



Times Remembered

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Hickory Nuts

Every fall, when I was growing up my Mom and Dad and myself would travel to my Grandmother's place on Crooked Creek to gather bags of ripe, ready to eat hickory nuts.

There were several trees on Grandma's property, but the one I remember most was the huge one just below the old gray-weathered barn. The ground would be covered and I loved

spending the sunny afternoon gathering the nuts and removing the hulls in order to crack them later.

After the harvest, when we got home Mom allowed the nuts to dry for a while and then she would begin cracking and picking out the kernels from the shell. Believe me, they were hard to crack and even more difficult to remove the meat from the shell. But Mom worked magic with them. She had learned to crack hickory nuts at a very young age. She had spent a lifetime shelling hickory nuts.

She had a special little hammer that she used; she cracked them on back stoop porch or the hearth of the fireplace. I can still see her salt and pepper hair shimmering in the afternoon sunlight and her face glowing with love as she tried to teach me the art of it. I was fascinated with the process. Eagerly I picked up the hammer, nut in left hand and hammer in right, I tried to imitate her. Crack.....not quite. Whoops! The nut slipped; try again; I tried harder; Crackkk! The nut crumbled in in my hands, shells, meat and all.

I watched spellbound as Mom set about her work. Hammer in right hand, nut in the

left; she knew exactly where to place the hammer to crack them perfectly. She usually cracked several nuts and picked them out a little later. She diligently and patiently used a hairpin to remove the hickory nut meat from the shell. I didn't have that magic touch, the nuts I cracked were always stuck in the shell tight as glue or squashed. I never had much luck removing them.

Every year at Christmas, Mom used hickory nuts in most everything she made or baked for the holidays. Especially in her jam cakes, hickory nut cake, fudge candy and many other treats.

I didn't realize then how much it took for mom to continue year after year shelling hickory nuts, even though the pain of arthritis. Her annual baking with hickory nuts was one of my most treasured holiday traditions.

Mom is gone now. She passed away 10 years ago this past October 5th. My heart is filled with love and fond memories of Mom and all the hard work she endured to make annual preparations for our family to have wonderful holiday traditions.

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Robert C. "Bobby" BURNS
District 1
Estill County
School Board Member

- I am running for the District #1 seat on the Estill County School Board.
- I served two terms on the Estill County Fiscal Court as Magistrate in District #3, and I am a retired Irvine police officer.
- I want to help take care of the people, and kids are my Number 1 priority.
- I was diagnosed with kidney cancer one year ago, but I received a clean bill of health after a doctor's visit in September.

Paid by Robert C. "Bobby" Burns

CHURCH NEWS

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Sunday, October 23rd @ 10:30am

Homecoming at Williams Memorial

Williams Memorial Baptist Church in Ravenna will be celebrating its 93rd anniversary on Sunday, October 23, 2016, with morning service starting at 10:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship dinner. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, October 22nd @ 4pm

Fish Fry at Drip Rock Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to Drip Rock Baptist Church for the first annual fish fry with Danny Webb cooking the fish. Eating will begin at 4 p.m. A singing will follow at 6 p.m. with the Chitwood Family from Tennessee as guest singers. Everybody is invited.

Sunday, October 30th - 5-9pm

Benefit Singing at Roadside Mission

There will be a "5th Sunday Singing" at the Roadside Mission Church of God on Furnace Junction on Sunday, October 30th, 5-9 p.m. This will be a benefit gospel singing in cooperation with several other churches to help with financial needs of Danny and Barbara Rogers. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The Declining Demise of America
by **BOB CASEY**, preacher
Cornerstone Church of Christ
70 Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine

Believe it or not, whatever happens to, or within our country depends not upon political solutions, but solely upon the hearts of its people toward their God. In all of the great collapses of nations in our past have been due to the rejection of God in their decisions. Our God is still in charge of all of us, whether we recognize it or not. He is a God that will not be ignored or mocked. He has always allowed events to occur to bring men back to attention. But this I know, if men continue to harden their hearts toward God, then intervention in their affairs will happen. It happened in Noah's day. It happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. It happened to Israel and God retaliated by letting the Syrians come in and carry them away to Babylon and slavery. David wrote in **Psalms 37:37** these words, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not, yea. I sought him, but he could not be found." Also in **verse 20**, "But the wicked shall perish and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs and they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." Even though this chapter was written many years ago, still its precepts are just as viable today as then. We do not know with a great sense of accuracy what will soon take place.

But men will not be allowed to ignore our God and prosper. America needs an awakening of the heart, and this will only happen when men arise and hear, and obey Him. This may not ever happen, but it can, if people will repent and turn back to righteousness. Only then can we begin to return to the great nation that we once were. But only each individual must contribute to its awakening, or else we will steadily decrease into decline and destruction. **God will not be mocked!**

Visit with us this Lord's day at 70 Bond Street, West Irvine.

Sincerely, Bob Casey 1(859) 369-4165

Irvine Nursing & Rehab

Fall Carnival & Car Show
11am-2pm

Saturday, October 22nd
411 Bertha Wallace Drive - Irvine



Dash plaques for first 30 cars!

Trophies for Top 10!

Cancelled if rain.

Contact
Nancy Jones at 606-481-9959 or
Libby Osborne at 859-339-6144 to pre-register for Car Show.

Chili Lunch \$5.00
• Bowl of Chili • Crackers
• Peanut Butter Sandwich
• Drink



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