



JULY 2023 Four Things

Four things in any land must dwell, If it endures and prospers well; One is manhood true and good; One is noble womanhood; One is child life, clean and bright; And one an altar kept alight.

Classroom Desks

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she took all of the desks out of the classroom.

The kids came into first period, they walked in, there were no desks. They obviously looked around and said, "Ms. Cothren, where's our desk?" And she said, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn them." They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades." "No," she said. "Maybe it's our behavior." And she told them, "No, it's not even your behavior."

And so they came and went in the first period, still no desks in the classroom. Second period, same thing, third period. By early afternoon television news crews had gathered in Ms. Cothren's class to find out about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of the classroom. The last period of the day, Martha Cothren gathered her class. They were at this time sitting on the floor around the sides of the room. And she says, "Throughout the day no one has really understood how you earn the desks that sit in this classroom ordinarily." She said, "Now I'm going to tell you."

Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it, and as she did 27 U.S. veterans, wearing their uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. And they placed those school desks in rows, and then they stood along the wall. And by the time they had finished placing those desks, those kids for the first time I think perhaps in their lives understood how they earned those desks.

Martha said, "You don't have to earn those desks. These guys did it for you. They put them out there for you, but it's up to you to sit here responsibly to learn, to be good students and good citizens, because they paid a price for you to have that desk, and don't ever forget it."

My friend, I think sometimes we forget that the freedoms that we have are freedoms not because of celebrities. The freedoms are because of ordinary people who did extraordinary things, who loved this country more than life itself, and who not only earned a school desk for a kid at the Robinson High School in Little Rock, but who earned a seat for you and me to enjoy this great land we call home, this wonderful nation that we better love enough to protect and preserve with the kind of conservative, solid values and principles that made us a great nation.

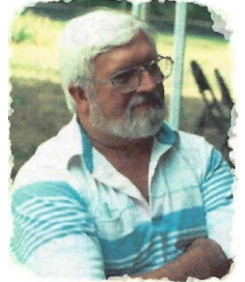
"We live in the Land of the Free because of the brave"

Remember our Troops ...

This was taken from 2007 so the update is: Roy Moore is still an attorney and handling cases as of this year .

Some of you may be wondering what Judge Roy Moore has been doing since he was removed from the bench for refusing to remove the Ten Commandments from his courtroom wall. Please read the poem he wrote. It's below his picture.

The following is a poem written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama. Judge Moore was sued by the ACLU for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer. He has been stripped of his judgeship and now they are trying to strip his right to practice law in Alabama!



The judge's poem sums it up quite well.

America the beautiful, or so you used to be.
Land of the Pilgrims' pride; I'm glad they'll never see.

Babies piled in dumpsters, Abortion on demand,
Oh, sweet land of liberty; your house is on the sand.

Our children wander aimlessly poisoned by cocaine
choosing to indulge their lusts, when God has said abstain

From sea to shining sea, our Nation turns away
From the teaching of God's love and a need to always pray.

We've kept God in our temples, how callous we have grown.
When earth is but His footstool, and Heaven is His throne.

We've voted in a government that's rotting at the core,
Appointing Godless Judges; who throw reason out the door,

Too soft to place a killer in a well deserved tomb,
But brave enough to kill a baby before he leaves the womb.

You think that God's not angry, that our land's a moral slum?
How much longer will He wait before His judgment comes?

How are we to face our God, from Whom we cannot hide?
What then is left for us to do, but stem this evil tide?

If we who are His children, will humbly turn and pray;
Seek His holy face and mend our evil way:

Then God will hear from Heaven; and forgive us of our sins,
He'll heal our sickly land and those who live within.

But, America the Beautiful, If you don't then you will see,
A sad but Holy God withdraw His hand from Thee.
+-Judge Roy Moore--

This says it all. May we all heed this message and offer our prayers for Judge Moore to be blessed and for America to wake up and realize what we need to do is to keep OUR America, Beautiful.

NATURE NUGGET: A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Until it suddenly stopped making any progress and looked like it was stuck. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, although it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man didn't think anything of it and sat there waiting for the wings to enlarge to support the butterfly. But that didn't happen. The butterfly spent the rest of its life unable to fly, crawling around with tiny wings and a swollen body.



Despite the kind heart of the man, he didn't understand that the restricting cocoon and the struggle needed by the butterfly to get itself through the small opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings to prepare itself for flying once it was out of the cocoon.

Moral of the story: Sometimes, we hurt the ones we love by trying to make life easy for them. Our struggles in life develop our strengths. Without struggles, we never grow and never get stronger. Sometimes it's important for us to be there for *support* but let others **tackle** challenges on their own. This is especially true with our children! It hurts us to watch them struggle . . . and a lot of times it's just easier, faster, and simpler for us to do things ourselves . . . but kids need to learn how to do things on their own.

