**Bearing Fruit Throughout Our Lives**

**Sermon Based Discussion (May 29, 2016)**

**Church Wide Sermon**

**WARM UP**

1. When you were younger, what thoughts did you have of older people and growing old? What age did you consider being “old”, then and now?

**INTO THE BIBLE (Read Psalm 92:12-15 and Psalm 71:17-18)**

1. Read Psalm 1, which introduces the book and note the contrast between the wicked and the righteous. How does Phil. 3:9 help us to understand the righteous?
2. The righteous are compared to a palm tree or cedar tree while the wicked are compared to grass (92:7). What is the point?
3. How is the fruitfulness of the righteous described?
4. As the writer of Psalm 71 is threatened by his enemies, he asked for God presence and help. What is the purpose for his request?

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. What is the meaning of the imagery of 92:13?

1. Are all Christians promised fruitfulness and vitality in old age?

**DIFFERENCE**

1. Instead of focusing on the disadvantages, what are the advantages senior citizens have for ministry? What are the advantages of your own age group for ministry?

**APPLICATION**

9.Someone has said “Growing old isn’t for sissies.” What do you think that means? What can you do to help those growing old?

10.What is on your “bucket list”? Do you have a spiritual bucket list? If so, please share.