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"HIS FAVOR"

from Beaver Dam, KY

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Free meal following service!

Voice of the LORD Tabernacle 216 Hill St Livermore, KY

Heartprints

(Author Unknown)

Whatever our hands touch-- We leave fingerprints! On walls, on furniture, On doorknobs, dishes, books,
As we touch we leave our identity. Oh, Lord, please where ever I go today, Help me leave heartprints!
Heartprints of compassion Of understanding and love. Heartprints of kindness and genuine concern.

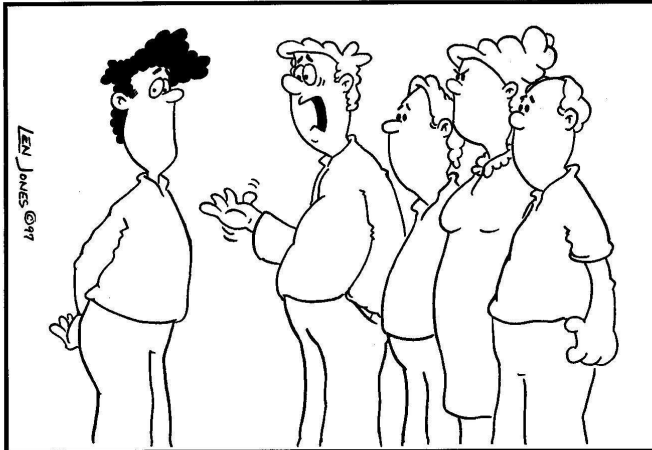
May my heart touch a lonely neighbor, A struggling stranger, Or, perhaps, a dear friend!

I shall go out today To leave heartprints, And if someone should say

"I felt your touch," May that one sense be...YOUR LOVE, LORD

Touching through ME.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16



"Pastor, we appreciate your efforts in fund raising, however, renting the Baptismal Pool out as a Holy Hot Tub during the week is just not acceptable!"



Cousin Leroy

Leroy and some of the other guys were sitting around in the break room at lunchtime one day. The cell phone rings and Leroy answers it on speaker phone. Everyone else in the room stops to listen. Leroy says: "Hello" They heard his wife say: "Honey, it's me. Are you on lunch?" Leroy replies: "Yep" "I am at the shop now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?" "Sure" Says Leroy "go ahead if you like it that much." The next thing she said was "I also stopped by the car dealership and I saw one I really liked." "How much?" Leroy asked. "\$4,000.00" she replied. "Sounds good" said Leroy. "Great!" she said "and Oh, one more thing...mother is wanting to move in with us and I was thinking we could let her have your TV room to stay in." "No problem" Leroy replied. "OK" she said. "I'll see you later! I love you so much!" "Bye! Love you, too." Leroy said. He then hangs up. The other men in the break room are staring at him in shock with their mouths open. He turns and asks: "Hey, does anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

The Forest Fire

The photographer for a national magazine was assigned to get photos of a great forest fire. Smoke at the scene was too thick to get any good shots, so he frantically called his home office to hire a plane. "It will be waiting for you at the airport!" he was assured by his editor. As soon as he got to the small, rural airport, sure enough, a plane was warming up near the runway. He jumped in with his equipment and yelled "Let's go! Let's go!" The pilot swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air. "Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make three or four low level passes." "Why?" asked the pilot. "Because I'm going to take pictures! I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures!" said the photographer with great exasperation and impatience. After a long pause, the pilot said "Wait...You mean you're not the instructor?"

Wake Up Call

The first-time father, beside himself with excitement over the birth of his son, was determined to do everything right. "So, tell me, Nurse," he asked as his new family headed out the hospital door, "what time should we wake the little guy in the morning?"

Pet Fish

Bubba was stopped by a game warden with two ice chests full of live fish in water, leaving a river well known for its fishing. The game warden asked Bubba, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" "Naw, my friend, I ain't got no license. These here are my pet fish." "Pet fish?" "Yep. Every night I take these fish down to the river and let 'em swim' round for a while. Then I whistle and they jump right back into this ice chest and I take 'em home." "That's a bunch of hog wash! Fish can't do that!" Bubba looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, "It's the truth. I'll show you. It really works." "Okay, I've GOT to see this!" Bubba poured the fish into the river and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to him and said, "Well?" "Well, what?" said Bubba. "When are you going to call them back?" "Call who back?" "The FISH!" "What fish?"

