



Members of the Irvine-Ravenna Women's Club met December 1st at Irvine Health and Rehabilitation Center to decorate the Christmas tree for residents at the center. Left to right, above, are, kneeling: Tina Pasley, Club President, front: Judy Stacy, Freda Hardy, Yvonne Harrison and Faye Reece. Back: Joan Murphy, Francine Bonny, Cindy Ball, Christine Flynn and Pam Hedge.



Times Remembered Betty A. Young

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Does it ever seem to you that there is just too much noise in the world today? It seems that way to me. These days, it seems that we just don't know what to do without some kind of noise going on most of the

Thinking of a quiet moment

time. There are cars and trucks bent on creating more noise that none like to hear. Our homes are filledalbeit at our invitation.....with televisions, cell phones, and the hum of computers and iPad games with mechanical noises of Star Wars sounds exploding in our ears. No wonder our hearing is going. I was thinking the other day about what it's like to have true quiet. I thought back to my early years on the farm. Was there a time when I could remember pure quietness? (Before my sister's kids, who lived next door). There was no quietness at night, because Daddy was a snorer, and he could raise the roof. Also the ticking of the old wind-up clock that struck every hour. It always struck when I'd been out on a date

and just getting in.....it would strike 12; and 11 was my curfew. It would wake Daddy up. That noisy thing always got me in trouble. Quiet time certainly wasn't to be found in the spring or summer. There was too much work to be done. The days were filled with planting gardens, setting tobacco, milking cows and spring cleaning. The nights found me listening to the serenade of crickets, katydids and hoot owls. Quiet was not to be found in the fall. That was the time for school to start with the excitement of new clothes, new classmates, and new teachers. So, when was there a moment of perfect, peaceful quietness? I thought about it for some time. Then it came

to me. It was a still, moon-filled January night. The excitement of Christmas had faded. Our lane was covered with an insulating blanket of snow. Bob and I were walking down the lane to our house when I stopped to listen to the quiet. There wasn't a whisper of a breeze. There wasn't the smallest snap of a twig. Even my youthful thoughts ceased long enough to see and hear the perfect quietness. What a gift to experience perfect quietness. It reminds me of a scripture verse, "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. I hope there's a big snow this month, one to renew my memory of that night several years ago. I want to hear that moment of quiet.....a simple snowy lane in the winter.

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Wednesday, December 9th @ 6pm

ECHS Jazz Band at Mt. Carmel

The Estill County High School Jazz Band will be performing at Mt. Carmel Christian Church on Wednesday, December 9th at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Call 606-726-9342 if any questions.

Sunday & Thursday, Dec. 20 & 24

Pine Hill's Annual Christmas Play

Pine Hill Baptist Church will be having its annual Christmas play on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, starting at 6 p.m. The theme is "How to Know Jesus." There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday & Thursday, Dec. 20 & 24

Mt. Carmel Christmas Events

All are welcome to attend the following Christmas events at Mt. Carmel Christian Church: * "A Mt. Carmel School Christmas" This is a Christmas play on Sunday, December 20, at 6 p.m. * Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on Thursday, December 24, at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 13th @ 6pm

Singing at Providence Baptist

Providence Baptist Church at Winston will have a singing starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. The featured singers will be Glory Road. Bro. Tom Knight and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Sunday, December 13th @ 6pm

Christmas Play at Ivory Hill

The youth of Ivory Hill Baptist Church on Winchester Road, Irvine will present their Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. Bro. Mike Hetrick and congregation invite everyone to attend.

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seeds of Hope

Recently an item appeared on the news that told the story of a 34-year-old man suing his parents for "not preparing him to earn a living." He asked the judge to force his parents to sell their home and from the proceeds purchase him a restaurant. Parents are responsible for providing a useful education for their children. This parental task is as old as mankind. It began with the children of Israel. Psalm 48 begins with a call to praise the Lord. He is "great," said the Psalmist, and "worthy of praise." In between verses one and 14 the author gives many descriptions of the greatness of God and several reason why He was worthy of praise. But why is He great and why is He worthy of praise? Contained in the Psalm is a description of the City of Zion - the "joy of the whole earth." And what is this joy or its source? It is the City of the Great King - God Himself! And we read that "God is in her citadels; He has shown Himself to be her fortress; when kings joined forces and >saw her= they fled in terror; it is the city of our God and in her temple God makes her secure forever; in His temple they meditate on His unfailing love; people in the villages are glad because of His judgments." The people are then told to "walk about Zion count her towers, consider well her ramparts, view her citadels that you may tell of them the next generation!" Why were the contents of this Psalm important to the children of Israel? In His wisdom God advised the writers of this Psalm to produce a document that contained a record of God=s love and faithfulness, His goodness and guidance, His strength and power. This Psalm contains critical facts for the children of Israel to pass on to their children as a foundation for their faith.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Luke in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... ? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers
3. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Walked, Rode donkey, Boat
4. At the birth of Jesus, who was king of Judaea? Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar
5. What was the home city of Mary and Joseph? Capernaum, Nazareth, Aphek, Shechem
6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

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Wilson Casey's mainstream UFO book, "Swamp Gas & High Hopes 101," is now available from Touch-PointPress.com

Our Redemption? by BOB CASEY, preacher

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In **Romans 13:11-12**, it is written: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awaken out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed, the night is spent, for the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness. And let us put on the armor of light."

The words should leap off this page to awaken people to the realities of what we are seeing and hearing at thy present time.

In light of what has just happened in our nation, we see in Paul's prophecy that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse. We are beginning to awaken to the point that yes, perilous times are now upon us all.

How can anyone fail to see it unfolding right before our eyes. In my comings and goings, I am hearing these remarks: "Thy thing is winding down," "The world cannot continue because it is getting worse and worse," and "The Lord is soon going to return."

These are just some of the things people are saying. I wonder where they are getting all these ideas? Can it be that some are beginning to take notice relating to the teaching of the Bible? I hope so. I overheard one say, "Well I don't read the Bible as I should, but I am reading it a lot more now." This is good because that is why our Lord had it written, so that all might be aware of the coming day of judgment for all of us. Then again, sadly, many people right this day do not know what is going on in the public of America. One said, "Well I never listen to the news. I don't know what has happened."

What in the world is going on here? I believe that so many of us are all wrapped up in personal lives, jobs, family, holidays, etc. that we just don't care what is happening outside of these things. I have stood in the sports arena at Neuremberg, Germany. Here the arena is half finished, but even as the allies were even in the outskirts of this city, many of the workers were continuing just as if nothing would ever change. I saw the trowels and mortarboards still with cement piled upon them as though the end would never come. Only when the American soldiers appeared did they stop what they were doing. In pictures of this event, most seemed totally in shock. They were so involved with their own activities that the reality of this event was a total surprise.

This is what will be happening when our Lord returns suddenly. **Luke 17** says that most will be wrapped up in their day to day activities, eating, drinking, marrying, divorcing, planting, building, buying, selling. These things will blind most of mankind to the preparations for the day of judgment. My question to us is, just where or what is our mind centered upon today? If you have not made preparation to stand before Christ in judgment, that you should do it today.

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

False Teachers Will Be Judged... 2 Peter 1:8-11 Make Your Calling Sure

8For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. **10**Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **11**For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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