

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

As my daughter grew up I was determined to make Thanksgiving a time for celebrating faith, family and freedom. I read stories about the Pilgrim's journey of faith of Cape Cod, Plymouth, God blessed them abundantbelievers in Christ, we have their thanks and praise. so much to be thankful for as

Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember

dantly blessed our nation.

giving festival. Though they of "coming home." suffered much while starting percent. The Plymouth set-fusion for me. tlers had successfully built a little community and grown of Thanksgiving is unique. It our families got together it crops to provide for them- is both Christian and excluselves, while other colonies sively American, a holiday were totally dependent on for celebrating faith, family from England to the shores supplies from England. Yes, and freedom.

Americans. God has abun- say that Thanksgiving is things which we were thank-

a new life in the new world, stark contrast to the frenzy they also recognized that of obligation and spend-God had clearly and miracuing that threatens to destroy lously guided their steps. the being of Christmas. I'm Their experience was a against going shopping on Mom's birthday together. little better than others who Thanksgiving and Black Her birthday was November had attempted to colonize Friday. Time should be spent 20. In my growing up days on the American shores. with family and cherishing we were always stripping to-Plymouth lost 50 percent the time you have with elof the numbers, but James- derly parents. Black Friday town in Virginia had lost 90 is too much stress and con-

The national observance

Massachusetts in 1620. As ly, and they sincerely offered growing up and when we blessed. It was a great homeshared personal blessings, coming! I've heard many people we both would write five

their favorite holiday. It is ful for...... Such as: I'm I've always been im- between the increasingly thankful for God in my life. pressed by the faith the Pil- popular Halloween and I'm thankful that we are in grims demonstrated when the commercial Christmas. good health, I'm thankful for they held the first Thanks- Thanksgiving is the holiday my grandparents and mother, and etc. I was thrilled to It's a time of rest....in hear her show appreciation the way I had taught her.

During the years that my parents were living we celebrated Thanksgiving and my bacco that particular time of year, therefore we all pitched in prepared a Thanksgiving dinner.

When all my sisters and was loud and noisy; pretty chaotic in a small little farmhouse, but we had our parents and all of our family When my daughter was was together and we were

> **HAPPY** THANKSGIVING!

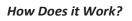
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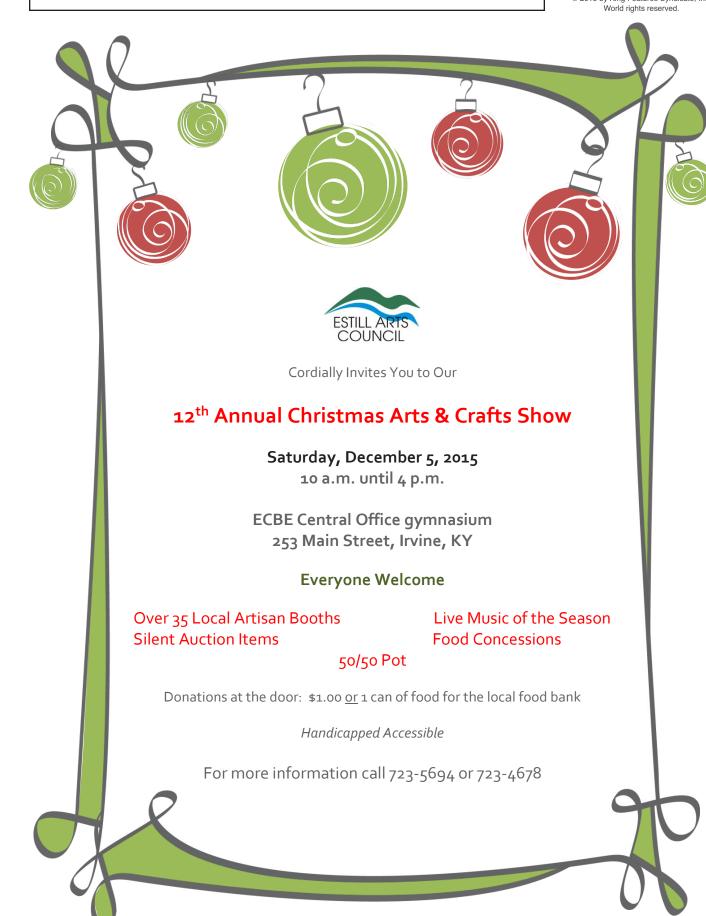
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- 1. Stephen King
- 2. James Patterson
- 3. J.K. Rowling 4. John Grisham
- 5. Dean Koontz
- 6. Nora Roberts/J.D. Robb
- 7. J.R.R. Tolkien 8. Samuel Clemens/
- Mark Twain 9. Nicholas Sparks
- 10. Danielle Steel

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One Nation Under God by BOB CASEY, preacher **Cornerstone Church of Christ Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine**

In our pledge to the allegiance, and upon our coins is the statement in God we trust. This should be a constant reminder to all of us that this nation did not just happen accidently. The men who were makers and framers of our constitution were Godly men who relied upon the Bible when they wrote this great piece of legislation.

Aside from the Bible, many have said that this is the greatest document in existence today. In my opinion, every school should have this document read at least once a year in every class.

But sadly, it seems that we as a nation are, may be headed toward a day in the which many will forget the mighty hand of God in forming this country.

How can a nation turn away from its very pledge? By failing to seek the Lord and His guidance for our lives. We can slowly drift away. Again, many have and are not using the Lord's day by faithfully attended the meetings of the church, by a failure to make themselves acquainted with the Bible. In the news, we just heard that some in Africa were shot because they could not quote a verse from the Muslim Quaran. Can we quote freely from the Bible? Sadly, many confessed Christians know very little about it. How can we pledge or honor someone that we are not acquainted with?

One day this very book commonly called the New Testament will be the very book that will be used during our trial before Jesus. II Corinthians 5:10 and Revelation 20:12 reveals this to be true. Have you ever read it for yourself? Would one be justifiably ignorant when we are examined by the Lord. Of course, the answer is clear. No! Because we all have access to this book, the Bible.

How can we be said to be an honorable nation when we fail to know and deny its precepts? In closing, let me say again that our God will not continue to bless and protect this nation when this nation is swiftly turning away from Him. If we do not change soon, God may already be withdrawing His hand from us. Psalm 19:7 says: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Did you know that the Bible says these things? Proclaimed ignorance will do you no good when we stand before Jesus. So today everyone has the present opportunity to reach and obey the scriptures, for in doing so one can have their lives changed and made ready for the judgment which is surely coming upon us all.

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