



Times Remembered Betty A. Young

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These nice warm weekends started me thinking about camping when Bob was Youth Minister at Calvary Baptist in the early 90's. We had a wonderful group of approximately 25-30 kids. We attended the Youth Evangelistic Conference every year to receive training and learn new ideals and programs to implement.

We did skits and drama in our ministry, learned team work and fellowship on outings while white rafting, canoeing, hiking, and camping; but, we always incorporated God's word and lessons into our programs. We had worship on Friday nights, Saturday mornings and Sunday's morning worship service. We had so much fun and

Youth Camping on Stoner Creek

fellowship.

So many fun things happened on our trips; like the time Stephen's glasses got in the bottom in the swimming pool at the motel in Frankfort when we were at the Youth Conference, or, "who accidentally threw up on Wally's clothes in the motel room?" Boys! And pizza eating contests between Mark and Bryson! Or how about the big boys? Wes and Bob; when kids went to sleep on one of the camping trips they cracked eggs and put them on top of the boys' heads and then put them in the toes of their shoes; I'm sure they got paid back.

One of highlights on Friday nights was sitting around the campfire singing songs and playing the guitar and reading our scripture lesson and ending with something called, "I love you because . . ." You just pick a person and say something good about them or why you like them, such as, "Tyler, I love you because you helped with my homework," or something like that or "you were nice to me."

Then sometimes we would have some kids would say, "I love you because you told me about Jesus," and the tears would flow and this would really

be heart touching when you could lead someone to the Lord, what a joy. These trips really touched a lot of kids hearts.

On one particular weekend our youth group went to Stoner Creek over in Paris, Kentucky, to do some canoeing. We set out bright early on Friday about lunch time with about 25 bright eyed boys and girls. We arrived there about 12:00 Noon with leaders Larry Hunt, Ruck McEntire, Bob and myself.

We got our tents and camping gear set up and headed for the dock to get canoes. Everyone geared up and headed up the creek, all smiles; just having a wonderful time. I stayed behind to tidy up our things and to do some last shopping since I'm the camp mom and cook. Of course I had to run to Wal-Mart.

In a couple of hours I noticed a cloud coming up. I really didn't think much about it at first, but I didn't know how far they went out on the creek. The sky kept getting a little darker and darker; and I heard a little thunder in the distance. I thought to myself, maybe I better go the dock and see just how far out they are. It was getting darker as I drove, and a saw a flash of lightening; by the time I got

there the wind was picking up too. I went in and told the lady I was getting concerned about my group who were out on the creek, and she told me they had sent someone out looking for them on the back road.

Unbeknownst to me, Bob and Larry had already gotten the kids off the creek and walked to a big house in the pasture to take shelter, but they couldn't get anyone to answer the door. The doormat said, "GO AWAY", but they did not go away they were persistent. Finally, an elderly lady came to door, and they told her they were a church youth group stranded on the creek canoeing when the storm came up. She called her farm crew van and they came to take them to the dock. They were actually on the Claiborne race horse farm. By the time they got back to the dock, here come Ruck, paddling in, lighting flashing above his head like nothing was going on; he wanted know what all the excitement was, he was a fearless man. Calm as a cucumber. You sure were missing out if you never knew Ruck. We loved him dearly. He and Larry were special guys; we loved them dearly and they always went as chaperones on camping trips, we miss them.

Decisions?

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In the Old Testament book of **Joel 3:14** is found these words: "Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision. For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."

This is one of the places found in the Old Testament, that foretells the coming of the Lord to judge this earth. Now, when we link this to the teachings of Christ, it should be of no surprise to anyone that we will all have our day of death and after this the judgment. **Hebrews 9:27** declares it. Also, the promises of Jesus virtually leaps out to us in **John 14:1-3**, "Where the Lord provided that he was going to prepare a place for His followers, then He said, if I go to prepare this place (and He did). He said: I will come again and receive you unto myself." This will be a sudden coming. In **Matthew 24:44**, He said: "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." And there are many other passages that give more information regarding His coming to judge us all.

Now to the heart of the matter. With all the information that we have at our fingertips, why does it seem that so few are interested in their future? I personally believe that all increments of this present world are powerful influences keeping one's mind away from the more important things. Like Pilate said to the mob, concerning Jesus: "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" Believe it or not you may have already faced that decision many times. The important thing is, that we make the right decision, and that we do it even today. In His closing words given in **Revelation 22:12**, "And behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his word shall be." There are only two rewards mentioned in the New Testament. In **II Corinthians 5:10** it tells us that we will make a personal appearance before Jesus to be judged. It says it will be a day of reception of things done while we are living in this body, whether it be good or bad. Now to a very important question, have you made ready for this day, or are you now thinking very seriously about it? If you are, then you ought to act in obedience today. While it is today.

Remember, you have the ability to make the good decision, and this decision will determine where you will live after earth's life is over. When we consider the words of Jesus, why would anyone delay making a good decision? Don't wait until it is too late.

If we can help, call anytime 1-Waco (369)-4165 or meet with us at 1212 West Irvine Plaza each Sunday morning, at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. for worship.

Sincerely, Bob Casey



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Old man Winter has finally left (hopefully!!) I don't know about you all, but I am greatly enjoying this warmer weather. And if you're like me, staying inside of the house to clean is very hard to do with these beautiful days; however, it must be done I suppose (I usually wait for a rainy day). Since spring cleaning is getting underway, now is a good time to take inventory and make plans to go green for your annual spring cleaning! One way to do this is to use homemade cleaning

Go Green for Spring Cleaning

products or by purchasing green household cleaning products.

