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Patricia "Pat" Godfrey Reed

1941 - 2014



A wonderful era came to a close with the final breath of our dear Pat Reed. Her life represented a marvelously lived span of years. She has had numerous "Everests" to conquer in her life with much of the climb occurring just prior to the peak. A good portion of the past couple of years was spent in the hospital for surgical procedures, regulation of the chemicals in her body and for the past year visits three times per week to Tupelo to have dialysis. Throughout it all, she would smile, praise her nurses attending to her, and enjoyed the visit with her driver to and from treatments. She sustained a number of falls that would cause discomfort, bruising, and breaks. She would pass it off as being a part of a "day's work."

In her earlier years she could see and enjoy the beauty around her, but blindness complicated her life for the past several years. In spite of life's challenges, she with determination and poise lifted herself above self-pity and anger choosing rather to live a life of optimism and normalcy to the best of her ability. She was such an inspiration by her dedication to her family, to the Lord, and to God's people. Pat was a member of the New Albany Church of Christ and was very faithful in her attendance to worship and fellowship, always enjoying being with her church family. For many years she worked as food manager from which she retired.

Pat was born in Sullivan, IN to the late Guy and Dorothy Bennett Godfrey on June 6, 1941 and left us on October 13, 2014 at the North Mississippi Medical Center.

She is survived by Joe to whom she was a devoted wife for almost a half a century. She is also survived by their son, Mike and daughter in law, Penny of New Albany; two sisters, Carol Tetter of Marquette, KS and Betty of Sullivan, IN. Two sisters preceded her in death, Linda Godfrey and Ruth Bolk. She left a niece, Debbie Johnson (Paul) of Corinth and a nephew, Billy Veal (Gina) of New Albany. She is survived by several other nieces and nephews.

We will all miss her charming disposition, optimistic outlook on life, and contagious love for good people and good things. Though blind, she saw more and was more observant and discerning than most people who see. She was a good cook, a conversationalist, a student, and a devoted Christian. She reminded me of leaven in that she had the potential for making a big difference without a lot of noise, quietly going about her way and making a dynamic impact upon all those who surrounded her.

To our dear brother Joe, we offer our sincere condolences. Joe is to be complimented for the devotion and support shown her with patience, tenderness, and genuine love. We also extend our sympathy to Mike and Penny, her son and daughter in law, who have been very helpful to both Joe and Pat through the years of their blindness and more recently when experiencing additional health problems. Thanks to all the church members who were attentive to her needs. Life goes on for Joe and we are there for him. She is gone, but certainly never forgotten. Her death is a loss to us, but God is a decisive winner!

Elders: Tough Men. Tender Hearts

The work of the church's elders is especially challenging these days. As shepherds of the Lord's sheep, they are often exposed to the danger and distress of unjust criticism along with an unfair amount of arm-chair (no, make that padded-pew) quarter-backing. As elders they seek to feed on-the-move sheep who live in a go-go world. They watch out for members who sometimes treat the church like a consumer commodity — that is, they shop around for the church that best meets their personal list of (sometimes selfish) demands and felt needs. The challenge facing elders is to keep the New Testament church faithful to the Lord and His word while at the same time equipping and moving it forward. Elders must see to it the church spreads the Gospel even as it meets the very real spiritual needs of busy people whose over-crowded schedules and over-committed lives tend to push church assemblies and ministries to the back burner. It's a tough job, but good elders are indispensable to the well-being of the church.

What kind of man is up to the tough task of being an elder in God's church? We don't have space to print it here, but you can read God's inspired description in the New Testament. The essential passages are found in Acts 20:17ff, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-4. Though other passages shed additional light on their character and responsibilities, these address the major concerns. If you want the best commentary and guidance on the kind of man God is looking for to serve as an elder, read and reread these passages and keep them handy as you consider a man's character and life. They reveal God is looking for a few good, godly men who have a proven track-record of faithful and godly living in both the public and private arenas of life — in the home, the church, and the community. They are not flawless but they must be faithful. They have long demonstrated a deep love for God and His Son, their families, the truth of God's word, and the church that word describes. They must watch for wolves as they guard and guide and even gently goad stubborn sheep on toward heaven. The ideal candidate to take care of God's church and watch for souls is a man like Jesus Himself— a tough man with a tender heart.

What qualities does an elder need? Somebody said he needs the strength of an ox, tenacity of a bull dog, daring of a lion, wisdom of an owl, versatility of a chameleon, vision of an eagle, harmlessness of a dove, meekness of a lamb, industry of a beaver, gentleness of a lamb, hide of a rhinoceros, perspective of a giraffe, endurance of a camel, bounce of a kangaroo, stomach of a goat, loyalty of an apostle, faithfulness of a prophet, tenderness of a shepherd, fervency of an evangelist, devotion of a mother, concern of a father, disposition of an angel, the love of Jesus Christ, and the heart of God Himself— and then he still would not be able to please everybody! But he would please God. May God help His church to esteem and encourage good, Christ-like men with tender hearts who are able and willing to do this tough job.

