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Happy New Year to each of you. Have you already made resolutions, if so I hope and pray that they are ones that with God's help you can keep.

The Carpenter

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference and finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence. One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I 'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence an 8-foot fence -- so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day -- measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge .. A bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming toward them, his hand outstretched..

"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done."

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in middle, taking each others hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

Remember This... God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you helped get where they needed to go. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe. God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in Heaven, and not to the gates of hell. God won't ask how many people you forwarded this to, but He'll ask why you were ashamed to pass it on to your friends...

Socks for Seniors



Women's ministry met in the summer plan ministry projects each month. One of our goals was to join with other church ministries in outreach projects. One of the projects that we decided upon was "Socks for Seniors". We decided that we would join with the children's Sabbath School department. The children had been visiting the nursing home patients every month to sing to them. We decided that Women's ministry would promote the project for church members to be involved by donating the socks. The children would have a special ministry for the patients at Christmas by making Christmas cards with their group pictures, decorating bags for socks and wrapping some of them. The children were eager to participate and make their special cards, gift wrap, and deliver them to their special friends that they've made by visiting them each month. This month the children collected socks from church members, made cards and bags, and gave them to over 75 elderly patients at Hatleys Nursing Home. They also sang Christmas songs to them.

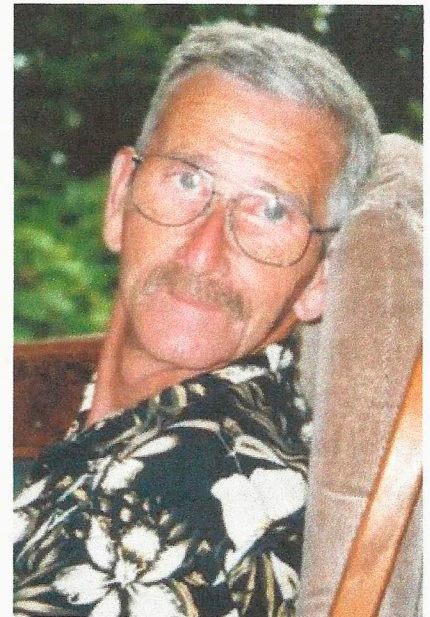


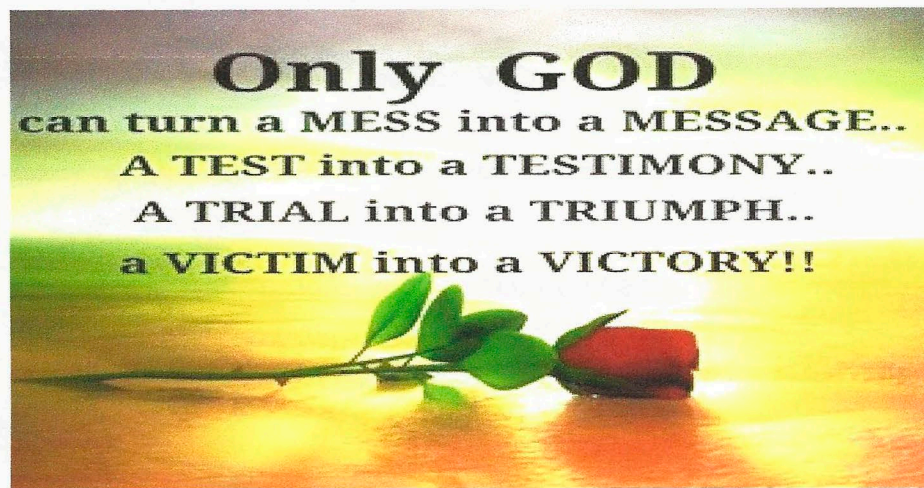
Larry Coleman Cleckler, Jr,

60 of Clanton passed away unexpectedly on November 29, 2014. He was survived by his wife Marcia Cleckler, daughter Melissa Cleckler (Todd) Abbott, daughter Cherice Cleckler and son Dustin Cleckler, grandchildren Carissa and Ava Abbott and a host of other relatives and friends.

"Little Larry" as he was also known, was born in Birmingham on March 5, 1954, the son of the late Larry Coleman Cleckler, Sr. and the late Martha Garrison Cleckler. He was a house painter.

Our condolences go out to the family in this time of grief and hopefully their church family here at the Clanton church have shown them that we do love them very much.





1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. & while you walk, SMILE.

