

Look in the mirror!



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Driving to work this morning, I noticed the drivers I encountered while waiting at stop lights, sitting in traffic on the bridge and the many, many cars that drove past as I waited for my turn to merge onto Highway 52. It was really quite entertaining! I saw folks in their pajamas with sleepy eyes, kids spit-shined and ready for school and those I call "the zombies". You know the ones, they spend all day running up and down our roads with hollow eyes and sunken cheeks, their teeth are gone and sores cover their faces. As an Administrative Secretary at an Elementary School, I know what "the zombies" are up to. I have no formal training in law enforcement, but yet I can spot 'em a mile away. It's amazing how many travel our highways. If I drive to town and my tail light burns out on the way off the hill, I promise you I'll get a ticket before I reach town but...a "zombie" drives around town, all...day...long...running us off the road, stoned out of their mind and I see them every time I'm out! I even see them while I sit on my front porch! I could go on and on, but let me get back to the story at hand.

There were the drivers who were leaned up on the edge of their seats to drive. I wondered, "why not just adjust the seat?" There was one

driver cradling a cell phone between his ear and cheek, a cigarette in the left hand and a cup of coffee in the right. How on earth was he driving? Some people hadn't as much as ran a comb through their hair and there were those on their way to work, suit, and tie, dressed to the hilt. Momma always taught us never leave the house without our hair and makeup done, in the sweltering heat of this summer, many of you have caught me without my makeup, but I do make an effort with my hair. It never fails though, I'll run into someone I know if I run around looking like a bum and then I want to dig a hole and crawl into it!

After watching this morning's drivers, I tried to make a conscience effort to sit up straight behind the wheel. "Don't slump", I reminded myself, "adjust the seat to a comfortable position and try to smile". So many I saw this morning were frowning and seemed to be mad at the world. I tried to be aware of the image I was projecting in case someone else was 'people watching' like I was. After awhile, I noticed people smiling back at me, "Wow", I thought, "this is working!" I continued my commute and slipped through the drive-through at a local fast-food joint. The employees working the window were so friendly and smiled at me, some even laughed. "This people watching thing is really making a difference", I told myself feeling warm and fuzzy about how my morning was going.

As I walked up the sidewalk to school, I caught a glimpse of myself in the windows. I'd forgotten that today my hair was painted all the colors of the rainbow! It was KONA ICE day at school, I always wear tie-dye and paint my hair.

No wonder everyone was laughing!



Tam

Thursday-Monday, August 18-22

Moving Wall at Renfro Valley

The American Legion is proud to announce that THE MOVING WALL VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL will be on display at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Renfro Valley, KY on August 18-22, 2016. There will be an opening ceremony on August 18th at 6:00pm to show honor and remembrance of the fallen heroes. "The Moving Wall" will be open 24 hours each day until Monday, August the 22nd when it closes at noon. Volunteers will be on the site daily from 8:00am - 10:00pm to assist visitors in finding names.

"The Moving Wall" is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for thirty plus years. When John Devitt at-

tended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall." He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of "The Moving Wall" now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum is located off I-75, Exit 62 on US 25 N. For more information you can contact the Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission at 800-252-6685 or info@snapp.net.



Times Remembered

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Grief of a loved one is a heart wrenching experience that we must face in our lifetime. Sad but true, but there are programs to help you to cope in this difficult time. Everyone grieves differently in their own time.

Calvary Baptist, 21 Glory Street, West Irvine, Kentucky is excited to offer a free community ministry called, "Grief Care." The meetings will be on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., conducted by Donna Bray. Each cycle will last for 6-8 weeks, and group size will be limited to 12 people. The goal is to offer

Grief Care Series Begins September 6

a safe place for those experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one; and to first of all, give people permission to grieve in their own time and in healthy ways.

Each week we will experience prayer, music, sharing the experience of our loss, and remember our loved one. There is no requirement to speak during group time, but we hope you feel safe and comfortable enough to do so. Tears are also acceptable, and as the old beautiful hymn says, "tears are a language God understands."

You may register for the sessions by going to Grief

Care on Facebook, or by sending an e-mail to grief-carecbc@gmail.com.

We will have a waiting list if classes fill up, so you can send us your information and we will notify you when the next cycle begins. During the first cycle, we will offer one class per week. In time, if the need arises, we will add more classes.

Our platform is Christian based, and we feel grief is a journey rather than 4 or 5 steps. We believe those we have lost are still a part of our lives, and we should not expect to forget them, ever.

"The journey we travel is

fluid, not linear. Some days are going to be better than others and we will learn to use the tools and knowledge we will harvest in our mutual help group.

In a society which is more inclined to help you hide your pain rather than to grow through it, it is necessary to make a very conscious effort to mourn."

Henri Nouwen in *Memoriam* (Notre Dame, Ind.: Ave Maria Press, 1980), 158.

"Grief Care" is a program by Grief Pastor, Dr. Harold Ivan Smith, Flint/Mitchell/Lillenas Publishing Company/SESAC c.2008.

