

# The Hills In The Spring Time

I love to go out on the hills in the Spring, where the skies are so blue; you can look back at apple orchards blooming with blossoms so fair.

Fragrance of perfume filters through the air, where woodland violets grow. Buttercups and butterflies view the sun kissed valleys, nature and spring time with all its splendor.

Song of mocking birds; I love to watch clouds drift by, where willow trees sway to and fro in the gentle breeze, wild flowers pepping their head in beautiful green fields.

Signs of spring everywhere this time of year. Beautiful rock stone pathways lead me to soft dandelions. Cardinals treat me to a song as they flew by.

I rest on the mountain top, take in all the nature and the beauty. It leaves me breathless. It's the same pathway you walked so many times down through the years ago.

In evening shade, as the sun drops

over the mountains and hills and hollows, the sun casts her shadows against the trees.

Where you walked, I can still see you clearly there, Daddy. Your heart and soul abide there still on that Brushy Mountain's hills.

That precious face and smile, that old cap, brown work shirt and them old boots; foot prints you made are still fresh in my mind.

In the pocket of that old shirt, a pack of chewing tobacco, Red Man. Just as it was always, was half empty, rolled down and tucked in your pocket. The smile on that face.

If I look hard enough, I'll find you in the memory of my mind, walking on your mountain in the the shade of day, looking over the hills and hollows you loved so dearly.

It's where you're resting now, you're finally at peace and rest. Your heart and soul abide there now and forever.

Spring is a beautiful time of the year. April is special to my heart.

The 20th of this month would have been your birthday, Daddy.

Mushrooms will soon be coming up. It's time to capture golden moments and treasure years that give me memories of the lifetime of the heart.

Suddenly, bees are buzzing, they know warm weather is hear. Sunshine, wind, whispering red birds, robins, blue birds, blue jays are making their self known by singing outside of our windows, and bird feeders are full. It's a happy, joyful sound.

The crocus, roses and golden rods, everything coming alive after a long winter's nap. Tulips, the blue bells sprout up so early, and violet's most brilliant splendor, most style and grace.

Lilacs and roses swell up and burst. Japonica out into flames, burning bush really fits its name best. Delicate bleeding hearts, apple, peach and pear trees send us all the sweetest fragrance into the air.

The cherry blossom and the wild and tame honeysuckle express the fragrance we love so best, even the

dandelions, golden yellow and so bright.

Each blossom is mirrored for us all to see, all of these God-given sunshine and rains to make them grow. Redbuds, dogwoods which we love so dearly, God blessed us with all of these in springtime to enjoy.

The Easter lily, the symbol of "The Holy One." He's risen, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We take time ever Easter to celebrate his life and his death and his resurrection. The Holy Day, a man who died for soul to be saved. He conquered death and the grave.

We can never thank Him and praise Him enough for all mercy and His grace. He gave the perfect gift on the cross. He gave himself. Remember every year what the true meaning of Easter is to us all.

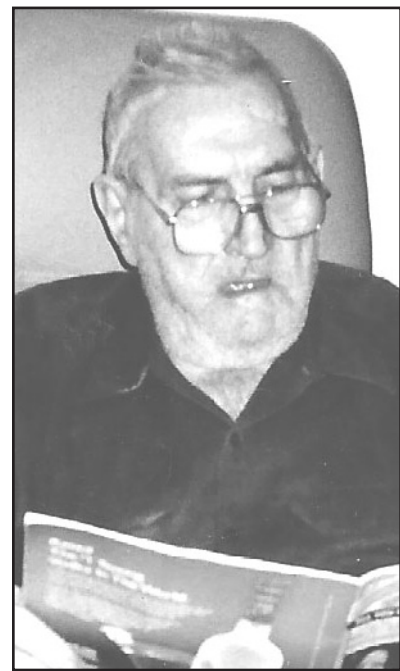
March and April bring spring to us all, a new birth. It's time for renewing when everything which was dead comes alive. Flower buds. Remember, God is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Bright and Morning Star."

This time of year is a blessed time in so many ways. God bless, hope

you had a Happy Easter and enjoy the springtime at its best.

In memory of Basslee Richardson. "I love you and miss you so much, Daddy!"

by Frieda Holliman



Basslee Richardson



"Honestly, Gary ... you've got the weirdest \_\_\_\_\_."