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.
Proverbs 17:22*



From the Pastor's Desk

Nancy Douglas Willis 1959 - 2014

Pastor Billy R Douglas

On November 12, 2014 the LORD called my sister Nancy Douglas Willis home to Glory to be with Him. She was not only my sister but one of the best friends that I have ever known. I cannot count the times that even though she was sick in body and going through such trials yet she would call me and ask how I was doing. She would say "The LORD has had you on my heart"...oh how I miss those phone calls. That was the hardest Thanksgiving and Christmas that I had ever faced. But I found such great comfort in knowing that she was no longer sick, no longer in pain. And comfort in knowing that she had finished her race and was home with Jesus. Five years have come and gone and I still miss her like it was only yesterday but I can hear her voice as she would testify "If the LORD heals me or if He don't I know I'm a winner either way"! Those of you who have been on our mailing list for very many years know that each month she would include something in our newsletter. This month instead of writing an article I felt lead to share a couple of things that she wrote for the newsletter over the years. I pray that they will be a blessing to you.

I Have Heard The Voice of His Words

DANIEL 10;1 "A thing was revealed unto Daniel.... and the thing was true... but the time appointed was long.'

Can you put yourself in Daniel's place? Have you received a promise from God and you know the promise is true, but it is a long time coming? It was 21 days of prayer before Daniel heard from the Lord. The enemy fought to keep the word from Daniel and to convince him God did not hear. Nothing has changed today He still wants to keep the promise of the Lord from you and me. He wants to make us believe God is not going to answer and he does not hear us. But His word said...and it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Daniel said ...there remained no strength in me... yet heard I the voice of his words. His strength was renewed when the word of the Lord came to him. Regardless of the battle or storm or problem we are facing, His word brings peace and reassurance that we are not alone and that he will bring us through. Your answer will come. It has an appointed time and the enemy cannot stop it. His voice will renew your strength. *November 2006*

Our God Walks With Us

If I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee...and he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest; Exodus 33;13-14

Moses was embarking on a new journey through the wilderness headed for their promise land. He would receive the ten commandments in the morning and they would leave Sinai for the promise land. God would make a new covenant with his people and lead them as a cloud and a fire. He would feed them, give them water and clothe them until they reached their inheritance. Then he would go before them in battle to defeat their every enemy. To make this journey, Moses needed God's direction and God's presence. He said , 'My presence shall go with you'. What a promise! Moses said , if thy presence go not with me, carry us not hence... or I'm not going without you. Is that not the cry of your heart? I need you Lord to go with me and direct me and if you won't go with me...don't send me. Exodus 33;16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be seperated. I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. We are embarking on a new year. We have no idea what we will face before the years end. As long as we know his presence goes with us...we have rest. We trust his promises to us. We have found grace in his sight. He is walking with us. He has made us to be separate from all nations of the earth...our God walks with us... *November 2012*

I will close this month with my sister Nancy's favorite passage of scripture

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

And with the last words that I spoke after preaching her funeral...I'll see you soon sis...

Until next time may the LORD Bless and keep you is our prayer. Pastor Billy R Douglas

**"ARE YOU IN FELLOWSHIP WITH DEVILS?" part 01**

By Evangelist Mike Heltsley

1st Corinthians 10:14-21 - Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. 18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? 19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

