

Times Remembered
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Twas The Night Before Jesus Came

Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment it must be THE DAY!

The light of his face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like he said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which he held in his hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "It's not here," my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh! if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Grace and Faith
by BOB CASEY, preacher
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In **Ephesians 2:8**, "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourself: it is the gift of God."

First, I believe that this verse is all truth, but to rightly receive its truths we need to diagram this verse.

The subject matter of course is **grace**. Grace is determined through many scriptures to be the favor of God toward mankind! We as sinners really do not deserve this grace, but God who is rich in mercy. So verse four tells us so. So then by His mercy He has extended to us grace through the sending of His son into the world to save sinners.

But notice, that through Jesus, God has devised a plan to save everyone alike. **Romans 8:3** says: "That God in sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, condemned sin in the flesh." This Jesus did when He lived here and never committed one sin.

Paul says in **Romans 3:23**, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." So this is where God's grace and mercy comes through unto us, when we obey our Saviour. Then in **John 1:14** says that Jesus is full of grace and truth.

Secondly, here it is said that salvation comes through faith. Now if I understand anything, through some things means there is a starting place and there is also a finishing place. Notice **Romans 10:17** says: "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." So faith will have its beginning when we apply our ears to hear the Bible presented either by reading, preaching, or being taught. Notice that any other preaching that does not correspond with Bible truths is eternally condemned. Read **Galatians 1:9** to see what it says.

Also this saving faith includes believing with our total being (**John 8:24** and **John 3:16** and others). In **Acts 8:37** the eunuch said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God." So no other confession is needed. We are commanded to repent of every past sin that we have committed so that we will never take them up again (**Romans 6:1-2**). Then we are to make a public statement before men that we are obeying our Lord (**Luke 12:8-9** and **Matthew 10:32-33**).

Then to solidify our faith we must be baptized in water for (not because of) the remission of our sins. This entails enough to bury you in, so a little sprinkling of water is not Bible baptism, and it won't get you saved or into heaven in their substitute manner (**Mark 16:15-16**). Then and only then will the Lord add you to His church (**Acts 2:47**).

Thirdly, "And that not of yourselves," it is the gift of God.

There is no plan of man anywhere in this world that has, or ever will save anyone. **John 1:13** says so. Best of all what plan have you obeyed? Can you find it in the Bible?

Notice in **Hebrews 5:8-9**, "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. 9And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation." Have you obeyed the plan Christ gives to save you? You knew, and He also knew.

If we can help, call or visit with us, 1-859-369-4165, Bond Street and Camp Avenue, West Irvine.

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

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Tuesday, December 29th @ 6:30pm

Estill County Lions Club

The Estill County Lions Club will meet Tuesday, December 29th and on the first and third Tuesday of every month at Raders' River Restaurant. The meal is at 6:30 p.m. and business meeting begins at 7 p.m. Estill County Lions Club is part of Lions Club International, with 1.35 million members in 205 countries around the world. We invite those who feel a call to make our community a better place through service to attend and learn about how Lions around the world earn our motto, "We Serve..."

Closed December 23rd thru January 3rd

Health Department Holiday Schedule

The Estill County Health Department will be closed on December 23rd for a staff meeting. In observance of Christmas and New Year the Estill County Health Department will be closed December 24, 2015 through January 3, 2016. We will re-open on January 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 5th @ 7pm

Estill County Historical Society

The Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet at the Estill County Public Library on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7 p.m. This will be a business meeting.

Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, January 7th and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

Before Thursday, January 7th

FREE Computer Training

FREE Computer Training your seat before January 7th!
Call 606-723-7323 to reserve Estill County Adult Education

Friday, January 8th, 6-8pm

Estill Appalachian Dulcimers

The Estill County Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets Friday, January 8th and every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Main Street, Irvine, for anyone who plays an Appalachian Dulcimer or anyone who is interested in playing one is welcome to attend. The Appalachian Dulcimer was designated as the official state instrument of Kentucky in 2001.

Saturday, January 9th, 6pm

Annual Masonic Fish Supper

Irvine Masonic Lodge #137 F & AM will be having their annual supper on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Lodge building located at the corner of Lilly Avenue and Broadway in Irvine. The supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Fried fish, shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, dessert and drinks will be served. The public, all Masons, their families and friends are invited to attend. The cost of the supper will be \$10 and includes all you want to eat. Children 12 and under eat for free.

False Teachers Will Be Judged...

2 Peter 1:16-18
We Were The Eyewitnesses

16For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17**For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **18**And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

Best wishes to all for a blessed Christmas.
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Kitchen Diva
Does Eating Greens Bring in the 'Green'?

by **ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS**

For many people, the new year is a time for making resolutions and eating certain foods for "luck." On New Year's Day, eating greens, black-eyed peas and cornbread are thought to bring financial reward. While I'm not superstitious, I do believe in the health benefits of eating greens. Greens include any vegetable in the cabbage family that doesn't form a compact head, like collards, mustards, turnips, spinach and kale. There are several varieties of tasty and unusual types of greens, so be bold and experiment! Dark, leafy greens such as spinach, kale, collards and mustard greens are an excellent source of many nutrients. Greens contain high amounts of vitamin A and iron, as well as some calcium. Greens also are packed with antioxidants and are a wonderful addition to any diet.

If the stems of the greens are tough, don't throw them away. There are nutrients in the stems, so chop them up into small pieces and freeze them. You can add the stems to soups and stews, saute them with your onions or add them to various dishes just the way you add in carrots. Pot liquor, the highly seasoned liquid that is left after the greens are cooked, is full of vitamins and minerals and is a nutritious drink.

The practice of combining different types of greens is called a "mess of greens" in the South. Cooking a mixture of greens along with pieces of pork is an integral part of African and African-American culinary history. During times of slavery, if greens were served one day, the leftover pot liquor and a pan of cornbread often made the meal for the next. My vegetarian version for preparing a mess of greens retains the flavorful soul of the recipe, but is much healthier.

While I don't personally believe in luck or eating certain types of food on the first day of the new year, a dish of dark, leafy, deliciously fresh greens makes me feel blessed all year long!



MESS OF GREENS

- 4 pounds greens (mixture of kale, collards, mustard, turnips or spinach)
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 6 cloves of garlic, diced
- 1 jalapeno, diced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons salt, divided
- 2 tablespoons pepper, divided
- 5 cups water
- 6 sun-dried tomatoes, sliced, and the oil (optional)

1. Wash greens thoroughly: Remove any brown spots or blemishes, and wash the greens in cold water approximately 3 or 4 times to ensure they are clean and free of insects. Roll the cleaned greens up and slice them into smaller pieces so they'll cook evenly. Remove and reserve any large stems.

2. Using a large pot, season the onions with salt and sweat them in the olive oil over low heat for about 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the garlic, jalapeno, sugar, salt and pepper to the pot, and saute the mixture for about 5 minutes. Add the greens and water to the pot and continue cooking for 45 minutes to 1 hour over medium-low heat, stirring once after about 30 to 40 minutes.

3. Test the greens for tenderness by piercing the stems with a fork or knife. Cook for another 10 to 15 minutes, if needed. Season with the remaining salt and pepper. Place the greens in a bowl with the pot liquor. Serve with the sun-dried tomatoes and the oil, if desired, and the traditional Southern condiments: vinegar, hot sauce, hot peppers in vinegar, or wine vinegar, and chopped onions.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks. Her new cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is www.divapro.com. To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook.

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As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

ACTS 13:2

Detail, "Head of bearded man in profile" by Peter Paul Rubens (1618-21)