Pastor's Pen

by: Bro Darrell Sexton, Carlisle Assembly of God

Listen to the words of Jesus: John 15:5 "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw [them] into the fire, and they are burned. 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 "By this Mt Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

The Lord was concerned that each of His children be a fruit producer. He was not concerned with how many talents we may have or gifts we may possess. Our Father is not glorified by our abilities but rather what we choose to do with them. Talents are given to us by the Lord, we do not earn them, they are gifts. Fruits, on the other hand, are the return we bring back to our Father on the gifts He has invested in us. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When we allow God to develop these fruits in our lives He will receive glory because of the reflection we are on His character.

His character is different from the character of fallen man. Man has peace only when there is no trouble, but God's peace passes all understanding and doesn't depend on the circumstances. I visited a man not so long age who was faeing open heart surgery the next morning. Instead of spending the night worrying and in turmoil, he was laughing and cheering others up around him! I have to admit I was amazed at the faith he demonstrated. He said that he knew everything was going to be fine and he was at peace. He knew that nothing takes God by surprise, if he lived through the operation, Jesus would be with him, if he didn't he would go to be with the Lord. This simple faith in God's ability kept him from worry.

The world's view of love is based upon the condition of being loved back, but God's love is unconditional. He loves us in spite of how we act or what we do. Don't misunderstand me, I said He loves us no matter what. I didn't say He would bless us with eternal life if we choose to turn it down. Loving and blessing are two different things.

One thing I know about fruit, it bears after its own kind. You can't plant apple seed and expect a pear tree to come up. Apple seeds produce apple trees. It is the same in the way we live our lives, we will reap in kind whatever we have sown. If we sow seeds of anger, bitterness, and wrath, we will surely reap the same somewhere down the road. On the other hand, if we are sowing seeds of kindness, honesty, generosity, and forgiveness towards those we are around we will receive the same somewhere in time. This is God's unfailing law.

Another thing about fruit is that it will bear according to the amount sown. I we sow sparingly we reap a sparse harvest, but if we sow generously we can expect abundance, if the right things are done to cultivate it. God has given us the spiritual seeds, but we control what kind and how much we will harvest. To sow nothing of eternal value is to have a void and meaningless life and more than this, to miss heaven.

One last thing about the God kind of fruit, we must abide in Christ to produce it. Abiding in Christ means that we make no decisions, take no action, and do nothing unless He is in on it. In ourselves we cannot produce the fruit that will glorify God. We just don't have it in us. Jesus said it well that without Him, you and I can do nothing. This doesn't mean we can't mess up without Him, we don't have a hard time with that. It simply means that in order for we human beings to produce the kind of fruit that pleases God, we must have help. Thank God that He has given us the Holy Spirit to be our helper.

We could say that our God is a fruit inspector. May He find in us the kind that remains.

Ministering in song

Naomi and The Segos will be at the House of Prayer ministering in song on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. The group name has been known for more than 40 years, recorded 68 albums, are seen on Gaither videos as well as major TV and radio stations. They make their home in Macon, Ga. The church is located five miles west of Morehead, one-half mile off KY 801 on Whispering Oaks Road. Pastor Winston McClurg and congregation invite the public to attend. Call 784-7023 for details.

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Kimberly Kay Ring Goforth

Kimberly Kay Ring Goforth, 35, of Lexington, died on Thursday, August 17, 2000 at the home of her mother in Hazard.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors include her father and step-mother, James and Betty Ring, Carlisle; her mother, Linda Wagoner, Hazard; two daughters, Jessica and Sarah Goforth, Hazard; paternal-grandmother, Gaynell Ring, Carlisle; two half-brothers, James W. Ring, Ft. Riley, KS and Jamie Sherrow, TN; a sister, Tracy Ring Evans, Carlisle; a step-brother, David Pergram, Cynthiana; a step-sister, Rhonda Frye Markland, Carlisle; a very special friend, Shaun Knight; her best friend, Kim Etheridge; two nieces, five nephews and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held on Saturday, August 19, 2000 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home in Carlisle by Bro. Bennie Hill with burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Mark Evans, Thrashley Markland Jr., Booby, Johnny and John Paul Ring, and Frank Sanders.

Honorary bearers were Paul and Delbert Ring, James Lee Sanders, and Bobby Wagoner.

Saltwell News

By: Mrs. Jeff Mattox

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Samantha Sowell dined Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill George of Carlisle. The Hollar's also visited that evening with Myrrl Hollar, Maxwell Burden, and Frankie Feeback.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mattox visited on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

The Headquarters Methodist Men will meet on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Ben Cain, former pastor, will be the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kartes of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis and children, and Mrs. Anna Stodghill of Louisville spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox and family. The Ellis family also stayed Saturday night and returned home on Sunday.

Mr. Bob Kenny of Covington spent Saturday with Mrs. Gladys Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar attended a birthday dinner held in honor of Mr. Jennings Mattox and Mr. Harold Mattox at Blue Licks State Park on Sunday. Around 25 family and friends attended and enjoyed the afternoon together. Mr. Harold Mattox was unable to attend.