You would not think that a true believer in the Lord JESUS could have fellowship with devils, would you? Yet the implication of the warning is that it COULD happen. If it could happen to ANY church, it would be the church at Corinth. They had BIG PROBLEMS ... BIG time. Yet, they were one of God's churches. In the Old Testament, the children of Israel sometimes went into apostasy and actually worshipped devils, offering sacrifices to them: The first occurrence of the word, "devils," in the Bible refers to the fact that the Israelites committed spiritual adultery with them. (See also for similar OT references.) Deuteronomy 32:17 - They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. 2nd Chronicles 11:15 - And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. Psalm 106:37 - Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, Leviticus 17:7 - And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. Most of what we know about devils comes from the New Testament. Devils, or unclean spirits as they are also called, work primarily on your INSIDE, especially your MIND. Devils can give supernatural strength, as the wild man of the Gadarenes had, who burst chains asunder when he was bound. Devils can give extraordinary perception, such as some of the true spiritists and mediums have. There was a woman who followed Paul who told the TRUTH about Paul's mission and identity, but she was possessed of devils. Some devils are more wicked than others. Some people have more devils than do others... Mary Magdalene had seven cast out of her by the Lord Jesus. The man of Gadara had MANY devils in him. Devils cause disease, destruction, and deception. While not every disease is caused by sin, Satan, or spirits, sometimes a health problem is the work of unclean spirits. Even the apostle Paul called his health problem, which God allowed him to have for his own spiritual growth, "the messenger of Satan" (2 Corinthians 12:7 - And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.). Devils are RELIGIOUS. They believe that there is one God, according to James 2:19. They know who Jesus is. They know who Paul is. They know some of YOU by name. They get involved in worship. They seek to BE worshipped. Some Israelites worshipped them in Old Testament times, and some people in the Tribulation Period will worship them, according to Revelation 9:20 - And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: I believe that devils have their own churches, their own "bibles," and the Bible is clear that they have their own DOCTRINES. (1st Timothy 4:1 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;) A Baptist preacher out in Los Angeles, CA named R.L. Hymers has published a book in which he indicates that people who believe the King James Bible is inspired and inerrant are holding to a doctrine of devils. I disagree. I believe GOD taught me to believe my Bible, and I believe HYMERS is the one who is full of the devil and in fellowship with devils. Born again people need to realize that even though they cannot be seen with the physical eye, DEVILS are REAL. Don't be fooled into thinking that you are immune to influence from unclean spirits. You KNOW you aren't in good fellowship with God all the time. When you aren't in fellowship with God, must I spell it out for you who is your fellowship partner? I want to give you a few characteristics of devils that will help you recognize their work in the areas of worship, the spirit, and the mind. I. DEVILS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH CONFUSION AND DISORDER 1st Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. This was said to the church that was warned about having fellowship with devils! A. They cause confusion and disorder in the heart and mind 1. Unclean spirits attack your mind, prompting and promoting doubt, discord, depression, and despair. B. They cause confusion and disorder in the home

Until next time, let your light shine for Jesus!

Evangelist Mike Heltsley



Keeping God's Commands

Pastor Steven Huston

Exodus 20:4-6 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

John 14:15-17 "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." John 14:23 "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

What is the importance of keeping God's commands? Looking at the context of these verses we see that keeping God's commands are directly tied to God's promises. Look at the promises given here. What does it mean to "keep" God's commands? Often it is seen as simply to obey. And for some, it is little more than an attempt to obey half-heartedly. Sometimes it is worldliness or selfishness that prevents us from full obedience. Other times we hear these feeble excuses: I'll never be good enough, why bother? I'm only human. I'm JUST a saved sinner; I must sin every day. Thus sinning becomes expected and therefore it loses the sting, horror, and disappointment that the transgressing against a most holy God should bring to our heart and conscience. Would you be surprised to know that to keep God's commands means a lot more than just to obey them? What we NEED to understand is that it's heavily tied to the word LOVE; and that properly understood, truly "keeping" God's commands goes a long way in helping us to obey them, moving us to honor both the commands and the One giving them, and shows the extent of our love for the One who has given the greatest command to love the Lord God with ALL that we are. So first, let's take a closer look at this word "KEEP." Definition of Keep: Both the Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT) words translated as "keep" mean "to guard (from loss or injury—by keeping an eye on); to fulfil a command." In other words, to keep God's commands is to not only obey them but to guard them, treating them as precious and protecting them from any diminishment of honor or place of regard in your heart or mind. This helps us to continually obey them and it also helps us to protect our love for God too. If we do as little to get by, we endanger a high and holy view of God; we don't hold God's commands, warnings, or promises as precious, and thereby, we jeopardize our walk. This isn't loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; this isn't holiness. John Wesley's mother, Susanna Wesley, explains it well. "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sight of God, takes from you your thirst for spiritual things or increases the authority of your body over your mind, then that thing to you is evil. By this test you may detect evil no matter how subtly or how plausibly temptation may be presented to you." Solomon gives us the how to of "keeping" in Proverbs 4:23-27. In essence he speaks to guarding our own heart from its own bent toward wickedness and protecting it from the evil influences that would press in on it from without. Proverbs 4:23-27 "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." It's a call to judge each thing—is it good or is it evil (by Biblical not cultural or even personal standards)?—does this guard God's commands, keeping them or does it diminish them in your eyes, your mind, your heart, and your strength?). You might be thinking, "Wow, that's tough." Some may be convicted by the Spirit to give up a lot; whatever the call, I urge you to obey. Sometimes we may be asked to give up things that aren't necessarily sin but God knows our hearts better than we do. Let me close with love. Jesus tied "keeping" and love together: "IF you love me, keep my commands." What we love most, we protect at all costs. What we regard and honor, we give effort to. We will give up personal comfort, sleep, cherished earthly possessions for those we love. Let me close with a story. "The Gift of the Magi" is a short story, written by O. Henry, about a young husband and wife and how they deal with the challenge of buying secret Christmas gifts for each other even though the two have very little money. Della's most prized possession was her beautiful long hair; she by store window and admire a set of beautiful combs that would accent her locks so nicely. Jim's prized possession was his pocket watch which didn't have a chain. However, what they truly cherished was each other. Without letting the other know what they were doing. Della cut and sold her hair so that she could buy Jim the fob and chain that he admired; but Jim had gone out and sold his watch so that he could buy the combs that she longed for. When it came time to exchange gifts, they were quite surprised by each other's generosity and love. How much do you love Jesus? He gave up ALL for the world; will you give up the world for Him?

