

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

#### **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day is a day of love, romance, and of course, the market place. Marriage ceremonies are popular and roses are a pricey gift for sweethearts.

We hear about romantic marriage proposals, engagements, and weddings taking place on Valentine's Day.

"I know I'm forgiven,"

he said, "but I don't have

the same feelings I once

had. Will they ever come

While our salvation is

established on facts, feel-

ings play an important

role in our relationship

with God. They come

from the Holy Spirit and

from God to let us know

what our condition or re-

lationship is with Him. If

there is joy and gladness

in our lives, we know

God is with us. When

we are uncomfortable in

sense of alienation from

Him, we know there is a

need for us to confess

I will teach transgressors

When we go to God

our sins and repent.

back?"

linen trunk and when I booth with her husband. I opened it; it was filled with thought, I guess they are be with you through trials red roses. What a wonderful prise was when Bob took me to a nice restaurant in

with fourteen diamonds.

ary coming in second.

jewelry, lingerie and candy.

a huge bouquet of roses with

Chevy Chase in Lexington had prime rib dinner and After all, February is the complimentary roses. The

> Your ways and sinners will turn back to You.' When we receive a renewed heart there is a renewed desire in us to worship and witness for God. "Old things have passed away and all things are new again!" When we once again walk in God's ways we, then once again do

God's work.

Is anyone a more powerful witness to the wonder of God's grace than someone who has been redeemed from a hell they created for themselves by being disobedient to God's laws? When we recover from our own self-inflicted wounds, we can recognize the pain and hurt in others who are suffering as we once suffered. We His presence and feel a become more open to their needs because we "have been there, done that, suffered and recovered" because God continues to love us and and experience His res- then continues to grant toration, He, as well as us His mercy and grace. others, will see the fruit And the more we witness of His forgiveness in our the more we will worship lives. David sets our ex- God. Our strength to witample: "Then - after my ness comes from our restoration when I am worship of Him.

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love month. June is the only "Trendells" band provided several guys came up to him month with more people 60's and 70's music. They and told him that he had a getting married with Febru- were a great group!

Valentine's Day is the tra- expensive dinner one time and sing to his wife. ditional day on which lovers at Ruth Chris's in Louisville. express their love for each They had the best steak I I was surprised and embarother by sending Valentine's ever put in my mouth, but rassed. It rates up at top as cards, love letters, flowers, also the most expensive. one of the most precious The waiters wouldn't let One of the most memo- you get one little crumb on rable Valentine's Days was your table when they would when Bob and I were dating scrape it off; that annoyed and I'd been TDY to Annis- me, at least they could have ton, Alabama for training. waited until we were fin-When I got home he had me ished with our dinner.

The most embarrassing purple heather. He also gave Valentine's Day was the Ruby Tuesdays in Lexingcelebrating too; because they lived in Lexington. It The best Valentine's sur- wasn't just a few minutes that Bob got up from the table and said he was going to the restroom. I didn't think for Valentine's Day. We anything about it, but all of a sudden I heard his voice come over the PA system, and he said, "This is Valentine's Day and I'm going to sing a special song for my beautiful wife who is sitting in the back booth".

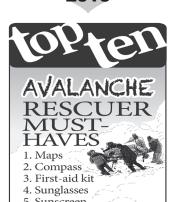
The song was, "You Are So Beautiful to Me." By Joe Cocker. Little did I know but his sister, Julie Rae was filming my reaction. I wanted to crawl under the table I was so embarrassed; he can sing, (Thank God), and it sounded beautiful. After he finished singing,

lot of guts to get up in front Also, we had the most of everyone in a restaurant

> It was great even though things he has ever done for

Bob has always been thoughtful and romantic. He has a big heart and loves doing surprises and pranks. He keeps my life interesting. Yes, we have our ups and downs but no marriage is me a gold heart necklace year we went to dinner at perfect and you really have to work at it. We have been Another Valentine's ton Green. We arrived at the married 29 years. Most of memory was when he gave restaurant and immediately all; get into church, make me a hand-made wooden I saw his sister in another God the Lord and love of your life and he will always and troubles.

> **HAPPY VALENTINES DAY** 2016



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## False Teachers Will Be Judged ...

### 2 Peter 2:12-13

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<sup>12</sup>But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you:

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#### The Parable of the Tares by BOB CASEY, preacher Cornerstone Church of Christ **Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine**

It is recorded in Matthew 13:37-43, the teachings of our Lord using something simple to teach a great truth. Here, he says that the son of man soweth only good seed. He goes on to say that his field is the whole world; but, also, as he says, there is someone else sowing also. The he mentions counterfeit seed called here, tares (resembling good seed but are useless.) These he says are those resembling the children of the (devil)

So, now, before we elaborate any farther, we ask this question, "How did the wicked ones become so wicked? Does all of mankind begin with the same intellect to recognize the hand of God in this world?" Psalms 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament (earth) sheweth his handywork." There may be some who did not have all the training they should have had simply because their parents did not go to church. Neither did they read the Bible nor teach it to their children. So, naturally, these kind of like ones could more easily become the children of the wicked one. So, parents who refuse to bring their children up in the admonition of the Lord will have a lot to answer

for at the judgment.

Secondly, I do not believe that anyone intentionally aims to become a child of satan, but as they grow to manhood, they closed their minds to things of God and became the followers of the devil. You see, Satan has a lot of worldly pleasures to offer men, and if you put the judgment out of your mind you can sin without fear of impunity. But, the judgment still lingers. In verse 40 of our text, it says, "As therefore the tares (wicked ones) are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world." In verse 42, he calls it a furnace of fire and tells of the wailing that will take place there. All this time, the devil is offering so many worldly attractions that allure men to one and at the same time sends them any from any contact with God.

God has sent Jesus to teach us his ways, to promise us a better way of life here and a future life in Heaven with him. But, if men close their ears to the words, there will be eternal consequences to follow. In John 5:24-25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.'

Then he went on to say in verse 25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead (unsaved) shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." So, there is still hope for the non-believer in sin, there is still hope for the procrastinator. There is also hope for the backslider if they will repent and ask for forgiveness. But, let me say again, all that refuse our Lord's calling are remaining the children of the devil! Then in verses 23-24, he tells us of impending judgment, how all shall come forth to be judged, the children of the evil one to the resurrection of damnation. But, the children who received the good seed, and faithfully lived by it, shall partake of the resurrection of eternal life. All of us will make our own choice, just as all of us will live or die by those choices we will have made.

Let me strongly encourage you to choose the Lord and eternal life. Satan has nothing eternal to offer you, except to be his neighbor, forever in the lake of fire. So, the consequences of failing to believe and obey are just too great.

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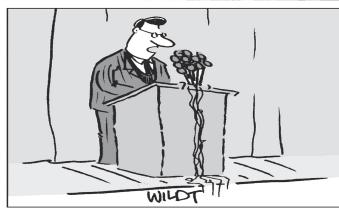


Slow Season

Sometimes, there just isn't a lot of activity in the backyard. Very few birds come to visit. I don't know why this is, but even though it's slow, I still put seed out on the tray feeder and keep the birdbaths filled with water. Just for those few who stop by.

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