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The precious commodity of time ran out on our dear sister and friend, Belle Cross in the early hours of Thursday, March 21, 2013. Certainly, her eighty-nine year span upon this earth was not lived in vain. She has left many memorable marks along her trail of life that shall remain with us for an enduring legacy.

Our sister Belle was a long-time resident of Lawrenceburg, TN before moving to New Albany in 2001 to be nearer her only child, Tony. Tony is our dear brother and member of the New Albany Church of Christ, as was his mother. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Eugene Cross who passed away on Oct. 14, 1998 by whom she was laid to rest in the Shady Grove Church of Christ cemetery near Lawrenceburg. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Ms. Belle enjoyed crocheting and working in her flower garden. She was a most gracious host when visiting with her and conversed from a well cultivated mind. She loved to reminisce of times gone by and smiled with delight when speaking concerning things experienced "back when"! She was humble and grateful for life, friends, the Lord and His church, and loved Tony, Collette and Tauso. Though plagued by health and breathing problems in recent years, it did not deter her from being happy, jovial, and engaging when visiting with her.

Commendations are to be given to Tony and his family for their care-giving extended to her. There was not a need unmet or a time when she could have felt unloved or neglected. Tony has been a good son to her and she was a loving and protecting mother. He will miss her, but can know assuredly that he interred a heart of love for him and his family this past Saturday. Her gentle and quiet demeanor will surely be missed by all who knew and loved her. To Tony and family, we extend our prayers, love, sympathy, and support at the loss of his sweet mother.

Things Are Not Always What They Seem

By Neil Richey

I read a story about a minister walking by a house and saw a little boy, not quite tall enough to reach the doorbell. The youngster jumped time after time to try and press that little button, but with no success. So, the minister feeling a bit sorry for the fellow, walked over and rang the doorbell. He asked, "now what?" The boy said, "now run!"

What seemed to be a good idea at the time turned out to be a big misunderstanding. (I sure would have liked to have seen that minister running.)

On occasion we will make a decision, and what seemed like the right thing to do, actually wasn't a good idea at all. Sometimes, we just have to face the music and live with that decision.

Sometimes it's a minor issue like buying a shirt on eBay that said it was a size M, but really was a size XS.

Or, it could be a huge deal! Marrying someone whom you thought was pious only to find out that his view of God is far different than yours.

One decision is insignificant, the other is quite significant. However, in both cases you just have to live with it.

On the other hand, there are times that we make a decision which seemed like a good one at the time, and then upon further review we realize that it was really a bad idea. So, we change our mind [the Bible calls that repentance] and make a better decision.

Perhaps it's a young person who has been pressured by her boyfriend with: "we love each other, we're committed to one day getting married, so it's okay if we go ahead and sleep together." She questioned the decision at first, but thought that as long as they were committed it would be okay. Then, after reading the Bible one day she learned that sex outside of marriage was sinful (Gal. 5:19).

What about the person who is searching for the way of salvation. After listening to one preacher she says "Lord Jesus come into my heart and forgive my sins." Seemed like the right thing to do based on what the preacher said. But upon further review of the Bible she learned that it actually says we have to be baptized to put on Jesus, to have our sins forgiven, and to be added to the church (Gal. 3:26,27; Acts 2:38,47).

In these two cases, both are pretty major issues. Both could wind up costing one his or her soul. IF...repentance does not take place resulting in a new decision--the right decision.

Today, you'll be faced with decisions to make. Some of them will be insignificant and the consequences will not be life altering. Some, could be major. They have the potential to be life - changing. However, there will likely be things which you'll face today that could alter your eternity if you do not choose wisely.

Now how will you chose? I hope you have a great day!

Via ~ Neil's Daily Devotional Nuggets

YOUTH NEWS YOUTH NEWS

- Congratulations to our Junior Bible Bowl youth for the great job they did this year. They answered all their questions correctly again this past Saturday. Thanks to *Greg Clayton* and all of our parents who work with these young people.
- Thanks to the *Parks* and *Smithy* families for hosting the Youth Devo and Egg Hunt this past Sunday. We appreciate them!
- Please remember to pray for all our young people and their parents who will be traveling to the Lads to Leaders Convention this weekend in Memphis. We know they will do a great job!!
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held April 14th, at the Gloster St. Church of Christ.



BIBLE TRIVIA

- What do we know about Er, Judah's first son? I Chronicles 2:3 _____



PRAYER LIST

Melissa Reed, is scheduled to have her 3rd eye surgery Wednesday, in Memphis. This surgery is expected to be more difficult and painful.

Darrell Crow is at home doing well following his recent prostate surgery.

Nicki Weaver will see her doctor this week about possible heart tests.

Ronnie & Linda Griggs are both not feeling well. *Linda* returns to her heart doctor this week.

Connie Phagan, sister-in-law of *Sue Marques* is recovering from kidney surgery and pneumonia.

Ruth Brown, a relative of *Bobby Marques* was diagnosed with cancer of the jaw and is facing surgery.

Bill Lyon, will see his cardiologist this week concerning his carotid artery scan.

Joe & Pat Reed are not feeling well. *Joe* is having inner ear problems and *Pat* has bronchitis and is also recovering from a fall.

Continual Prayer :

Marie Beard, Rivers Robertson, Hannah Wilson, Noah Judd, Eleta Grimmett, Shirley Smedly, Barry Yancey, Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Will Neely, Jack Dunlap, Diane Sloan, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 28..... Roger Clayton
March 29..... Caleb Jennings
April 03..... Shelley Adams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 02..... Paul & Maria Ormon



SYMPATHY



We express our deepest sympathy to *Tony & Collett Cross* in the death of *Tony's* mother, **Belle Cross**. *Ms. Belle* passed away early Thursday morning March 21st at Graceland Care Center in New Albany. Funeral services were held Saturday March 23, at the Shady Grove Church of Christ in Lawrenceburg, TN, with burial in the church cemetery.

LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Many of our youth and their parents will travel this weekend to the Lads to Leaders Convention in Memphis, TN. They have worked very hard preparing in different areas in which they will compete. Sunday afternoon they presented their song selections, Bible readings, art work and speeches at their final practice. They all did an excellent job and we wish them well as they compete this weekend. We are so proud of them all!

AREA EVENTS

- Spring Gospel Singing hosted by Mayfield Church of Christ April 5th from 7-9pm.
- Gospel Meeting at the Mayfield Church of Christ April 7-10th with guest speaker *Brent Smith*.
- Hwy 15 Church of Christ (Pontotoc), 22nd Annual Ladies Day, Sat. April 6th, beginning at 9:00am. Speaker: *Cheryl Lambert*
- VBS Workshop @ Freed-Hardeman University Sun. April 7th beginning at 2:00pm.
- Marriage Seminar hosted by the Beech Hill Church of Christ April 12-13, featuring Glenn & Cindy Colley of Huntsville, AL

God is like:

WAL-MART

He has everything.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

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ELDERS

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Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
Harold Russell 534-4648
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Thomas Wall
A.M. Prayer.....Perry Jones
Closing Prayer.....Paul Ormon
P.M. Prayer.....Harold Russell
Closing.....Alvin Parks
Wed 4/3.....Gary Turner
Wed.4/3.....Randy Wall
Usher & Lock.....L. Weaver
Greeter.....B & N Frohn

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 110
Sunday A.M.144
Sunday P.M110
Wednesday.....136
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GREAT NOTES

Someone wrote these beautiful words. Please read - there is a great understanding and deep meaning to each one. They are like the ten commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large & the rear view mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old friends are GOLD! New friends are DIAMONDS ! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight? He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's PEACE.