Pastor Steven Huston - 103 N. Division Ave. Fremont, Michigan 49412



Scalloped Potatoes

- 8 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 cup milk or half-and-half cream
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

In a greased 2-qt. baking dish, layer a third of the potatoes. Combine flour, salt and pepper; sprinkle a third over potatoes. Top with a third of the onion. Combine soup and milk; pour a third over onion. Repeat layers twice. Combine bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over top. Cover and bake at 350° for 1 hour. Uncover and bake 30 minutes more.

Nutty Apple Salad

- 2 cups cubed tart apples
- 2 cups thinly sliced celery
- 2 cups halved seedless grapes
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/3 cup cold evaporated milk
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1/2 cup mixed nuts, optional

In a large bowl, combine apples, celery, grapes and marshmallows. In a chilled bowl, beat milk until frothy. Add sugar and vanilla. beat in mayonnaise and peanut butter. Pour over apple mixture; stir until coated. Cover and refrigerate. Just before serving, stir in nuts if desired.

Pumpkin Bars

- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2/3 cup pumpkin purée
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/3 cups Unbleached All-Purpose Flour
- 1/3 cup toasted chopped walnuts
- 2/3 cup golden raisins

Frosting

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons softened butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
- pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup diced toasted walnuts.

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a large rimmed half-sheet pan, about 9" x 13"; or line the pan with greased parchment. Beat the oil and the sugars together until well blended. Beat in the eggs, then the pumpkin purée. Stir the baking soda, baking powder, salt, and spice into the wet ingredients, then stir in the flour, beating gently to combine. Stir in the nuts and raisins/ginger. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, and bake for approximately 20 to 25 minutes, or until a cake tester or toothpick inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. Cool the cake in the pan for 10 minutes, then turn it onto a rack to finish cooling; or leave it right in the pan, if you've lined the pan with parchment. To make the frosting: Beat the cream cheese and butter together. Beat in the maple syrup, then mix in the confectioners' sugar and salt. Adjust the consistency of the frosting with additional maple syrup or confectioners' sugar, if necessary; it should be nicely spreadable. Frost the bars and sprinkle with the toasted walnuts. Once the frosting has set somewhat, cut into squares or rectangles.



