Thoughts from... the Ministerial Association

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In our relationship with others, chances are one or more of our friends or relatives experience a loss of some kind: whether a death, a divorce, a loss of health or job, or a child moving away. Loss means the person goes through the process of grief.

We want to be helpful to such friends and loved ones. We want to ease their pain. As Paul says in our Scripture lesson, we want "to comfort those who are in any affliction." The question is how. In this sermon I hope to help us improve our skills with loved ones in grief.

Let me begin by dealing with those acts and words less than helpful to the bereaved. Then in the second part of the sermon I want to deal with the helpful things we can do.

1. One, avoid saying too much. Times of grief are not times for talking too much. They are times for listening to those who are hurting. They are times for reflecting on the event that have happened. When faced with a death, for example, we are brought before a mystery none of us comprehend. Such a mystery inspires awe not cheap explanations.

Two, avoid remaining entirely silent. To hear of a loss and say nothing is an affront. A friend and loved one listens and talks to their friend or relative about the good times and bad times. Don't ignore the pain. You may not think you know what to say, but as a friend you do. You can simply say, "I'm sorry," or "I'm here for you," or "What can I do for you," and then wait – give time for the person to respond.

Third, avoid cheap theological explanations. Refrain – at all cost – from saying – it is the will of God someone died, got sick, or lost their job. We cannot say this because we do not know this to be true. To say this is to raise disturbing questions about God: What kind of God wills a young child to die? What kind of God wills someone to be killed by a gunman? What kind of God wills a mother to go through the pain of an illness?

Fourth, avoid repressing a person's anger or crying spells. Anger and crying are natural means by which our bodies deal physically and emotionally with grief. To repress them may help the people around the bereaved who feel uncomfortable about such crying but it does nothing to help the grieving person. When a friend or relative tells someone to be strong they are telling the person don't feel the pain of your loss. If you cannot take the anger or crying it is time for you to leave not the bereaved.

Human beings are not only thinking and spiritual persons, but also feeling individuals. We have been born with a strong set of emotions that we deny only at our own peril.

The fifth and final thing to avoid is rushing the person back into the mainstream of life. Many people go back to work or to their normal schedule soon after the loss. That is not unusual. However, their life is far from normal. The time people need to grieve may be right after the loss, a few weeks later, or even years later. Grief takes no predictable path for each person or each loss. The only thing you know is that the process of grief will take place – sooner or later. Give them the room, the time, the support they need to grieve in the weeks and years ahead.

2. If the five acts mentioned we should avoid doing, then are the acts we can do to help those we love.

One, listening is the best act we can do. We listen in the hours and days after the loss, and even years later. The bereaved have to visit and revisit the loss to come to terms with its impact, and to accept it at different stages in their life.

Two, say something to the person to show you care. Simply say: "I'm sorry," or "I'm thinking of you." Or write them a card – a hand written note or card – saying you are thinking of the person during this time. If you think of it, send them a handwritten card in the months ahead. A card or note is a good way for the person to remember you thought of them.

Three, call or visit the person in the months following the event. You can be sure they are still thinking of it. They need your support just as much later as they did when the loss first happened.

Four, it can be helpful to mention briefly if you have gone through a recent loss similar to the person's loss. When one of my brothers died in an automobile accident, a young woman said to me: "I too lost a brother in an accident. I'm sorry for your family's loss." Without a long explanation she showed me I was not alone. Your loss may help another.

Fifth, the question of God may come up. While I urge you to remember God does not need defending, it can be helpful to say: "I have found help in the Psalms or in the Lord's Prayer to remind me of God's presence." That little seed is enough for the person.

Finally, let us all learn from those who are in grief. Those who are in sorrow can teach us about life's value and meaning. They have much to share with us. By learning of them we can become richer, more sensitive, and more grateful persons.