We have a family on our community that I admire SO much. Their two boys (guessing 10 and 13) are big into rodeo. Ever since they were little, they get up early and put in long hours taking care of their animals, plus work at all kind of jobs to raise the money for entry fees and expenses. As you read this, they are working their way to Oklahoma Nationals. You don't have to have that high of goals, but teaching kids regular life skills, plus facing and solving problems is preparing for life and the world that is ahead of them. Our country wouldn't have all of the "help wanted" signs in the windows if parents had stuck to discipline and chores! It takes a strong parent to stand firm . . . stand firm.

HIGHLAND PRAISE from Amazing Facts

Although identified with Scotland, bagpipes are actually a very ancient instrument, introduced into the British Isles by the Romans. We associate bagpipes with kilts, funerals, and Amazing Grace. But the first bagpipe actually came from the Middle East. The Oxford History of Music describes the first sculptured bagpipe found on a Hittite slab, dated to 1,000 B.C. Historians from the first and second centuries A.D. depict Nero playing an instrument whose description fits that of a bagpipe.

Roman armies carried pipes into Europe, and beginning in the second millennium, European art features bagpipes with increasing frequency. Their first certain connection with the British Isles appears in The Canterbury Tales, written around 1380.

Bagpipes became most popular in Scotland and Ireland, where their distinctive sound brightened an otherwise drab existence. During the expansion of the British Empire, a large number of pipers trained for military service and carried the Scottish Great Highland Bagpipe worldwide.

But as Western classical music developed into a sophisticated art that used technology to improve its instruments, the bagpipe, with its limited range and function, couldn't keep up.

Nevertheless, a number of countries modeled their militaries after the British Army and adopted the bagpipe, as have police and fire forces. The pipes are commonly used today in military and police funerals.

God endowed humanity with a bit of His creativity. Music is one way we express that creativity. David instructs us to praise God with all manner of instruments. Whatever you use, praise God today for His surpassing greatness!

Shared by Olan Suddeth

PASTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to Nazareth, Jesus' Hometown!

The town of Nazareth is mostly known in the Bible for being the place where Joseph and Mary lived and where Jesus was raised and where He learned the trade of a carpenter having worked in His father's shop until He was thirty years old when He left to begin His public ministry.

In one of my trips to Israel, I had an opportunity to visit an outdoor authentic replica of Nazareth as it looked back in the days of Jesus. It is quite the experience to walk around and meet people who are ready to engage in historical conversation from back then. This replica comes complete with the Synagogue, built on the ruins of the original site. Interesting, though, to remember that Jesus would have done many miracles in His hometown, but because of the residents' lack of faith, He could not do many miracles there (Mat. 13:57-58). May it never be said of any of us that the Lord did not do miracles for and in us because of that poor choice of unbelief. Praise the Lord that He is always ready to bless anyone who is open to His guidance and providence!



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A Sad Passing to Share.

(January 4, 1942 - June 19, 2023)

Judy Wheeling wishes to share the sad news of the passing of her husband, Charles.

Most of the friends and faithful supporters of this Ministry have known that Charles has, since from about 2016, been battling progressive Parkinson's disease.



Recently, Charles was hospitalized for an unrelated abdominal pain. After ten days of hospitalization, he was released and brought home for continued care. The combination of the infection and the effects of Parkinson's left him bedridden and in need of hospice care. Be sure that Charles received the very best attentive care, from medical professionals and family alike. Regrettably, though, his daily condition slowly, continually weakened. Right up to the end, Charles conveyed his desire to find gentle peace in sleep and to await the resurrection morning. Judy would like you to know that he did not suffer in pain, and rested comfortably with his family at home—the home that he and Judy built with their own hands where he remained until the end. Your faithful prayers are sought for the Lord to bless those of us who remain while Charles rests quietly awaiting that Last Trumpet.

Judy and daughter Stephanie request that there be "no calls at this time." Gratitude cannot be expressed enough. If you are receiving this notice, it is because you are important to the Ministry, and Judy would like you to know that Charles's wish was always for the continuation of the work of Inspiration Books East. Under the leadership of Tony Harriman, and with the support of Judy and of a faithful staff, the ministry has gone forward during the years Charles has been battling this debilitating disease, and we intend to continue the work that Charles and so many people have sacrificed to bring about.

On the 30th of June this year Charles and Judy would have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Details regarding a Memorial for Charles will be shared as soon as arrangements can be made. Thank you for your prayers and patience. Gifts in Lieu of flowers may be made to IBE and marked "*Charles's Memorial.*" Charles lived to spread the printed page like the leaves of autumn and would have appreciated that.