Green cleaning products are safer for humans and provide added benefits for the environment. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, air in our homes typically is more polluted than outside air, with one of the largest pollutants being household cleaners. Whenever I clean with commercial household cleaners I most always end up with a headache due to their strong chemical smell. The use of green cleaning products, however, can improve residential air quality and give you less of a headache if you're like me.

These products are safe to use, non-toxic and clean just as well as products that contain hazardous chemicals. You can find green cleaning products for everything from glass to laundry. Many products are biodegradable for easy disposal and are packaged in recycled containers. These products are often a

little bit more expensive, but they are so much better for our health and the environment!

In most cases, you can determine if a product is green by reading its label. Look at the list of ingredients to see if the product contains any potentially harmful chemicals such as chlorine or peroxide-based bleach, ammonia, turpentine and lye. If a product claims to "kills germs" or "disinfect", look for its EPA registration number on the label.

The green products you buy may be costlier so if you can't or don't want to spend money on those products you can still use green cleaning products by making your own! And most of the ingredients needed are already available in your kitchen cupboard, such as white vinegar, baking soda, and lemon juice! Here are just a couple of recipes for green cleaning products:

Glass Cleaner: Mix ¼ cup ammonia, 2 tablespoons white vinegar and 1cup of

water.

Air Freshener: Place an open box of baking soda in the refrigerator and freezer or sprinkle into garbage cans.

To learn more recipes and to learn more information about going green, come join me at the Estill County Extension Office on April 22nd, 2015 at 6:00pm and I'll go over what it means to be green and give tips on how to do that. It's an important thing to learn because it's not only great for the environment, but it can also be great for your wallet! I will also be giving away free recycling bins to everyone who attends and giving more information about recycling in our community. I hope to see you all there! If you have any questions just contact me at 723-4557 or chelsea.bicknell@uky.edu. Enjoy this warm weather!

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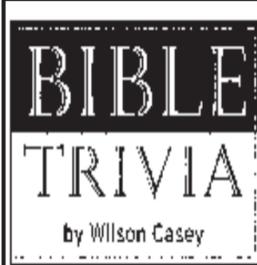
have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God? Jews, Gentiles, Heathens, All

4. What idol fell and broke after the Ark of the Covenant was placed nearby? Edrei, Dagon, Molech, Golden calf

5. Who built an altar and called it "Jehovahnessi"? Isaiah, Baal, Moses, Malachi

6. What was the name of John the Baptist's mother? Elisabeth, Miriam, Sarah, Ruth

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1. Is the book of 1 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What did the Lord cast down among the Israelites who complained about their wilderness misfortunes? Fire, Hail, Stones, Winds
3. From Romans 3, who

The Beattitudes

(Matthew 5:11,12, See also Psalm 1:1-6 and Luke 6:20-23)

¹¹Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

¹²Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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Mountain Mushroom Festival Parade

One of the Mountain Mushroom Festival crowd's favorite event is the parade. The theme for 2015 is "Mountain Mushroom Festival's 25th Anniversary." It will be Sat., April 25, beginning at 1 p.m. with the line-up at 11:45 a.m. behind Estill Springs School, 314 Main St., Irvine. Judging will begin promptly at noon. The parade will proceed up Court Street onto Broadway

and end in Ravenna.

Civic organizations, churches, fire departments, and school clubs are invited to participate in the parade by entering antique vehicles, bands, marching units, and floats. All-terrain vehicles are prohibited from the parade, except for those used as part of a float. For safety reasons, no animals, bicycles or unlicensed motorized ve-

hicles will be entered.

The entry fee for a float is \$10 April 17 or before and \$20 from April 20-25. Floats will be judged on creativity, originality, and beauty. Also 10 extra points will be given if mushrooms are used on the float. Cash prizes will be given for the top three winners of the floats. The prizes in the float category are \$175 for first prize, \$125 for sec-

ond prize, and \$75 for third prize.

Parade participants will not be allowed to toss candy or other objects to the crowd in the interest of safety of the community. Candy can be handed out.

Parade applications and guidelines are available in Irvine City Hall or on the festival website: www.mountain-mushroomfestival.org.



"This may be an extra-long camping trip, Ma. Our scoutmaster had a _____ with his wife."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Crucial
GUNTER
- Attempt
FROFET
- Stature
THIGHE
- Agile
ENLIMB

TODAY'S WORD

seeds of Hope



"Is worship an act or an attitude?" asked the Old Testament professor.

As soon as the question was asked a fierce debate erupted among the students. There was more heat than light in the classroom as positions were defined and reinforced with passages of Scripture and definitions from a dictionary. There was little disagreement about the fact that the end of worship was to show deep, profound and extravagant respect and devotion to God. But the when and where seemed to be a problem.

Many Christians place worship on their weekly schedule as something "to do" on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. It is an "event" that has been

part of their lives since they were children and one they will continue to "practice" as long as they live.

However, worship in Psalm 29 is something we are to do because of what God has done for us. We are to ascribe or bow down before Him in an "act" of humility and sincerity that reflects our "attitude" of submission. When there is a parade that honors Queen Elizabeth II we see people bow as she passes before them. We hear them shout, "Long live the Queen" and they address her as "Your Majesty." These acts reflect an attitude of submission to her as their Queen. They are openly demonstrating their devotion to her.

Can we do less for our Lord? Says the Psalmist, "Worship - bow down in submission to - the Lord in the splendor of His holiness!" We bow in worship to our King.

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