Justified

Pastor Mike Vaughn

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 5:1

So many wonderful things happen to a person that receives Christ as Savior and Lord. One is Justification. To be justified[Gk.dikaioo] means to be "righteous in God's sight [Rom.2:13] to be made righteous [Rom. 5: 18-19] ,to establish as right" or to set or put something right." In a judicial sense,it means to be acquitted or declared "not guilty." In this respect it is directly related to God's forgiveness made available through Christ's sacrifice. I remember a definition of Justified that I heard long ago, that helps to clarify the meaning, and that is "Just-if-ied never sinned." That's how God sees you when He looks at you. Now, we know that we've all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God but Jesus assumed our sin and judgment at Calvary. He took our sin and gave us His righteousness. Guilty yes, put pardoned. We can take our rightful place as sons of God, without feelings of guilt or inferiority. The devil no longer has any claim over you. The judge of heaven has spoken. [Rom. 8:5...,having now been justified by His blood,...] In human terms a Judge can pardon a criminal but he is still a criminal. He still has a rap sheet. Only God can take a sinner and pardon him and erase the rap sheet, just if he had done nothing wrong. That's justification. Praise the Lord!!

You are loved with an everlasting love, Mike

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I thank you Lord for hearing me When I get on my knees to pray

I thank you Lord every day for life As I go from day to day.

I thank you Lord for your sacrifice When you died on the cross for me

I once walked thru life being blinded But, because of you I now can see..

I thank you Lord for lifting me My spirit you lift so high

I thank you Lord when I'm feeling down 'cause you give me the will to try.

You gave me the path to eternal life And, only you my Lord know when

The day I can thank you face to face In Jesus name, Amen.

Written by Roger Horsch (edited)



December 14th @ 4 PM

Voice of the LORD Outreach Center 218 Hill Street

Outreach Center doors will be open @ 4 PM

The Livermore Christmas Parade starts @ 5 PM and passes in front of the Outreach Center.

Come join us for hot cocoa, Christmas cookies and the Christmas parade as
we celebrate **Jesus** the reason for the season!



In A Moment Of Time

Jessica Davis Maysel, West Virginia

Last night we sat at the football game surrounded by friends and family laughing and cheering.. in one second.. one second.. everything changed! The entire field was silent. Just silence.... fear... unknowing ...silence... we watched as the ambulance rushed towards the player, as the medics worked, the team kneeled.. in complete... silence... over the loud speaker... "pray.. everyone pray"! There was no one refusing .. no one fighting against one another.. no ...we all prayed.. this is what I heard "sobbing.. crying out to God.. praying for peace and comfort... praying for this young man, for the teams, prayers for his family". A community coming together. This is a horrible time for Roane. This is a sad time for our players.. our communities.. I pray that in this time ,we take time, to truly see how precious life is. If today, while you are reading this, is your time, are you ready? Maybe you need to make things right with people. Maybe you need to let things go. Maybe you need to do things you've always wanted to do. Maybe you need to love a little harder and hate a little less. But most importantly.. maybe you need to make things right with God. Whatever it is.. let this be your eye opener.. let today be the day you start making your life right.. cause in one second.. everything... can be silent..

NEWS REPORT - A community is mourning Saturday, after a Roane County football player collapsed and died during a high school football game Friday evening. The school posted the following message to its Facebook page Saturday morning. "The Roane County community suffered a tragic loss last night with the passing of Alex Miller. Roane County High School will open its doors at noon today for the students to be with one another during this difficult time." Miller was immediately given emergency medical attention and transported to a local hospital, but these efforts were ultimately unsuccessful. "There are no words to explain what happened, or why it happened," said Roane County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Richard Duncan. "I think that is why everyone is struggling right now. One minute we are getting ready for the second quarter and the next minute we are shocked,"

...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14

In Memory of Alex Miller

January 6, 2002 - September 13, 2019

Clay County, West Virginia

Please remember this family in your prayers AND most of all if you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal LORD and Saviour call upon His name today...none of us are promised tomorrow.

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:15-18

Our lives are but a vapor, And in a blink will vanish away.

We are only here for tomorrow, And then gone in a day.

We all enter into seasons, Those seasons of our lives.

So do with what you want today, And leave tomorrows YOU survive.

We once were young and strong, Like the notes of a newborns' cry.

Life gives us not a promise, Other then, one day we all shall die.

So place your life in your Fathers' hands, That's all of the life we live.

And with the promise from our God above, With Him one day He'll give.

Written by Linda Winchell



A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Additional passages for Today: Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Romans 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Thought for Today: What makes something good? If it draws you closer to the Heavenly Father, it is good. Every time we allow God to have victory in a weak area of our life, He grows stronger there in us.