It is the ultimate antidepressant.

2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.

3. When you wake up in the morning, Pray to ask God's guidance for your purpose, today.

4. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.

5. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, broccoli, and almonds.

6. Try to make at least three people smile each day.

7. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control.

Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.

8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.

9. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

10. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Forgive them for everything !

11. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

12. You don't have to win every argument.

Agree to disagree.

13. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.

14. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

15. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

16. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'

17. Help the needy, Be generous ! Be a 'Giver' not a 'Taker'

18. What other people think of you is none of your business.

19. Time heals everything.

20. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

21. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

22. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

23. Each night before you go to bed ,Pray to God and

Be thankful for what you've accomplished today !

24. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.

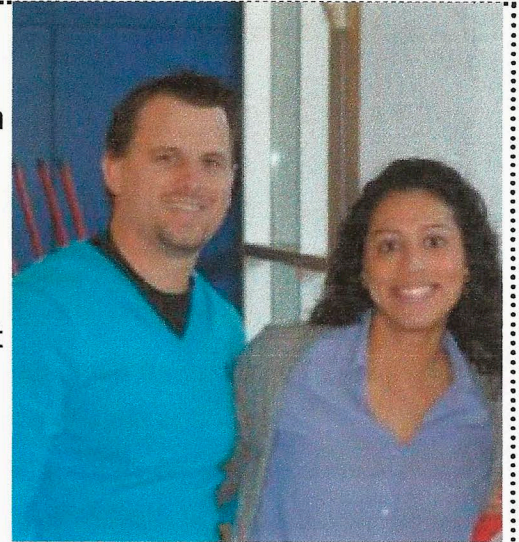
25. Share this to everyone on your list to help them lead a happier life...!!!!

PASTOR'S CORNER

One more year has gone by...

We are so excited that it has been a year since Elizabeth and I came to Clanton SDA Church, we have earnestly prayed for all of you individually and we are so happy to end this year as part of the Clanton church family.

During this year we have laughed and cried together, but the most important thing that has happened is that we have grown together as a church family, and that we are a year closer to the glorious return of our Savior Jesus Christ.



Perhaps the question we should all ask ourselves is: why Jesus didn't come in 2014? we can find the answer in 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

According to the Apostle Peter the Lord has not returned yet because He is patient and His ultimate desire is that all of us could be saved. The questions are simple " If the Lord Jesus would have come in 2014, would you have been ready? What did the angels write in the record book about your spiritual life, and family worship? Is your character more like Jesus's ? These are personal questions that we should meditate when we think about this past year.

The good thing about 2014 is that it is gone now, it is in the past, now we have a new white page to write on, a new beginning "2015". In this year let us love and forgive one another like never before so the Lord could finally come, and when he does come, He can find us ready to take us home.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

God bless you and have a Happy New year!

Pastor Rodriguez

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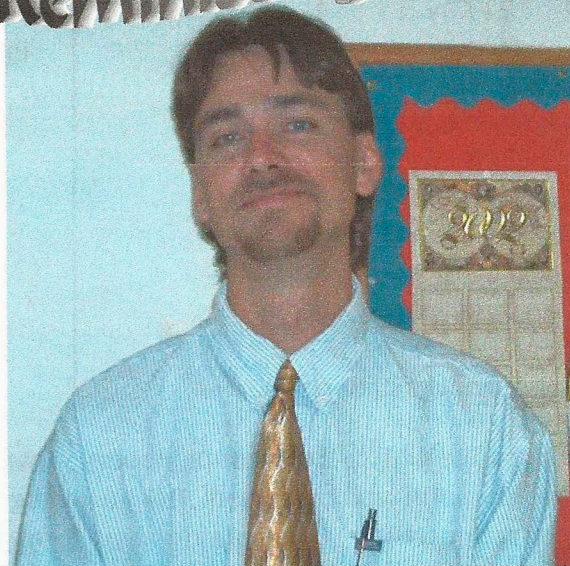
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Birthdays

- 7- Ralph Sheperd
- 8 - Elaine Johnson
- 11 - Sara Powers
- 12 - Treva Radford
- 16 - Audie Warren

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Reminiscing Corner



How many of you remembered Harry & Dorothy McWilliams from last months picture? I know their daughter emailed me and thanked me for remembering them. I didn't get a picture from anyone so I went to my archives. This one is from about 10 years ago. If you want to keep remembering, someone, yep, that is You need to give me a picture. Until next month, Brenda

