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GOD STILL REIGNS IN 1993

" A Glimpse of Yesteryears ! " by Fay Finley

Sometimes we need to look back and count the blessings of our deeds and erase the deeds we're not proud of. Because those debts are paid for and if we agonize over them we are doubting Christ's blood can cleanse.

John and Alonzo Craddock always looked ahead. I have heard my Dad (Alonzo) sing and whistle when very few groceries was in the house; and Uncle John would say, "don't fret, the best is waiting for you to catch up with it." The years spent in their presence was an education within itself. We older ones must not fail in putting values where they belong. Our families are the most valuable assets we can leave for those who follow.

You've probably heard it said, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." With that in mind let's make the most of it. If we look back at the past, then let us learn from it, and let's use it as a stepping stone to go forward rather than a weight around our necks to drag us down.

As Aunt Fay said, the blood of Jesus cleanses. If we have sins, ask Him to forgive you. Let's do our part too, if we have grudges, lets get rid of them, if we've made mistakes then let's do what we can to correct them and put aside what we can't do. We are unable to change the events of the past.

This is my prayer for myself and each of you that we head into the new year as though today were the "last" day of the rest of our lives. That we present ourselves to mankind in the likeness of Jesus, the one who died to forgive us our sins and give us life eternal. That we determine to seek Him and to follow Him. Ministering one to

another whatever the need happens to be. Help us, Lord to withhold condemnation and judgements against each other, knowing that we will be measured with the same ruler and weighed with the same scales. Let us do your will, by praying for our enemies instead of trying to take them out. Help us to always put others before ourselves and so important, dear Lord, let us not esteem ourselves better than anyone else, knowing that we are all created by you and in your image then how can we think ourselves better? In your Kingdom there is neither white nor black, there is not Jewish, Arabic, Hebrew, Spanish, Irish, Dutch, Russian, Indian, Nigerian, Phillipine, Italian, Welsh, African. Cuban. Vietnamese, Mexican. Alaskan, Chinese, German, Canadians, Australians, Jamaicans, French, English, Danish, Americans, Pollards, Iranians, Koreans, Taiwanese, Lebanonese, Mongolians, etc. I could go on and on. In your kingdom there is not Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, Nazarene, Holiness, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Church of God, and so on, in your Kingdom, Lord there will be no me's, but only you's. This is my prayer, Lord that we allow you to mold us into your image and likeness, that is where we will find peace, joy, love, contentment and happiness. Bless us and guide us dear, Lord. *****

I know it isn't Sunday but sermons are for everyday of the year. Ha Ha

happy anniversary

13th Aubry V Fay Finley 59 yrs.

23rd Donald & Paula McDougle 11 yrs.

26th Marty & Tammy Morris 1983

As you look at the January birthday list, notice that some (I won't say who) have reached the big FIVE-0 mark. Welcome to the Senior Citizens Club.

happy birthday

2nd Jeremy Ryan Upchurch 1975 4th Tera Jo Morris 1977 4th Justin Ray Morris 1980 5th Nona Marie (Craddock) Kennedy 1955 5th Cortney Nicole Nath 1990 10th Robin Locke 1921 10th Raymond Craig Morris 1975 12th Dan Delmar Craddock Sr. 1945 12th Leonard Ray Craddock 1958 13th Judy Lavern (Craddock) Smith 1957 15th Joshua DuWayne Morris 1981 18th Fay Geneva (Craddock) Finley 1917 18th JW Craddock 1943 19th Karmen Louise Settle 1979 20th Deana Marie Morris 1982 22nd Rene' (Finley) Sanders 1959 22nd Chanda Rae Miller 1979 24th Carol Ann (Jones) Craddock 1962 24th Paula Carol (Craddock) McDougle 1964 27th Roni Marie Kolling 19889 28th William Leon (Bill) Craddock 1943 28th James Christopher Climer 1985 **30th Steven John Kennedy 1977?** 31st Kelly Ann (Loveless) Jenson 1963 ***

Doug Craddock gave me a call at Christmas time. He, Darlene and children are living in Houston. Doug renovates apartments for a living. He said they were doing very well but missing the family a lot. Doug said when first married he would threaten Darlene that he was leaving, but now he threatens to stay. Doug, does that mean things are getting better, or worse? We'll see you at the reunion.

John and I went to Uncle Gilbert's a few days before Christmas. They wanted to swap guitars, which they did. We found them (Aunt Idele and Uncle Gilbert) in good health and spirits. They are buying a home in Tecumseh and selling their place in the country, with reluctance, but they have decided it would be best for them. It was good to visit with them and we had to have a ham sandwich before we left. We, (John and I) only got lost 4 times on that trip.

John has passed the first part of his driving examination test was issued his driver's license (with restriction #9). The insurance company was happy to add his name to our policy. With some other additions also.

Lynne and Randy Murrow, with children, Daylin, Steven and Tessa, braved the icy roads last weekend and came for an overnight stay. They encountered no problem until they were within one half block of our house. Here, we had a traffic jam. A truck had slid from the road and the wrecker was pulling him back. After about 10 minutes Randy took to the ditch and came on up the road to our house. We enjoyed their visit and Lynne and I beat the best 3 out of 5 in moon. (Dominoes)

Erik Craddock, from Monterey, Calif, (from Oklahoma, born in Tampa, FI), (Erik doesn't like to have it said that he's from Calif.) anyway he came to spend the holdiays with his parents, and I enjoyed glimpsing him once while he was here. It was unfortunate Erik had to leave New Year's day as the roads were very icy. He made it back but had one incident when his car ran off the road. We're thankful you weren't hurt, Erik.

It was good to hear from all of my kids, Chuck & Judy, Larry & Linda, Dale & Dee, (where are you Roger and Pam?, I know, Pam's watching football). Hope they all get to come for the Reunion.

Aunt Fay came over a few days after Christmas, bless her heart. As always we had a good visit and talked about everything in the world. She's anticipating the Reunion as much as we are.

Carl and I have been building a few little bird houses. This is a new project for us, a first, but we have discovered that wood filler works miracles. You have no idea how many mistakes you can hide with this amazing product. It's fun anyway.

You know, we have had several flocks, large flocks, of robins visit us periodically all winter long. They are out there right now eating wild bird seed I put out for them. This is amazing to me because I have never seen more than 5 or 6 robins at time. Is this something unusual or have I just been unaware of the robin's habits?

Well school is on again and things probably would get back to near normal except that tax season is upon us. Gay, are you ready? Viola has moved to Texas so I guess it's just me here this year. She said she will probably do a few returns this year but Jay said she will have to come home to her office if she does. What an ole grouch, a few papers wouldn't hurt you, Jay. I'm all setup to do the Electronic Filing again this year. I really sort of like it.

This looks like a good place to quit , so til next time, I love all of you.

Soul Clas Varis