Story for Today: Roger, Andy and Nate finished throwing the last of the hay into the loft before they grabbed the water cooler for the refreshing drink. The boys, as they had been called for many years, were long time friends and had worked on the farm together since they were in their early teens. The work was hard but the reward of the pay check and the satisfaction of a job well done always kept them ready for more work. Roger's Uncle Tad had taught the three everything they needed to know to do the job on their own and he now was able to turn over the hard labor to the boys and had enjoyed more of a supervisory position the last couple of years. Tad had invested in the boys' spiritual walk, as they worked, as much if not more than he had taught them how to run a farm. He knew their strengths and weaknesses almost as well as the boys themselves. He understood that Roger was the leader and often struggled with pride; while Andy was a people pleaser that struggled to stand for truth when up against the majority. Nate loved the Lord, but was from an unchurched family that pulled at him to do worldly things continuously. He struggled to find ways to show his love for his family while keeping his love for God first in his life. Tad enjoyed the continuous training that the years had brought him as he lived out his values for the teens to see. Watching God work and the truths of the Bible become reality often brought comments from at least one of the boys. The boys witnessed each other's weaknesses and were always impressed with how Tad remained calm and showed the guilty one a scriptural truth and helped them through the consequences. Normally the lesson would be learned and all benefited as they grew stronger in their knowledge and love for God. One time that all three learned from Tad's weakness was when he hopped off the wagon and landed part way on a rock. The unexpected height threw him off balance and he landed hard on the rocky ground breaking his hip. The man that had been able to work from sun up to sun down was relegated to weeks of sitting while the injury healed. Needing to ask for help to get to the bathroom or make lunch, the big man found that he too needed to turn this area of his life to the Lord. He found he had to confess that he too had some pride that needed to be removed and that he needed to allow others to come in to help him with the things that he had always been able to do. As he "swallowed his pride" and let the boys help, it became easier and easier. One day, as Roger was carrying in his laundry to be folded, the young man commented on the change. He asked what had happened, that now his Uncle didn't look distressed by the help. Tad thought for a moment and then was able to explain that the temptation to be discontent and think that the situation wasn't fair was gone. That as he had prayed to God, and as he obediently followed the command to be content, that the pride filled attitude, the one that made him believe this wasn't fair, left and he was able to enjoy the company of those that helped once again. Though all the boys had different comments, each asked in their own way and learned a valuable lesson through the incident. And each one recognized that going to God and trusting Him completely was the wisest thing they could do each and every day!

Questions for Today: How about you? Who is watching you and the way that you live out your life? Are you remembering to trust God through the trials and temptations? Are you coming along side the next generation helping them to find victory over their weaknesses? Are you a living example of how to be an overcomer in this world?

Prayer for today: Heavenly Father, Thank you for the truths we can access through your Word. Help us to trust you fully. Help us to turn to you with our weaknesses so that we can be victorious through the many temptations we face. Thank you for providing all we need and for the encouragement we find through your children as they live for you.



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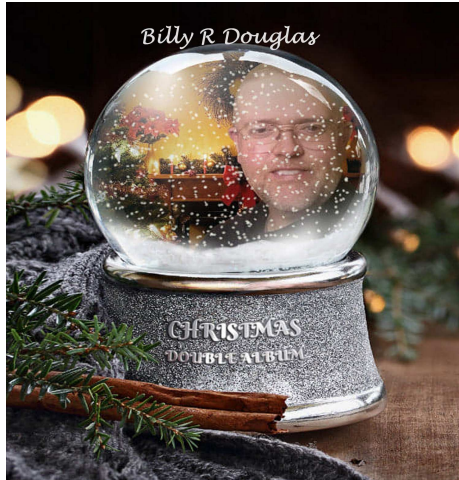
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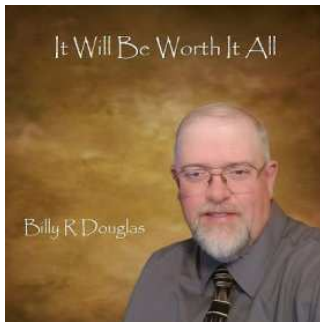


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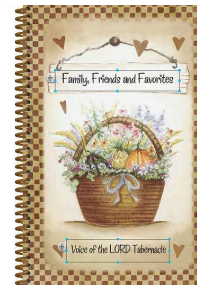
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