

Times Remembered
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Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving is coming up soon and this will be a different one because of Covid-19. Because many families will not be able to get together. Even though we are having hard times right now, it will get better. Thanksgiving is a day of giving thanks. A common question during these holidays is, "What are you thankful for?" Typical answers usually include family, health, home, job,

food and clothing.

But for believers, thankfulness should go deeper. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV). In all circumstances . . . even difficult ones? Even when we grieve or suffer? The Bible is full of reasons to give thanks.

Every morning I'm thankful for the gift of another day. And I'm thankful also for the good things God continues to give me . . . family and friends, for example, and even the simple things in life that I used to take for granted. I think I notice them more now, and I'm grateful for that.

But most of all I'm thankful for Jesus Christ, and for the hope we have in Heaven. Because of His death and resurrection. As I get older I tend to spend more time thinking about the past, and that's not necessarily wrong. But I also think about heaven and think of his wonderful promise that if we accept, believe, and confess our sins and place our faith in him; that when we die we will be with

him forever in Heaven.

We all have problems and I'm no exception. But it's true . . . God has a way of bringing good out of the darkest times and when He does, we should give him thanks.

People often have a hard time trusting God when difficult times come their way, even if they know the promises He has made to us in the Bible. Many struggle with it.

It's easy to become overwhelmed by whatever is happening to us that we forget God's promises; promises we've known and trusted most of our lives. That's why we need to turn to the Bible every day, so we won't forget them. But it is also important to maintain an attitude of thanksgiving in our hearts, for it will keep us from forgetting God's goodness and faithfulness.

As we get older, and experience sickness and age, we can't do everything we once could, but we can do what we can. We can still pray, and encourage others to live for Christ. We can also make it our goal to be more like Christ.

God Bless!

The Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party will continue this year but will be changed to a "Drive Through"

The tradition will continue again this year for the 40th annual Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party. It will be held as usual on the first Saturday of December which is December 5 but there are changes this year due to the corona virus. It will be held as a "Drive Through" at the Estill County Fairgrounds with gifts being given from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as vehicles drive through the line. Gifts will be given to the children in each vehicle. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to greet the children in a social distanced safe manner

The Elizabeth Witt party committee hope to make this a special day for Estill County children, age 12 and under. All are invited to attend. Children will

receive a Christmas necklace, kettle corn, candy, chocolate milk, apple, banana, orange, and age appropriate toys and books.

Elizabeth Witt started the Christmas Party at her home for the children of Estill County in 1980 and wanted every gift to be wrapped with a ribbon. Upon her passing in 1990 a group of local citizens formed a committee to keep the tradition alive and with the generosity of the community it has continued.

Contributions from the community are necessary for the party to continue. Donations can be made to the "Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party" at Citizens Guaranty Bank. For further information contact Regina Robertson or Francine Bonny.

Church & Community

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336
Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to <News@EstillTribune.Com>

Friday-Saturday, November 6 & 7 Lady Veterans Connect Sale

Come on over to 11400 Irvine Road, Winchester, Kentucky, at Trapp, home of Lady Veterans Connect, to do your Christmas shopping. Friday and Saturday November 6 & 7, 2020, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. We'll have all new toys, clothing, household items, health and beauty aids, and much more. All proceeds benefit homeless women veterans.

Salem Baptist is drop-off center Operation Christmas Shoebox Collection

Salem Baptist Church located at 4470 Spout Springs Road in Irvine will once again be the drop-off center for this year's Operation Christmas Shoebox Collection. Social distancing will be observed, and mask will be worn. No one will need to get out of their vehicles. Pull into our parking lot at the designated spots and someone will come to your vehicle, pray over the shoeboxes, and carry them inside for you. Collection dates for this year are as follows:

Monday	November 16	5:00-7:00PM
Tuesday	November 17	11:00AM-1:00PM & 5-7PM
Wednesday	November 18	5:00-7:00PM
Thursday	November 19	5:00-8:00PM
Friday	November 20	5:00-8:00PM
Saturday	November 21	9:00AM-3:00PM
Sunday	November 22	1:00-4:00PM
Monday	November 23	8:00-10:00AM

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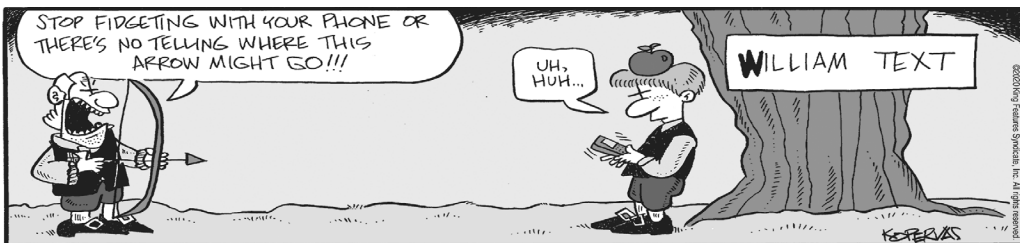
Kiwanis Christmas "Reverse" Parade

The annual Kiwanis Christmas parade will be held this year but in a different manner. It will be a "Reverse Parade" on Friday, December 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. Due to Covid-19 the Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna has made the changes to safely hold the drive through event. Floats, that allow spacing, will be stationary and spectators will drive by thus making it reversed. The location for the set up will be on River Drive between Estill Avenue in Irvine to Ravenna City Park.

"Christmas Blessings" will be the theme of the parade. All groups, churches, schools, fire departments,

businesses, and organizations are invited to participate. Floats will be judged and eligible for the prize money sponsored by Kiwanis. Judging will be based on the following: level of effort or difficulty, lighting display, and overall appearance. Prizes will be: 1st place - \$125, 2nd place - \$100, and 3rd place - \$75.

There is not a fee to set up a float. Please give Larry Stewart a courtesy call (606 723-4002) before Tuesday, December 1 to register. For further information contact Larry or email: thb@irvineonline.net or contact Irvine/Ravenna Kiwanis is on Facebook.





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