The family reunion of the late Manuel and Hester Mattox will be held on September 10th and the 4-H Center in Cynthiana. Dinner will be served around 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join them for the afternoon.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady, Mrs. Rhonda Whitson and Carly, Mrs. Freda Saunders and Sarah were among a good crowd who attended a baby shower for Jessica and Gayle Ross Beckett on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beckett and children in Cynthiana given by Lisa and Amanda Beckett.

Mrs. Alberta Glass and Mrs. Phyllis Brady enjoyed the Homestead Jamboree at Fairview on Saturday night.

Bertha and Raymond McKinney and Donnie Selvage were visitors of Bobby Brady at the farm the past week.

Mrs. Bobby Brady enjoyed a night of revival at the Sunrise Christian Church in Harrison County the past week to hear Rev. Gene Kitts preach and to enjoy the singing of the original "Waymakers Quartet." The church was filled, even in side rooms and homemade ice cream was served following the service.

Ellington family held reunion

The Ellington family met at the home of Hanson and Elizabeth Ellington on August 13, 2000 for their annual reunion.

Guests attending included Ed, Elaine, Hance, Annie-Beth and Nick Ellington, Al and Jonathan Fryman, Barbara Sparkman & Charles Watkins, London, Kentucky. Marylene and Johnny Fryman, Morehead; Jim & Georgeanna Ellington, Elli and Eli Yocum, Carrollton, Cyndi and Kevin Giannasio, Georgetown; Noreta Wells, Brandon, Florida; Debbie Walker and Richard Howard, Lexington; Ray and Betty Ellington, Harrison County; Selma Kendall, Paris; Rose and Paul Ellington, Phyllis Jordan, Jim Ellington, Wanda Rawlings, Kevin, Tina, Cody and Crystin Ellington, Paul Wayne and Lynn Ellington, David Bramel, Frances Harney, Bourbon County; Danny Coy, Michael McDowell, B.J. Sizemore, George Shrout, David and Judy Shrout, Wanda Shrout, Katelyn and Emily Earlywine, Lavina McFarland, Blanche Booth, George and Brenda Watkins, Teresa Jackson, Luann and Dennis Kelly, Catesby and Eleanor Bramel, Kay, Bryan and Ashley Booth, Jon and Angie Shrout, Nicholas County.

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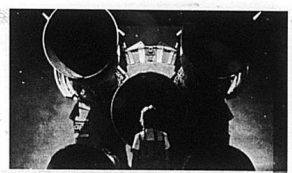

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Nicholas County Menus

Week of August 28 - September 1, 2000

Elementary

Breakfast

Monday August 28- pop tarts, cereal/toast, jelly, juice, milk.

Tuesday, August 29- sausage, biscuit, cereal, jelly, juices, milk.

Wednesday, August 30- french toast sticks, syrup, cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

Thursday, August 31- sausage/gravy, biscuit, cereal, jelly, juice, milk.

Friday, September 1- bacon/biscuit, cereal, toast, jelly, juice,milk.

Lunch

Monday August 28- sloppy joe on bun, potato wedges, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, August 29- spaghetti/cheese/ment sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, peach slices, milk.

Wednesday, August 30- mini corn dogs, baked beans, pineapple slice, cake, milk.

Thursday, August 31- grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, corn, fruit, milk.

Friday, September 1- blt sandwich, green beans, tator tots, fruit, milk.

High School

Breakfast

Monday August 28- breakfast pizza or pop tart, milk, juice.

Tuesday, August 29- sausage and egg on bun, pop tart, milk, juice.

Wednesday, August 30- biscuit and gravy, pop tart, milk, juice.

Thursday, August 31- scrambled eggs, bacon, toast, pop tart, milk, juice.

Friday, September 1- sausage and pancakes, pop tart, milk, juice.

Lunch

Monday August 28- chicken or tuna salad, pickle spears, lettuce, tomato, chips, baked beans, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade.

Tuesday, August 29- grilled ham and cheese, pinto beans, tater bites, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade.

Wednesday, August 30- Barbeque pork patty on bun, macaroni and cheese, peas, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade.

Thursday, August 31- pizza, corn, tossed salad, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade.

Friday, September 1- taco bar, chips, cheese, tomato, onions, olives,salsa, lettuce, sour cream, refried beans, mexican corn, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade.

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Emily N. Lambert

Army National Guard Pvt. Emily N. Lambert has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Virginia.

The soldier was trained in the skills and knowledge required to receive, store, issue, ship, and account for subsistence supplies. The training included ration breakdown and commissary functions such as price changes, inventory, displays, and security.

Lambert is the daughter of Gary R. Lambert of 54 Owens Road S., and Judith E. Lambert of 318 W. Sun St., both of Morehead, Kentucky.

The private is a 1994 graduate of Rowan Senior High School, Morehead.

Larry E. Huff

Army Pvt. Larry E. Huff has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Steve C. Huff of Route 1, Ewing, Kentucky and Sheila F. Huff of 210 West Broadway, Winchester, Kentucky.

25th anniversary

William Paul (Bill) and Nina Anderson Bowman will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 30. They were married on Dry Creek Road, Clearfield, in 1975. They will celebrate their anniversary with family and friends.

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