

#### Times Remembered **Betty A. Young** BYoung505@Windstream.Net

rial Day was called Decoration Day? I know my parents always called it that, and my grandparents did too.

The day was just what it implied: a day to decorate graves. It was usually an all day affair when my parents would return to Crooked Creek where they grew up to decorate all the families' graves.

ing huge bouquets of Peonies, Roses, Lilacs and Irises from my Grandfather's yard to place on the graves.

My Mom and Aunt Lyda made crepe paper roses. They cut petals and stretched them around a wire, and then secured them with green

**God's View Concerning Marriage** 

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of TV and Hollywood that God's word is being ignored by sug-

gesting that conventional marriage is somehow not required by this

present society. "What does God say about it?" In Hebrews 13:4,

it reads: "Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled, but

whore mongers and adulterers, God will judge." If there were not

any other scriptures to point to, this should be enough to awaken

It was, and still is, the intention of almighty God that a man

should have his own wife and that a woman is to have her own hus-

band. God says in I Corinthians 7:2 that this was to avoid fornica-

tion (read for yourself). Then in Genesis 2:24 says in the beginning:

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall

cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh." This will never

be accomplished outside of the marriage bond set by God himself.

brought into this world! Consider I Timothy 5:14, "I will therefore

that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give

none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." But sadly

in our present world the arrangement given by God is being greatly

abused. Even sadly is the silence of parents objecting to this ar-

rangement. Many times it seems that parents are more interested in

getting their daughters super educated so that they can chase after

How many times have you heard of someone saying: "I am go-

ing to school to learn how to be a good wife and mother?" Probably

not, since homework in the long gone years! In my view there can

be no role greater than being a wife and mother, and guiding her

house." There can be no improvements greater than God's way.

Again Paul the apostle said in Titus 2:45, "That the older women

should teach the younger women to be responsible, to love their

husbands, to have their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at

home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God

be not blasphemed." How long has it been since you heard a sermon

about this? So the greatest of all occupations is being ignored so

endurance. Both Romans 7:2 and I Corinthians 7:38 teaches "un-

til death do we part." People who choose to live together without

marriage are just fooling themselves. By doing so, they are choos-

ing fornication over legitimate means, and producing children who

are also illegitimate. So don't fool yourselves into thinking today it

is different. God has not changed His mind! But just the opposite.

In <u>I Corinthians 6:7-10</u> here He says that fornicators, idolators, nor adulterers shall inherit the kingdom of God. One more thing, if

a man or woman says (I love you) but are not willing to accept the responsibility of marriage this person is not the person for you at all!

Perhaps this article will not raise an eyebrow but still it needs to be preached. Jesus is soon coming to take an accounting of us all!

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Again, marriage is required of God and is to be permanent in its

great careers outside the role of wife and mother.

people can chase after the things of the world.

And again this is the only way that God wanted children to be

and convince all, that God thinks differently than this world.

I have become increasingly alarmed that through the mediums

curled and then dunked in wayside.

melted paraffin. I also remember making carnations from tissues. We put two tissues together, folded them up accorthe folded end and carefully separated each section pulling the tissue to the middle. They were usually made from colored tissues in pink or blue.

If you have gone to deco-Remember when Memo- rate a grave in a cemetery lately you know there are a lot of rules. Some public cemeteries do not allow artificial flowers at all. Nothing can be placed on the ground; everything must be on top of the tombstone. Commercial mowers throw the grass on the monuments and ruin them. Looks like they could use a bagger on the mower.

While decorating the I remember as a kid pick- graves my parents pulled weeds and tall grass away from the graves while we liked to look at the old tombstones. Mom always cautioned us, "Don't step on the graves." This was out of respect, but also so that we didn't find ourselves sinking into the graves. It seems that

**Memorial Day** crepe paper wound down so many of our time honored graves began before the end the stem. The petals were traditions have gone by the of the Civil War and there

The truth is that Memorial Day has by and large become the three-day weekend that kicks off the summer. Changing the date dion-style, tied a bobby-pin merely has created a threearound the middle, cut off day weekend that has under minded the very meaning of the day. I believe this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial

> Memorial Day is much more than cook-outs, ballgames, trips to the lake and picnics in the park. It is supposed to be a day of remembrance and to pay tribute to America's dead who have given their lives in service to our nation.

The ritual of Decoration Day goes way back in our country's history. Decorating

were many more graves after the Civil War - well over a half-million. Nearly 150 years later, we continue to honor those who have died recently in our nation's ser-

This Memorial Day I ask a special prayer for families of men and women on active duty, families of veterans, civilian families who have suffered in time of war and those families whose tables will always have an empty chair.

