



## Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

July 14, 2024

*"The Balance of Age and Youth"*

*"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken..." (Ps. 37:25, NIV)  
"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (3:1, KJV)*

**This Sunday's Sermon:** a recent Christianity Today article states "we have been warned about the dangers of a cult of youth, that behind all of the Botox treatments and cosmetic Ozempic regimens, there's a more fundamental [purpose] ... to put aging out of sight." We don't have to go to many news sources to see story after story about "age" and what it means and doesn't mean. The Age - Youth culture is out of balance.

**"Childish Maturity":** Youth infatuation pushes age away, and age seems to grasp onto youth. Because the youth/old dynamic is out of whack, we are in an era of "childish maturity," where wisdom that came with experience is replaced by self-centeredness and impulsiveness...childlike behavior.

**Does the Bible Talk About This?** One example is the life of Solomon. (See 1 Kings) As a child, Solomon asked for help from God, realizing he was dependent upon God's grace. However, later in life he became consumed by his impulsive behavior and his kingdom fell.

**How Does the Bible Help Us?** Our readings from Psalm 37 and Ecclesiastes 3 emphasize the cyclic nature of life, balancing life and death, growing and harvesting, mourning and rejoicing, and engaging and disengaging. The Bible highlights the importance of each stage in our journey. This balance helps us to fully embrace our experiences, growing and evolving through our seasons of life, as God guides and protects us.

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**Raquette Lake Chapel History:** each week this summer we will point out a little piece of Chapel history as the members begin an effort to highlight the 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 years of the Chapel's history. Anyone interested in providing stories and interesting facts about the Chapel and the services is welcome to let us know!

"A beautiful pulpit Bible was given by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wanamaker in 1975." (from The Raquette Lake Chapel – The First 50 Years, p. 6)

The Dedication Page in the Bible reads "This Bible is presented to Raquette Lake Chapel, Raquette Lake, New York by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Wanamaker in memory of Howard F. Etherington." (more research on the Wanamaker Family is underway)



**Prayer Box:** pray for those affected by the wildfires in New Mexico and California; pray for those souls affected by flooding in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Western New York, and the Gulf Coast; pray for all those suffering from severe weather; pray for first responders; pray for an end to the divisiveness our country; pray for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine. We continue ask God to take into His care: Justin and his family, Barbara, Danielle, Linda, Elizabeth, Joyce, Debbie, John C, Joe, Holland, Steve, Gail, John H, Mia, Patti, Florence, and John P. *Lord, hear our prayers!*