



### Times Remembered Betty A. Young

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It looked like old man winter had arrived last week when the temperatures dipped and the snow arrived. Coats, hats and scarves became a hot item. Local schools were out for the day, but it had melted by noon, which was a good thing; it seems too early for snow and colder temperatures. This week brings Thanksgiving and the kids will be getting out of school after Wednesday.

I have most of my shopping finished, just a few things to pick up yet. The food preparations have already hit with menu planning, last minute grocery shopping, and house cleaning.

Last week house cleaning became my primary task. I moved furniture, washed curtains, cleaned the windows and blinds, plus I waxed and buffed the hardwood floors. I finished (with Bob's help) all the downstairs cleaning. Tomorrow, I'll start on the upstairs with some serious cleaning ... if my hip and back holds

## Thanksgiving Doin's

out. I'm not supposed to do this kind of stuff, but I guess I'm just hard-headed. Somebody has got to do it ...

Wednesday, the food prep begins. I will be making layered vegetable salad, fruit salads, cranberry relish, pumpkin pie, chocolate pie, and banana pudding. Also I will be preparing corn bread for the dressing. Colton loves banana pudding, therefore I make it just for him any time he wants it. It's ok to spoil your grandkids!

I will also be prepping the turkey; I give him a rub consisting of olive oil, garlic salt, seasoning salt, onion powder, black pepper, and paprika. I place him in a cooking bag in the refrigerator and he's ready to pop in the oven early the next morning. I also put a whole onion and a stick of butter in the body cavity of the turkey and place him in the oven about 5 a.m. By the time I wake up the house is already fragrant with turkey, sage, pumpkin and cinnamon.

The Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade is playing on the television in the sun room and the table has been set the night before. The good china has been brought out of hiding along with the linen napkins. Pumpkins, gourds and flowers grace the center of the table.

Everyone comes to the table and we count our blessings. We tell of how the Lord has blessed us. We have plenty to eat, we

have a roof over our head, our children and grandchildren are healthy and we are saved. We have a few aches and pains, but nothing like the pain experienced by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who loved so much that he died on the cross for our sins. Most of all we love the Lord and we are thankful for him.

After a wonderful meal together the house is filled with the background sounds of a sports announcer's deep voice and whistles blowing. It never matters to Bob, Steve or Colton if their favorite football team is playing. It is football and it is on television. Soon it becomes inevitable that about everyone was so full from overeating that naps happened.

From the dining room and kitchen comes softer sounds, muffled conversations and laughter among the women who are worn out from all the work. Looking back, I realize that all the smells and sounds of that day were comforting. There is warmth and security in the constancy of the traditions and the love our family has for each other.

But more than anything, there is security in the knowledge that no matter what hardships we face or how turbulent the times may get, The Lord is in charge and he is always with us and he will never leave us nor forsake us.

**HAVE A  
HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

## Moon keeps on shining despite all the dogs that bark at it



### America's Heartland

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You may have heard about the preacher who, in the middle of his sermon, noticed that one of his deacons had fallen asleep.

"Wake him up," the preacher told the deacon's wife.

"You're the one who put him to sleep; you wake him up," she responded.

The late, great Baptist preacher Maze Jackson used to tell that old joke, and he'd always get big laughs. I doubt anyone ever dozed when Brother Maze was in the pulpit. He was loud and engaging, and he took seriously his call to wake

people up to the gospel of Christ.

I heard Brother Maze tell people once that the Old Testament prophet Isaiah started out pronouncing woe on lots of people he was unhappy with, but when he got a good look at the Lord, he pronounced woe on himself.

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ... Then said I, Woe is me for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts" (Isaiah 6:1, 5).

When Isaiah got a good look at the holiness of the Lord, he was awakened to a new way of seeing himself. He realized his righteousness was as filthy rags. He realized he was a sinful creature.

Perhaps all of us have fallen into the old trap of looking around at others and criticizing. Even when we think we're beyond such things, we can still revert to those ways.

The comedian George Burns once said it's too bad the only people who

know how to run this country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair. It seems everyone is an expert, ready to criticize political leaders, businessmen, lawyers, preachers, coaches, teachers, anyone and everyone.

There's an old sermon illustration about a judge who was the subject of relentless attacks by a critical lawyer.

"Don't you grow tired of that," someone asked the judge.

"In our little town is a dog, and, at night, it goes out into the yard and barks at the moon," the judge replied. "And the moon, it just kept right on shining."