~ Dan Gulley

Christian Living

God's Will for You and Me
Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day through;
Just to be merciful, just to me mild,
Just to be trustful as a little child;
Just to be gentle, kind, and sweet,
Just to be helpful, with willing feet;
Just to be cheery when things go wrong,
Just to drive sadness away with a song:
Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and right;
Just to believe that God knows best,
Just in His promises ever to rest;
Just to let love be our daily key;
That is God's will for you and me.

God's Gold

Oh, the glory of this autumn day,
When the trees unfold their gold!
Oh, how lifted is my spirit, Lord,
When such beauty I behold!
Like precious coins, each leaf holds on
Through sunshine, fog, or haze;
The memory of this rich display
Will warm my winter days.

By: Helen Kitchell Evans

BIBLE QUIZ:

Which king was saved from death by Abraham's prayer?

_____ Gen. 20:17



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PRAYER LIST

Tony Cross will begin chemo treatments this week.

Sarah Gordon, mother of *Janice Griffin* suffered a stroke this past week. She remains in an Okolona Nursing Home.

Nicki Weaver is to see a cardiologist this week.

Continue to remember:

Lyndon Beard, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Charlene Coker, Barbara Davis, Mabel Erwin, Mary Butler, Roger Clayton, Paul Carruth, John Popson, Nancy Petrowski, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Victor Ashmore, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, (Rehab) Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



AREA EVENTS

- You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Gloster St. Church of Christ Nov. 2-5. The guest speaker will be Vance Hutton. Services Mon-Wed at 7:00pm
- A Gospel Meeting will be held at East Main Church of Christ Nov. 2-5 with Barry Kennedy as the guest speaker. Services times Mon – Wed at 7:00pm.

I've Learned...

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



October 27..... Mark Jennings
 October 28..... Erin Wall
 October 29..... Phil Young
 October 31..... Steve Todd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 27..... Jason & Amy Jennings



HAYRIDE/CAMPOUT

A Fall Hayride/Cookout/Campout will be held at the Walls' Lake Friday evening Oct. 24th. If you plan to attend please sign the list on the table in the foyer by Wed. night, Oct. 22. Please bring your lawn chairs and a jacket.



TRUNK OR TREAT

'Trunk or Treat' will be held Wednesday night, Oct. 29th. If you would like to participate, it will begin at 6:15pm in the back parking lot of the church building. Please, no costumes worn to our 5th Wed. night singing which will begin at 7:00pm.



MISSION TRIP

We will be collecting items for several children's homes in Haiti again this year. *Mike* and *Sheila Kings'* daughter *Cristi Baxley* will be traveling with others from the Beltline congregation in Decatur, AL for a mission trip later this year. We have been asked to supply 150, 24 count Crayola crayons, any coloring books, 90 individual wrapped match box cars, and 5 soccer balls. A container will be placed in the foyer for these items. The date to bring these items has been extended until Nov. 9th.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

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ELDERS

Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Will Bowlin
 A.M. Prayer.....Randy Wall
 Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark
 P.M. PrayerAndy Clemmer
 ClosingShane Crofts
 Wed.10/29.....Roger Clayton
 Wed.10/29.....Dalton Beard
 Usher & LockRandy Wall
 Greeter.....A & K Parks

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....107
 Sunday A.M..... 131
 Sunday P.M.....NA
 Wednesday.....107
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PANTRY ITEM

Soup

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SURVIVAL TINS

With all the zombies and books coming out about zombies attacking or some sort of natural disaster striking being prepared at all times seems to be a popular movement. A quick googol or YouTube search one can find a plethora of individuals called “preppers” telling you how best to be prepared for anything. At the top of most lists is a survival tin.



These little survival kits can contain a variety of elements. Everything from duct tape and fishing line to aluminum foil and safety pins. Most will suggest about ten specific items one should pack for every day carrying for just in case situations, I guess because you never know when you may be stranded in the woods or zombies attack.

As Christians surviving in the world being ready always is even more important. Let’s face it, zombies are not real and will never attack but the devil and temptation is. Arming for spiritual warfare is vital to the Christian soldier (2 Cor. 10:3-6)

We should pack in our tin items to protect from temptation and to spread the Word. A biblical answer should be ready (Col. 4:6). Willingness to give and serve the needy is often left out but important (2 Cor. 9:1-7)

Being prepared sometimes means being ready to defend (1Pet. 3:15). Achieving this only comes through careful study of God’s Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

While a good survival tin may be limited in what can physically go in it, thankfully our spiritual tin is unlimited in size. Our survival is spiritual and so the equipment needed is spiritual (Eph. 6: 10-18).

~ Andy McDonald ~