



Times Remembered
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As I thought about what to write this week, I tried to re-collect some of my special Christmas memories.

My fond memories involve family togetherness, festive foods and traditions

Christmas Memories

associated with them and the real meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus.

▲ I enjoyed the family outings to Grandma's place to look for that perfect Christmas tree. It was usually a cedar or pine and while we were getting the tree we would gather greenery such as holly, spruce and mistletoe. The fun part of getting the mistletoe was shooting it out of the top of a walnut tree.

▲ Riding around town a few days before Christmas to check out the lights, store decorations and displays while listening to Christmas music on the radio.

▲ Attending church during the holidays, attending school plays and Christmas pageants at church

▲ Eating all the festive

foods on the Christmas dinner table. Such as: country ham, turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, apples, jam cake, and other goodies like fudge, fruitcake and lots of fruit.

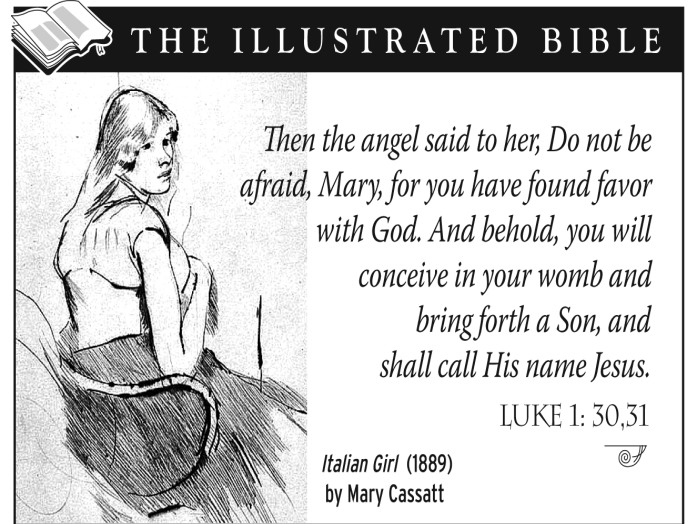
▲ The Christmas that stands out in my mind was the year I received an automatic record player that played 45's. This was when I was about 13 and in the 60's; Rock n Roll was king. We played the record player constantly; as much as Dad would let us and danced to Elvis, and the Beatles. We bought records that came off the juke boxes at Miller's for a quarter. What a bargain!

▲ One memory I really miss is being at my mom and dad's for Christmas

dinner and the opening of gifts. You see, we don't do that anymore since our parents died and I really miss getting together. Sisters go their way with their family now and we don't see much of each other. Our parents were the glue that held us together. Sure it was mass confusion gathering all the family together once we all had children and some had grandchildren; but the togetherness was great.

These memories sustain and uplift me each Christmas season and looking back

I realize how blessed a childhood I had. It didn't involve lavish presents-but there was a tremendous joy and a wonderful sense of togetherness.



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To Sarah

You know, life's a funny thing. Nothing goes right. You don't know who you are or why you're even here. This goes on until one day God sees you need some purpose in life. For some it's a career, college or whatever he plans for you. Mine was you. I knew it from the first time we met.

It's been 10 years and four great children later and I still think about that day. It gave me purpose, hope and a reason. Thanks for that day and all the days after. I love you and I'm very proud of you.

Your husband, Dewayne

Estill Middle Youth Service Center And Estill High Student Council Host Holiday Event At Horizon

The Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center and the Estill County Middle School Student Council recently hosted a holiday event at the Horizon Adult Day Care. Student Council members from the middle school shared a bit of holiday when visiting the Horizons Adult Day Care Center On November 26, 2014. While there the students played games with the clients of Horizons, made Christmas ornaments, and provided them with a buffet of homemade Christmas treats and goodies. A great time was had by all.

Pictured: but not in order: Adams, Hannah; Click, Cobbe; Dennis, Emily; Farmer, Amelia; Flynn, Kiely; Hardy, Elizabeth; Harrison, Madison; Jones, Rayleigh; Lainhart, Donovan; Maybrier, Peyton; Mills, Lee; Mills, Lydia; Napier, Isaac; Napier, Logan; Richardson, Karlee; Samples, Andrew; Stone, Jenna; Sutter, Tyler; Swim, Micah; Tipton, Libby; Tucker, Dean; Walters, Hunter; Warner, Dustin; Williams, Noah.



Facing The Uncertainties of Life

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In From the time we arise out of bed in the morning we do not know for sure that we will be returning to it in the evening, because we do not know what all of the occurrences we will face that day. So this much I do know from experiences that here will be difficulties, dangers, and accidents from time to time. So knowing this, what course of actions should one take in dealing with the hard times of life? First of all, I will recommend that one secure himself in the one who has faced all the difficult times also. When I, and many others were in the military, never would a green horn be placed in leadership of other men. No, they wanted the old veterans that had faced many battles. These they would place in the lead to give directions and advice upon how to complete a mission successfully.

So in like manner, God our Father sent His only begotten Son, steeped in His wisdom, filled with His power to walk among men, to advise, to guide, to secure them, most of all to lead them by His own example to where eternal security lay. He was always facing the difficulties of life almost daily. In **Matthew 26:3-5** the religious leaders gathered themselves together with a subtle plan to kill Him. So our Lord knew of the dangers that faced Him, still He did the Fathers well. The apostle Paul faced many dangers also on a daily basis, still he kept the Saviour's will. In **Acts 20:22-23** Paul was bound in the spirit to make his journey unto Jerusalem not knowing just what was awaiting him there, for he had been forewarned twice that he would be bound, still he went. How could he do it? He knew the Lord was with him in his life's work, and that a crown of life could be his when his duty was over and done. A brother in Christ knowing the duties and the uncertainties of life related to the ministry, said unto me, "I don't know why anyone would ever choose to become a preacher!" After giving it quite a bit of thought, I arrived at the conclusion, I am not seeking the praises of men, but I am seeking the approval and the acceptance of Christ my Saviour. So then, I am not able to stop my mission of attempted preaching until the Lord says so. So until that day or time, we will try to stay prepared to keep facing the difficulties of life's realities. I hope you have already prepared, but if you have not, all need to hear and obey our Lord's commands because when life is difficult you will have a friend that will stick closer than a brother. Take time to visit with us at 262 Broadway. We will face life together.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-(859) 369-4165

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