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My Daddy

Here I am, standing up straight,
With my daddy watching over me. I feel and but also great
My Daddy was funny; he always told some kind of joke,
And he always loved to drink original Coke
We all loved my Daddy so, and we hate to see him go.
But we know he went to heaven to be with God
And we all know that his love is still in our hearts.
And when he took Dray and I to Wal-Mart we would fill up our carts
My Daddy was good at mowing yards,
We would all go to Mamaw's to play cards
And for everybody he had a nickname.
My Daddy was never different, he always stayed the same
So what I am trying to say,
Is Daddy always had fun memories with me and Dray!

Happy Father's Day
We Love and Miss You - Audi & Dray Hughes

Happy 2nd Birthday!

Wyatt Simons on June 21st.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, & Maggie

We used to think our wonderful family and friends be making our 50th anniversary a very special day for us. Thank you for the gifts and beautiful cards that we have received.
We have been so blessed to have the family and friends that we do and are thankful to God for everyone of them.
A special thanks to our 3 precious daughters, Glenda and William, Susan and Mark, Kathy and William, our grandsons, Chris and Jerry, Josh and Lindsay, Brandon and Alison, Jake, Zach, Shane, Alex, Robert, Michael, Granddaughter Heather and her fiance Tim, great-grandchildren Jacob, Isaac, Jordyn, and Carlee for making our years together so very special.
We love you all.
Junior and Linda

Thank You

Thank You

The family of Linda Faye Walters would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, flowers, food, and support during and after the death of our loving and caring mother, Linda Faye Walters. We also want to thank Doxology, Soldiers of Christ, Mike Moberly and Beckerville Travelers along with everyone else who donated their time with the benefit, which was a success.

We here left behind will miss Mother dearly, for when the preacher prayed with mother, and she said "Amen" she hopped on a cloud and started floating up towards heaven, for God was calling her home. Thank you and God Bless everyone.

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Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Believing That's the key to everything in the Kingdom of God.

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Salvation is yours today if you will believe and confess Jesus Lord of your life.

Romans 10:10,11 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Matthew 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

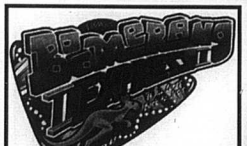
God wants all His people to be clear witnesses so that the world will know we belong to Him. He wants us to be "the salt of the earth," to be "the light of the world," to be like cities built on a hill so that they cannot be hidden."

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

God wants to show you that there is a place where we can live in the spirit and not be subject to the flesh. We can live in the spirit until sin has no dominion over us. We reign in life and see the covering of God over us in the spirit. Sin reigned unto death, but Christ reigned over sin and death, and so we reign with Him in life.

Through the agony He suffered, He purchased our blessed redemption. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus restored you to everything that was lost in the Garden of Eden. Jesus wants you "born of His spirit," "washed in His blood," and walking in His favor.

Trust - believe and obey God's word.



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The International Buffet of the County Homemakers was held last Tuesday night at the Extension Office. The speaker was Donna Jones Minister and Missionary, originally from Harrison County. She gave a talk and showed slides of one of her trips to Ghana, West Africa. Many years ago the she spoke at the Headquarters Church.

Sylvia Young visited Alberta Glass one day recently. Alberta attended the wedding of her niece Mallory Caswell.

Phyllis Brady attended her niece's Baccalaureate Service on Wednesday and part of Graduation on Friday, Micah Daniels Fryman, at Harrison High School. Phyllis also attended another niece's baby Shower, Angela Whitson Phelps at their home in Country Club Estates, Cynthiana, and it was a surprise.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Faye Buzzard who had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday.

The 1955 Graduating Class of Nicholas County High School had their class Reunion Saturday at Blue Licks State park. There were 16 class members present and a few spouses and Jackie Tincher who was a member of the class. Eight were not present and 9 have passed away. A wonderful times was had by all, visiting, eating, laughing, remembering good ole times. The 1953 class also met there today too with about 14 members.

James and Phyllis Gaunce, Keith and Joyce and Molly Smith and others attended the graduation of Nyiri Weidle at Montgomery County High School on Friday night. Then on Saturday night her parents, Esther and Steve Weidle had a party for her with more attending.

