 12:3).

Fourth, leave a legacy of love. Unlike Fuson, you and I probably won't be there when our obituary is written, and our kids might do the writing. So, when



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they reflect on their relationship with you, will they know you loved them? What will they say about you? The world tends to press us to focus on achievements, but the Bible reminds us that our relationships matter more than our accomplishments. “Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor. 13:13).

And last, be sure you can describe your turning point, your life before Christ and your life after Christ. Fuson could say clearly, “it was faith in

Jesus Christ that transformed his life,” and he knew other people could attest to that as well. Can you say that with confidence? “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain” (1 Cor. 15:10).

We all know, one day, that day will come. Someone will sit down with our family and write your obituary. When they do, what will they say?

In His Love,
Pastor Bob

Upcoming Events

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Graduate Sunday
Live Streaming Only

Jun 14

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Read the Bible Beginning to End Reading Plan

1-Year Plan. It is important to understand the fullness of God's message to the churches, and a great way of doing this is reading the Old and New Testaments simultaneously. This plan, which can be completed in one calendar year, does just that. Readings from both Testaments are included from the beginning and although each reading does not contain both Testaments, the two are read effectively.

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