

Keep your eyes fixed on the eternal prize

As we get older our eyesight changes, at least for me. My faraway vision hasn't changed too much, but my close up vision has changed a lot. Getting use to bifocals is an adjustment. I heard someone say, "Faraway vision can improve as we age; close up vision may diminish."

That statement made me think of another kind of improved faraway vision that I observed in some Christians. Those who have faithfully practiced their faith for a long time or who have gone through great trials of life seem to have a better heavenly vision than some of the rest of us. Their eternal vision has gotten better and their close up earthly vision is diminishing.

The apostle Paul wrote, "The things that are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." For now we struggle with our 'eyesight'. There is a tension between enjoying all that God has given us in this life, and looking forward to go to heaven to see God face to face.

We know our life on this earth is but a moment compared to eternity. May we enjoy the time God has given us and use this time to tell all about the love and grace God has given us until that day when we will see our Lord in all his glory!

Together we keep our eyes on the eternal prize,

Deacon Mike