Pasty Smoot, Martha Roe and Norm Ritchie, Helen Small, Kathleen and John Snapp, Jo Ann Martin, Debbie Workman, Phyllis Brady and Phyllis Alexandar enjoyed a day trip to Augusta, KY. They toured the Rosemary Clooney Home Museum and had dinner at the Parkview Inn Restaurant and went to several shops on Wednesday.

Donnie and Charles Doyle helped get the food together and cook for the Harrison Middle School picnic again, held at the old REC ground Wednesday. Charles and Shelby also got all the food etc. for the Woodmen of the World Golf Scramble held in Bourbon County on Saturday but Jeff and Darlene Doyle, Bridget Davis, Stephanie Riggle Thomas and husband Michael help cook for that.

Sharon and Harry Lee Feeback returned home on Monday after a much needed weeks vacation and also a reunion in West Virginia.

Rev. Tom Moore, Donnie and Melba Doyle, Charles and Shelby Dolye, Marjorie Fryman, Wanda Doyle, Virgil and Audrey Dryden and a few others from the Indian Creek Baptist Church took a trip on Saturday to he "Galilean Children's Home" near Liberty, KY and ate at the "Bread of Life" restaurant there. Donnie took a truck load of supplies he purchased from the church for the home which ahs babies other children of all ages on up, most of which are handicapped in many ways. It is so good to have people who care.

A good crowd attended the Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon at the Saltwell Cemetery. Br. Hoard Linvingood spoke and Keith Smith led the singing and sun a special. Prayers were by Br. James Gaunce and Br. Donald Riggs. The last person to be buried there was Mr. Fred Hollar a year this month June 6. The view is so pretty on that hill and there's usually a breeze among the shade trees. Such a serene and peaceful place. Many Christian loved ones buried there from Saltwell and Headquarters etc.

Don Adams and cousin Phyllis Brady met in Paris on Sunday afternoon at another cousin's home, for Don's birthday and they also attended church Sunday night at the First Church of God on Bethlehem Pike. All they and to do was walk across the road. They enjoyed the service and talking to friends, Donald and Lovette Sears, Dave Mefford, Eddie Gates, Larry and Charlotte Stone etc.

The Saltwell United Methodist Women met at the church on Monday night for their monthly meeting with 13 members present. Phyllis Gaunce gave devotional entitled "Searching For a Home" Ann Smith gave an interesting program, showing a film about Native Americans and the injustices they have received. It was called "Stories of the Circle of Life". A statement at the beginning was "It's Not What You Have, It's What you Give." Joyce Smith tells about touching stories in Response Magazine each month and prayer is had for Missionaries and also the sick Molly Smith gave minutes of last meeting and roll call with 65 visits made and 53 charities given. This group also gave fund recently to the Red Bird Mission. New business discussed and there is always Thank you notes to read. This month's project was giving a Basket of Supplies to a family. Tina Payne and Phyllis Gaunce had a delicious and plentiful meal with cute decorations and flowers on the table for door prizes. Each one got a small favor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle help prepare food and serve and work the yearly carnival at the Woodmen Camp on Saturday. A.J. Doyle and Donnie Doyle showed their restored tractors in the Antique Show held a the 4 H grounds on Friday and Saturday.

About 147 relatives and friends and friends attended the annual Pig Roast at John Brady's on Headquarters Road on Saturday night. John is not well and Sheila just recently had a stint put in a 90% blockage, but with the help of Juanita, Janet Faye, Bob and Kevin Vice and others it was another big occasion with much work.

Thursday night A.J. and Wanda Doyle, Phyllis Brady and Charles and Shelby Doyle attended the huge crowd of members of Blue Grass Energy Meeting held at Keeneland, from 4:30 to about 9:00, enjoying the meal, exhibits, entertainment etc. We are all thankful four our electricity but in the meeting we were informed our bills are going up.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Davis and little Shelby, Bobby and Phyllis Brady, Charles and Shelby Doyle from this area enjoyed the Pope Reunion on Sunday held at Little Switzerland Park. Mrs. Leah Doyle Riggle did a very good job with decorations, games for the children too and other activities and managing the meal with some help from others. A fun auction was held with some nice items.

