

“Even Orange Trees Don't Live Forever”

I grew up as a country boy on a small farm in Texas. We had all types of vegetables, fruit, and a few animals along the way. Yet, we had no citrus fruit but had figs, apples, pears, cherries, and we liked them. After moving to Phoenix in 2017, we found two nice orange trees in our Ahwatukee home. Over those years in Phoenix, we enjoyed eating more oranges than ever before! Unfortunately, one day a surprise came our way when we got up in the morning to find that the high winds of the night before had blown over and broken the old large orange tree. We had pulled the oranges off the tree just 2 days earlier so we had the sweet tasting fruit again that year! As I inspected the root/trunk of the tree that was broken, it was a miracle that it had lasted even to that day! This Orange tree is much like a human, in that it gave all it could to be; (pardon the pun) even up to the point that life was gone. Providing sweet and beautiful produce just two days before the real depth of the tree would be revealed by the powerful wind that blew over the tree, I still had no idea how serious the tree's problem was until it was too late. With humans, we often are exactly like that tree and want to be so! The idea is that we too should hunger and desire to be a blessing with our lives for every moment that we live. If we are a tree that has a short or long life, that is not as important as us producing good things with the time we have. My prayer for you is not that you worry about how long you are in this world but that you learn to make the most of the time you have to bring a positive Christian impact on those around you!

May God Bless Us All!



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1 JOHN 1:1-10

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation Psalm 84 :1-2 (CSB)

Welcome Gary Sham

Adoration Marvelous Light
Better Is One Day
Holy Spirit

Prayer Laura Moon

Video Presentation In and Out of Love - Lynsi Snyder

Scripture 1 John 1:1-10 (CSB) - Wayne Gor

Prayer Pastor Donald Gardner

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Announcements Pastor Oleg Xu

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1 John 1:1-10 (CSB)

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life **2** that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—**3** what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may also have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ **4** We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete **5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him **6** If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth **7** If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin **8** If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness **10** If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Notes