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Weekly:** Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays at 7pm
Jail Ministry: Sundays 6:30pm at the Clanton Jail
- ◆ **Monthly:** Tennis Shoe Sabbath: 1st Sabbath each month, after lunch. Come help us make Kingdom Friends for God.
Book Group: 2nd Sabbath After Lunch in the Teen Room.
Bible Marking: 3rd Sabbath after Lunch in the Teen Room
Nursing Home Visitation—4th Sabbaths
- ◆ **January Speaker Schedule:** Jan 3 - Pastor Rodriguez, Jan 10 - Elder Mel Eisele, Jan 17 Pastor Rodriguez, Jan 24 - L&B Owens, Jan 31 - Jim Higgins, Feb 7 - Pastor Rodriguez, Feb 14 - Elder Tui Pitman, Feb 21 - Pastor Rodriguez, Feb 28 - Tom Bates (as of 12/19/2014)
- ◆ The Conference is requesting that I have every ones Birthdate. They are saying it will define who you are better than just with your name. Remember if you move, change your telephone number let me know.
- ◆ January 12 - Food Pantry this month - to make sure we have enough bags, please bring all the extra ones you have from shopping. Get with Ralph to let him know that you will be here to help out with this wonderful missionary project.

Websites that Bill Weise has set up for everyone & would like special prayer about the responses from these sites.

www.steppingupward.org
www.eqwhiteclassicquotes.org <http://www.grandmastidbits.org>

Scripture Cake (below) - contributed by Sue Mims

SCRIPTURE CAKE

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| 2½ cups 2 Samuel 13:8 | 2 ½ cups plain flour |
| ½ cup 1 Samuel 30:12 | ½ cup raisins |
| 5 teaspoons Galatians 5:9 | 5 teaspoons baking powder |
| ½ teaspoon Mark 9:50 | ½ teaspoon salt |
| ¾ teaspoon 1 Kings 10:10 | ¾ teaspoon cinnamon |
| 3 tablespoons Proverbs 30:33 | 3 tablespoons butter |
| ¾ cup Jeremiah 6:20 | ¾ cup sugar |
| 1 Isaiah 10:14 | 1 egg |
| ¾ cup 1 Corinthians 3:2 | ¾ cup milk |
| 1½ cups Proverbs 25:11 | 1 ½ cups apples, diced |

Cream butter and sugar and mix in other ingredients. Mix in apples and raisins by hand. Pour into loaf pan and bake about 90 minutes at 350 degrees. Check at one hour and 15 minutes, as it may take less time in your oven.

Beth Faris, Wiregrass EC

Editor's Note: This recipe lists ingredients by giving scripture references in the Bible. We've already provided the translations for you. In researching this recipe, I was unable to find any origin for it. Most references I found speculated that the recipe was developed as a way for mothers to pass on knowledge of scripture and perhaps as a way to encourage reading scripture to their daughters. At any rate, the recipe has been in America practically since the first settlers arrived. -SD



Kay 3's Vegan Recipes

Pistachio cookies:

1 cup vegan margarine
3/4 cup confectioners sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tsp vanilla
2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup pistachios, roughly chopped.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Beat margarine with 1/2 cup confectioners sugar. (reserve remaining sugar) Add vanilla, then add salt and flour beating until well combined. Dough will be somewhat sticky at this point. Stir in pistachios, then, using plastic wrap, form dough two 8 inch rolls and refrigerate until they are firm and easy to slice. (an hour or so usually. slice into 1/4 inch slice, If for some reason, they aren't even might need to chill longer, but don't overdo as they will be very difficult to slice if they are too firm. Bake until they are very lightly browned. When removed from the oven, roll them in the reserved confectioners sugar, and allow to cool then store in airtight container. Kay #3

So who has made these recipes and wants to give a report as to how easy they were to make, how much your family enjoyed them, and that you want to keep them coming each month. Just let me or Kay #3 know. Thanks, Brenda

Please NOTE, as of this month, we now have the Church Newsletter on the Clanton Church website. If you find it there and want to stop getting yours via US Mail, just let me know via email so I can take you off the mailing list. We hope this will help you be able to share the Newsletter with friends and will save on ink and postage in the long run. As I have said before, if you don't want to get the newsletter each month, also let me know that. Thanks again for those that contribute to the success of the newsletter, Until next month. Brenda Davis

We have a website!! <http://clantonsda.org/>, Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info

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