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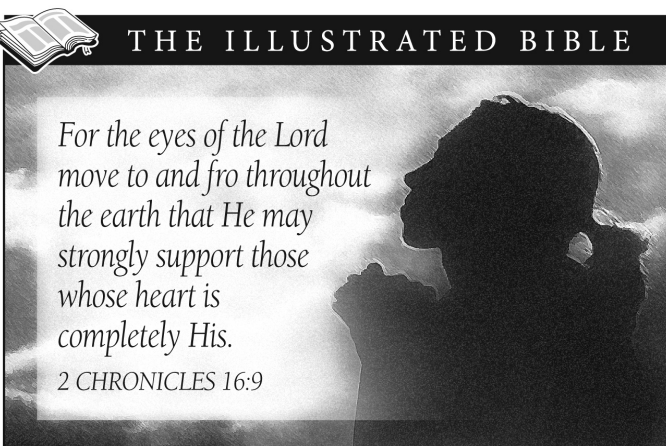
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CHILD CARE NEEDED: YES NO

Mail to: Grief Care ATTN: Donna Bray
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We will also be offering child care during the sessions. Please call us at 606-723-2416, or 606-975-1964, so arrangements can be made in advance.



The Polls of Heaven?

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One can barely turn on to a news channel without hearing the word polls mentioned. This of course is given to inspire the voter to great heights of enthusiasm. Why? Simply because everyone desires to be on the winning side. But even though many polls are taken by men, hardly any agree and besides this, when the race is all over most polls have never been right anyway. Enough said.

But when the polls are taken in heaven, what or who decides the winners? So, does our Lord have a poll? Yes! Read Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at, because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Now in our earthly elections held by men the majority always wins, but in the heavenly elections only the minority wins. So the rules are reversed in the court of heaven.

I ask this question: How do we vote here so that we will be in the chosen number of Christ. The answer should be very clear. We vote as we like. We make our choices by the actions of our lives. Notice carefully in John 5:28-29, "Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." And so in the election of heaven we will choose with our very own lives.

Our election days among men of earth are different than the day of heaven's election. We have set on our calendars Nov. 8 this year as the day we elect our supreme leader, the president, and oh so much excitement is in the air as the day draws nearer.

But take note: the greatest of all days is yet to come that has been scheduled for years, but there is hardly any excitement concerning this day at all. I don't know for sure, but I have a feeling that our Lord will hold His heavenly election on Sunday morning, because everything is peaceful and relaxed and quiet. Why the Lord will have to have a great trumpet blast forth to awaken many self confessing Christians out of their late sleeping even at that, a strong angel will give forth a great shout, "Wake up down there! Election day is here and we're going to see which way you rated, so we can determine which way you go!" On that days some will jump out of bed and kneel confessing their belief in Jesus. Romans 14:10-12 declares it. Then many will jump out of bed and try to find a place in which to hide, running into the mountain caves and rocky cliffs begging for a cave in (Revelation 6:15-16).

To some today these words may sound like foolish satire, but the Bible says it will happen. When? We do not know the day nor hour (Matthew 24:42), but it will come, and just maybe sooner than we think. In II Peter 1:10 "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure!" So in heaven's court which decision you make will last forever.

Visit with us at Cornerstone. Our meeting times are 9:45 Bible study and 10:45 worship hour. Wednesday evening 6 p.m.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-Waco (859) 369-4165

Will you leave through the attic or basement when you die?



America's Heartland
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A stingy old fellow who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to take his money with him to heaven.

He instructed his wife to take his money out of the bank and fill up two pillow cases and to put those pillow cases in the attic, directly above his bed.

That way, when he died, he reasoned he could grab the money on his way up to heaven.

After the funeral, the man's wife went into the attic, and there were the pillow cases, still stuffed with cash.

"Oh, that crazy old fool," she said, "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement."

The one thing we truly want to be sure about is whether we'll pass through the attic or the basement when we head out into eternity.

Jesus said that's a simple matter: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21).

So many people in this world make accumulating money their chief concern. They can become so focused on filling their bank accounts that they forget their need to build their

heavenly treasures.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6: 19-20).

Those well-known verses are a simple reminder that we shouldn't focus so intently on accumulating money that we neglect spiritual matters.

Another scripture verse warns that: "the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10).

A friend of mine told me a joke here while back about a rich man who filled a briefcase with gold in hopes of taking it along with him to heaven. When he died, he showed up at the pearly gates with his briefcase. St. Peter checked the contents and laughed: "You brought pavement!"

The fact of the matter is the goods of this world do not begin to compare to what awaits us in heaven. So, we should focus far less on accumulating treasures on earth and far more on our need to be in right standing with God.

While some people may try to complicate this matter, the truth is nothing can be any easier than getting right with God. It's as easy as calling on the name of the Lord, asking Him to forgive your sins and pledging your life to Him.

If you'll sincerely ask, then He'll sincerely save you. And from that point on, you won't have any questions about whether you'll leave this world through the attic or the basement.

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GRIN and BEAR IT



"The others are complaining that you're getting too accurate with your forecasts."

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