

+2 preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. (2Tim 4:2)

As the Godspell song goes, “Everything has its season. Everything has its time”, we are once again changing seasons and autumn is now here among us. This is such an exciting season for many reasons. First, when I was up North in the Midwest, I used to get excited about the duck hunting season starting. All the ducks would start to migrate to the South to stay warm. Now that I am living in the Southwest, I get to see a part of this migration on this end of the trip!

Another reason the season is exciting is the migration of the butterflies. There are so many butterflies flying around this week! Especially the Monarch butterfly! Butterflies are actually cold-blooded creatures and they have to migrate to warmer climate where the flowers still blossom. The monarch migration usually starts in about October of each year, but can start earlier if the weather turns cold sooner than that. Monarch butterflies are the only insect that migrates to a warmer climate that is 2,500 miles away each year.

Perhaps the most exciting part of this season is the migration of our Snowbirds! No, not the actual birds, but our friends and church members who have spent the summer in cooler climate and now are seeking the beautiful weather of the Arizona desert. Last weekend we already have been seeing them land beautifully in the sanctuary! Welcome Home!

In the absence of these wonderful people, we have had a great summer but we are always excited to once again preach and teach to our extended family. In this new season we will see more ministries “autumn” up such as another Bible study, an active choir, and even Sunday School!

Be sure to welcome people and introduce yourself to those whom you have not met. Let’s spend some more time visiting on Sundays. We even began to have coffee and goodies after worship! What a wonderful season!

Peace Be with you all!

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