I am so thankful for those who have given their lives for their country and whose graves we visit this Memorial Day weekend. May they rest in God's peace and I pray that their sacrifice may inspire in us who live a commitment to the ideals for which they perished.

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### Wednesday-Friday, May 21-23 @ 7pm **Special Services At White Oak**

#### White Oak Church of God will be having "Special Bush Stevenson.

Services," May 21st, 22nd p.m., nightly.

The speaker will be Bro.

Pastor Glendon Woosley and 23rd, starting at 7:00 and congregation welcome everyone to attend.

#### Sunday, May 25th @ 6pm

## White Oak Monthly Singing

The monthly singing at White Oak Church of God and the congregation invite will be held Sunday, May everyone to attend. All sing-25th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Bro. Glendon Woosley ers are welcome.

#### Sunday, May 25th @ 10am

## **RCG** "Pastor Appreciation Day"

The Ravenna Church of meal will follow. God will be having Pastor Appreciation Day, honoring 10:00 a.m., morning wortheir Pastor, Willie Hargus ship at 10:45 a.m. There will and Lelia Gordon, on Sun- be NO evening service. day, May 25th.

There will be a special everyone to attend. guest speaker and a potluck

Sunday school begins at

The congregation invites

### Sunday, June 1st @ 10:30 p.m.

## **Special Singers at Easter Valley**

Church will be having Ernest starting at 10:45 a.m. Carter and The Bluegrass Blaze, Kentucky, as special ervone to attend.

Easter Valley Baptist singers on Sunday, June 1st,

Pastor Mike Davis and Gospel Hymn Trio from congregation welcome ev-

#### Sunday, June 1st @ 12:30 p.m.

#### **Homecoming at House of Prayer**

House of Prayer, 535 noon. Dark Hollow Road, will 1st. The meeting begins at Praise Singers. 12:30 p.m. with a potluck lunch sometime in the after- attend.

Bro. Dwight Carpenter be having its annual home- will be the speaker and mucoming on Sunday, June sic will be provided by The

Everyone is welcome to

#### Saturday, June 21st @ 4-8pm

#### **Block Party at First Christian**

will be having a Block Party new CD, "In Good Faith," on Saturday, June 21, 2014, between 6 and 7 p.m. 4-8 p.m.

ment for people of all ages! ing. They are a nationally re-There will be adunking booth nown Christian group. and large inflatables for chilother fun and games for the entire family! Starting at 5 p.m., there will be live music.

Christian Hip Hop artist Jeremiah Dean, who goes by the name, "Gone," will to give the glory to God.

First Christian Church. be performing songs off his

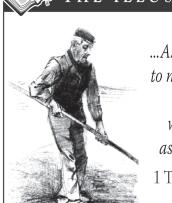
From 7 until 8 p.m., "64 There will be entertain- to Grayson" will be perform-

The church is really interdren to play on as well as ested in getting a large crowd of all ages, as there will be a large variety of music . . . a little something for everyone. As in everything we do, the most important thing is

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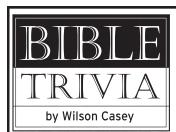
## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



... Aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you... 1 THESSALONIANS 4:11

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1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Psalm 139, where did God "knit me together"? Heaven, Mother's womb, Before time, Mountain

3. In Hebrews 7:2, who

was the "king of righteousness"? Neco, Joash, Melchisedec, Zechariah

4. From Exodus 2, who met his future wife at a well in Midian? Moses, Noah, Isaac, Gideon

5. In Deuteronomy 34, who buried Moses? Servant girls, Shepherd boy, Joshua, God

6. Which city was home to the harlot Rahab? Jericho, Perga, Beersheba, Joppa.

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Two of the world's most famous theologians, Karl Barth and Paul Tillich, were having a debate about the important questions people have about life. Tillich said that theology should answer the psychological questions people have about their "felt needs." Barth responded with a loud "No!" He continued his objection to that idea stating that "The world does not know the right questions to ask. God," he continued, "must reveal the right questions to man as well as the

right answers!" In Psalm 15 God revealed both the right questions and the right answers through David. "Who," David wanted to know. "may live in the presence of God? Who

can stand before Him? Who can know Him now and forever? And Who can go to heaven?"

David asked questions that force us to look at both our attitude and our actions. They cover our walk as well as our works. It also addresses the fact that it is not possible to remain neutral in our relationship with God. We are either growing closer to Him or drifting farther away from

He did not ask any superficial questions of God. He was serious as well as sincere. He was not only concerned about his journey through life but about his ultimate destination - abiding with Him forever.

Jesus addressed the necessity of "abiding" in Him. "Those who abide in me," He said, "will produce much fruit. But apart from me, you can do nothing."

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