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Guide  
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Fume  
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Enjoy  
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**TODAY'S WORD**

## The World's Most Dangerous Men

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher  
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One of the most alarming passages of scripture is found in **II Peter 2** written by Peter in the year 64AD to the Jews as well as the Gentiles. He already had recognized that during his short life many had entered into the field of prophecy claiming that they were also sent by God. Paul the apostle in **Acts 20:17-31** warned the Christian elders from Ephesus that this false system was making some inroads into the church of Christ. And their motive there was the same as it is today: **verse 33, "To draw away disciples after them."** He finished his words unto them as a warning to be on guard as overseers to guard against this false effort. **Now Peter** in telling the church how this false teaching had gotten its foothold, "by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." He said sadly: that many shall follow their evil ways, saying also that they would make merchandise out of people. This had its beginning early in the church even before Jerusalem was destroyed. In **Acts 5:35-39** there are two men called **Theudas** and **Judas** who led several people away after their claiming to be led by God, but they were killed and the remainder dispersed. But even in Paul's day the Roman emperor was eyeballing the church with great suspicion. So a few years later they claimed that a Roman church overseen by the emperor was the only church that should be recognized, and so they warred and fought toe and toenail for several hundreds of years up to the invention of the printing press in very late 1589. Then men began to trail off into different groups with different names, different beliefs, and different teachings, all because they refused to agree upon the basic truths of the Bible. So today this availability to read the book of God has caused many to turn away from the inspired scriptures to form their own groups, commonly called denominationalism. These teachings not only lead men from the truth, but many more are following suit.

But in Noah's life (**Genesis 6-7**), God called Noah a preacher of righteousness. He acquired this name long before he was told to build the ark. **Genesis 6:8-9** says he walked with God. Then being commanded to build this ark to save his family and the animals, he began by preaching and building. So he never stopped until he had finished this task. Then just as God said: "Here comes the flood," it destroyed all the unbelieving sinners who refused to hear the message of Noah's preaching.

In the same text he includes the people of Sodom and Gomorrah who were very ungodly people, but God was merciful by sending them a warning to repent, but they refused (**Genesis 19**) and they were destroyed. Peter is using this example to warn today's mankind, turn from false teachings, listen and obey only the truths truly found in the Bible so you will not suffer the destruction mentioned in **II Peter 3** when this earth and the things will suffer the vengeance of fire. So don't be one of the unstable and unlearned, heed God's word completely, then obey its precepts so you can escape all these destructions that will surely come. I hope you will obey our Lord, even today.

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Sincerely, Bob Casey (859) 369-4165

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of Genocide in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 8, Jesus caused swine to rush into what body of water? River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile, Sea of Galilee
3. In 2 Kings 9, what creatures ate the carcass of

Jezebel? She-bears, Dogs, Frogs, Worms

4. From Matthew 17, what did Peter find with a coin in its mouth? Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven

5. To see Jesus, Zachaeus climbed what type tree? Fig, Carob, Sycamore, Box

6. What was the first bird released from the Ark? Raven, Pigeon, Sparrow, Dove

Answers on bottom of Page 13

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## Seeds of Hope



Years ago an elderly lady boarded a train for the very first time in her life. As she sat comfortably in her seat, she continued to clutch her small suitcase tightly, fearing something might happen to it.

As the train left the depot a conductor came to her and said, "Madam, if you'll allow me I'll place your suitcase under your seat so it won't burden you down. The train is perfectly capable of carrying you and your baggage."

"Oh, no," she objected. "I want to take care of my baggage by myself."

Many of us are like that gracious, yet frightened elderly lady. We want to take care of our "bag-

gage" by ourselves.

In the most loving and encouraging way David advised us to "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall!" The word "care" in Hebrew means "what is given to you in life, your lot." And the word "sustains" means that He will "support and nourish" us.

When we throw our "lot" - or ourselves and all of our problems - on the Lord, He will not only hold us up and "sustain" us but he will "never let us fall!"

David was nearly destroyed by men who wanted to deceive and destroy him. But it did not happen. He took all of his pain and problems, his attackers and adversaries, his sins and short comings to the Lord and God upheld him and stabilized him and saved him!

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