The night before this the Lay Witness Team who are on WPTJ and do other good work had their annual picnic there on Saturday night at Little Switzerland park on Old Lair Road.

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CITIMORTGAGE, INC. PLAINTIFF
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By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on May 26, 2009, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff as of March 20, 2009, in the amount of $66,046.80, plus interest at the rate of $15.14 per diem from said date until paid, plus any delinquent ad valorem property taxes, late charges, advances for taxes and insurance, and its costs herein expended, including expenses of sale and a reasonable attorney fee, and for any other fees expended for services performed in connection with defendants' default and for the purposes of protecting Plaintiff's interest in the property and its rights under the mortgage instrument, all as set out in said judgment, the undersigned Master Commissioner will on June 27, 2009, at or about the hour of 10:30 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder(s) the following described property known as 303 West 2nd Street, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40311, and more specifically described as follows:

"Tract No 1: A certain lot or parcel of land lying in Nicholas County, Kentucky, near the City of Carlisle, Kentucky, and described as follows:

" Beginning at a stake on the northern margin of Spring Street in the line of William E. Kerht and wife, thence running in a northern direction with the line of said Kerht a distance of 113 feet to a stake in said line and corner to Vinson; thence running in an eastern direction with the line of said Vinson; a distance of 95 feet and 5 inches to a stake in said line; thence running a southern direction with the line of said V inson a distance of 113 feet to a stake in the margin of Spring Street; thence in a western direction with the margin of Spring Street, a distance of 75 feet to the place of beginning.

"Tract No. 2: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Nicholas County, Kentucky, bounded and described as follows:

" Beginning in the margin of Second Street, a corner owned by said first party (Mollie Vinson) and the lot with house thereon recently acquired by Claude Darrell (now Fields); thence in an easterly direction along the margin of Second Street,100 feet to an iron pin in the land of first party; thence in a northwesterly direction said boundary line forming one side of this triangular piece of property 126 feet to a point in the line of said second party (Darrell); thence in a southerly direction 76 feet along the line of said second party to the point of beginning; the aforesaid corners all being designated by iron stakes."

Being the same property conveyed to Pauline Mastin and Johnny Mastin, wife and husband, from Phyllis Graham, a single person, and Orville Atkinson and Mary Atkinson, husband and wife, on March 13, 2007, and recorded on March 19, 2007, in Deed Book 121, Page 112 of the records of the Nicholas County Clerk's Office. Pauline Mastin died on January 17, 2009. Upon her death, all right, title, and interest became vested in Johnny Mastin.

Upon the sale of the above-described property, the purchase price shall be payable in cash. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall make a deposit of 10 % of the total purchase price and give bond with approved good and sufficient surety thereon for payment of the remaining part of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and to be a lien on said property and to bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from date of sale until paid, which bond and accrued interest can be paid before maturity.

Said property shall be sold as a whole "as is" and free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and interests of the parties herein but shall be sold subject to:

(a) 2009 and subsequent years ad valorem property taxes which shall be paid by the purchaser(s);
(b) Legal highways, easements, restrictions, conditions, covenants and stipulations of record affecting said property, and all governmental laws and regulations affecting same;
(c) Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
(d) Any facts that could be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.
(e) Any right of redemption which may exist.

Neither the Court nor the Master Commissioner shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser(s). Purchaser(s) shall be entitled to possession of the premises, upon full payment of the purchase price or execution of the sale bonds and confirmation of the sale by the Court. A deed will be delivered to purchaser(s) upon confirmation of the sale and approval of the deed by the Court.

Following sale of the above-described property, the Master Commissioner shall promptly report same to the Court, and said report shall be held over for a period of ten (10) days for confirmation or exceptions. Anyone desiring to object or except to the sale shall do so by that time or be forever barred.

s/ Joseph H. Conley, Master Commissioner
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