Maranatha! The Lord is coming, and there is much to do before we leave, and before we see Charles again. Inspiration Books East • PO Box 352 • Jemison AL 35085 • USA • (205) 646-

Memorial Service for Charles E. Wheeling. Will be held Saturday, July 1st, 2023 @ 3:00 PM.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 1561 County Road 52, Jemison, AL 35085. A brief time of fel-

lowship and refreshment will follow. For more information call IBE at 205-646-3222.

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| HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EACH OF YOU..... | | | |



Gary & Florine Linkous, this was 25 years 6/23/1998—So Glad they are part of our Family here at the Clanton SDA Church. Belated Anniversary Wishes to the both of you.

Tentative Speakers Schedule: July: - 1 - Shawn Smith; 8 - Pastor DeOliveira; 15 - Michael Rodriguez; 22 - Pastor DeOliveira; 29 - Brian Danese morning speaker and afternoon service, August: 5 - Shawn Smith; 12 - Brian Danese for Sabbath Lesson Study School time, Church and afternoon sessions; 19 - Shawn Smith; 26 - Pastor DeOliveira

July 24-28: FIERCELY FAITHFUL VBS! From Monday (24) through Friday (28). It will run each day in the afternoon and conclude with the graduation on Sabbath morning, the 29th. Stay tuned for all the exciting details coming from Natalie Smith and the whole **VBS Team!**

July 29 & AUGUST 12: GOSPEL SERIES WITH PASTOR BRIAN DANESE! A wonderful Revival & Evangelism opportunity for Clanton and surrounding areas will take place morning and afternoon on these two Sabbaths as our President shares the wonderful Gospel messages of salvation in Jesus Christ! More details, including materials for advertisement, both printed and digital, will be available shortly. Let's pray like never before for the Lord to touch our hearts and the hearts of every hungry and seeking soul in our area for a great time of revival and harvest!

Dead or Alive

The story is told of an old man in a village who was an authority on just about any subject. His life had been one exciting experience after another. Children loved to seek him out and listen to his fascinating tales. No question was too difficult for him to answer. He was a marvel. And the youngsters knew it. When three or four of the children reached their teens, they decided they were going to outsmart the old man. Surely they knew more than he. They spent hours thinking up impossible questions. But every time they confronted him, the old man gave the correct answer. Baffled but not defeated, they tried again and again, still, the old man was too wise for them.

Then one day they thought they had the right question to stump him at last. They would catch a bird and hold it in their closed hand. Then going to the old man they would ask him whether it was dead or alive. If he said it was alive, they would immediately snuff its life out and let it fall to the ground. If he said it was dead, they would set it free to fly. They caught a bird, and excitedly they sought out the old man. This was their chance to prove him wrong! So they confronted him, "Sir," their spokesman said, "I hold in my hand a little bird. Is it dead or alive?" The old man pondered for a moment or two. Then he answered, "Son, the choice lies in your hands" We, too, have a decision to make. The choice is in our hands.

Signs of the Times, January 1983

Coronation "Chicken"

- 1/3 roll Chickette (Chickette is vegan and sold at the ABC)
- ½ onion finely chopped
- 6 dried apricots chopped or 3 Tablespoons golden raisins (plump raisins in very hot water)
- 3 tbsp sliced almonds toasted
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- salt to taste

For the salad dressing

- 2/3 cup vegan mayonnaise
- 1 tsp mild curry powder fresh and good quality
- 1 tbsp mango chutney (I used a fruit jelly the first time I made it)
- ½ tsp paprika
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

Instructions

In a mason jar mix, mayonnaise, curry powder, mango chutney, paprika and lemon juice. Stir with a fork to combine and set aside.

Toast sliced almonds in a dry frying pan over low heat until they just about to start to color. Immediately take off the heat and cool.

Tear Chickette into bite sized pieces.

In a large bowl combine chopped Chickette, onions, dried apricots or raisins, and toasted sliced almonds, Add the salad dressing and salt to taste, mix gently and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

This is an excellent chicken salad as is or over lettuce and we really like it as a sandwich filling.. The two of us get three meals out of this.

Don't worry about wasting the leftover Chickette. Chickette is good for so many things, I make Gumbo with it, substituting it in many chicken dishes is simple; for instance, Chickette, peppers and onions sauteed makes a great light meal, Or make a casserole with Chickette, broccoli, and rice with a sauce made with cashews or a soup. Top a garden salad with it, make Chickette and dumplings. I usually get three meals from a tube of Chickette. Shared by Kay Suddeth



We have a website!! **UPDATED - Church Website: <https://www.clantonsda.com/>** Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info, look under Newsletters to find this publication on line each month. Tony has also added a link at the bottom of every page for Adventistgiving. Thanks to those that do contribute, Until next month! ... Brenda

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