That's what we're to do, even when critics line up against us. We're to keep right on shining.

If you've closed your eyes to that truth, let me be the one to wake you up, because the Bible says you are to let your light so shine among men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

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<b>SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFASTS</b>				
Sausage Biscuit Grapes Milk	Oatmeal & Toast Apples Milk	Maple Waffles Peaches Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Hash Browns Milk	Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk
<b>SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Rolls, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Pineapple, Milk	Turkey Sandwich Cauliflower Bites Strawberry Cups Milk	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Apple, Milk	Pizza Hut Corn Pineapples Milk	Hamburger on Bun French Fries Peach Cups Milk
<b>ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS</b>				
Cinnamon Poptart Cocoa Puffs Pears Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Pancake Porky or Cinn. Toast Crunch/Graham Snacks, Applesauce Asst. Juice, Milk	Yogurt/Cheese Sticks/Graham Snacks or Trix, Poptart, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	Biscuit, Gravy, Sausage Pattie or Biscuit/Sausage /Lucky Charms, Pineapple Tidbits, Juice, Milk	Asst. Muffins Fruit Loops Peaches Asst. Juice Milk Choices
<b>ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Roll, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Apple Milk	Deli Turkey/Cheese Bun, Chips Pork 'n Beans Grape Tomatoes/Dip Peaches, Milk	Ravioli Texas Toast Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots/Dip Pears, Milk	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Romaine Salad/Ranch Orange Milk	Pizza Munchable Pepperoni/Loch Bread Mozz. Cheese Marinara, Raisins Baby Carrots/Dip
<b>WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS</b>				
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Pineapple Tidbits Juice, Milk	Biscuit & Gravy or Cereal Pears Juice, Milk	Donuts or Cereal Strawberry Cup Juice Milk	Pop Tarts & Cereal Banana Juice Milk	Assorted Muffins or Cereal Apple Juice, Milk
<b>WEST IRVINE LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Roll, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Pineapples Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips Broccoli/Dip Pork & Beans Applesauce, Milk	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese 3/4 c. carrots/dip Fresh Oranges Milk	Bosco Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Cucumber/Dip Peaches Milk	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Grape Tomatoes Apple Milk
<b>ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST</b>				
Breakfast Pizza Frosted Flakes Cereal Bars Poptarts, Mixed Fruit	Sausage & Biscuit Fruit Loops Cereal Bars, Poptarts, Milk, Juice	Mini Pancakes Cocoa Puffs Cereal Bars, Poptarts, Applesauce	Breakfast Bun Trix Cereal Cereal Bars, Poptarts, Banana	Egg Sliders Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Banana
<b>ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH</b>				
Chicken Tenders or Buffalo Tenders Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Apples, Milk or Juice	Sausage Link Biscuit & Gravy Hash Brown Grape Tomatoes Cooked Apples Peaches	Pizza Hut Pizza Broccoli w/Dip Corn Fudge Bar Mixed Fruit Pineapples	Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese, Fruit Broccoli & Cauliflower Bites Carrot Sticks/Dip	Fiestada Mexican Pizza or Taco Snax Garden Salad Carrot Sticks/Dip Mandarin Oranges Strawberry Cup
<b>ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST</b>				
Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Cereal, Cereal Bars, Pop Tart, Mini Choc. Donuts, Fruit	Breakfast Pizza Pop Tarts Powdered Donuts Yogurt Parfait Apples or Oranges	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait, Donuts Apples or Oranges	Sausage Biscuit Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait, Donut Holes Oranges or Apples Juice, Milk	Eggstravaganza Wrap, Poptarts, Cereal, Cereal Bars Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples
<b>ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH</b>				
Cheeseburger/Bun Chili Dogs Let./Tomato/Pickles Potato Wedges Baked Beans Tropical Fruit Sidekicks Juice/Asst. Milk	Meatball Marinara on Bun, Chips Pizza Hut Pizza Let./Tom./Peppers Roasted Carrots Green Beans Cantaloupe Applesauce	Burrito Bar Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Corn, Salsa Peaches Pineapples Juice Asst. Milk	Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick Mr. Rib on Bun Steamed Broccoli Grape Tomatoes Corn, Pears Applesauce Juice/Asst. Milk	Beefy Mac & Cheese Roll, Fish on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Peas Mandarin Oranges Strawberry Cup Juice Asst. Milk

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