



**Times Remembered**  
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**Slipcovers**

Spring/Summer . . . a time of renewal and cleaning. My Mother always started her house cleaning the 1st of May, but this year I haven't done much. The first of April, I had the flu and was just too weak to do house cleaning. It seems I just can't get my pep restored; I feel guilty but I don't have the energy since I had the flu. Thankfully, I have increased my energy day by day and getting ready to jump into cleaning.

I remember how every spring Mom would bring out the light col-

ored chintz and cotton curtains, bedspreads, and throws of summer to replace the heavy fabric slipcovers. Well, now today we are still using slipcovers. Gone are the days when they were used to hide worn or weathered furniture. (But they could hide them). On the contrary, slipcovers are an inexpensive and creative way to liven up your home anytime. They are also great to use on porch settees and furniture.

There are quick covers that are easy-on, easy-off that fit neatly over existing upholstery like an apron. They hide unsightly stains or tears in an instant, and coordinates with a season, a holiday or any special event. Quick, easy and very affordable. Slipcovers offer instant gratification for those in search of a décor change.

Here are some ideas to try for sprucing up:

- Customize ready-made dining chair covers by tucking decorative items such as flowers or pine cones in the sash. Embellish the bottom of the slipcover with lace, ribbon, or faux pearls. (I am great with a glue gun)!
- Take old magazines,

roll into a tube and secure with rubber bands. Place them down the sides and back of the slipcovered couch or chair. They hold like magic!

- Slipcovering seating saves on upholstery cleaning bills, especially in highly trafficked areas like family rooms that are visited by toddlers, kids and pets.

- Ugly, old and worn furniture can be transformed with slipcovers and a few simple tricks: For holes and rips, duct tape is a wonder drug. Simply tape over torn area, making sure they are totally covered. For unsightly wooden arms, purchase inexpensive polyester batting and wrap each arm, securing with string or tape. Then slipcover!

- Even a lowly footstool can be elevated to a thing of beauty with a multi-patterned slipcover. Attractive enough to come out from underfoot. It can serve as an impromptu snack or tea table.

- A covering on an ordinary wood or a metal picture frame can become a tabletop treasure with a little magic make over.

- So give ugly furniture the slip!

**Kids appreciate stories Jesus told about swallowing camels and such**



**America's Heartland**

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The late, great Christian comedian Jerry Clower once told the story about the time he and his cousin, Marcel Ledbetter, joined the Navy and took a train ride to Camp Perry, Virginia, for boot camp.

A vendor came down the aisle selling bananas, which neither of them had ever seen nor heard of before. Marcel eagerly peeled the banana and bit into it just as the train went into one of those long, dark tunnels through the Appalachian Mountain.

Marcel spit out the banana and yelled over at Jerry in a panicked tone: "You ate your banana yet?"

"Naw," Jerry responded.

"Well, don't," Marcel

said. "I took one bite of mine and went stone blind."

Jerry Clower knew how to unwind a yarn. He was an incredible storyteller. But at his very best, he paled in comparison to Jesus, the master storyteller whose parables speak truth more than 2,000 years after He first spoke them.

Jesus used clever illustrations to get across important truths. People who have been in church for years may take that for granted. But go into a Sunday school class with little children who are unfamiliar His stories and watch their wide-eyed responses.

You'll hear lots of giggles when you tell, as Jesus did, about a man who had a log in his eye while he complained about a speck of dust in another fellow's eye, or about people who can swallow a camel but strain at a gnat, or about the person who hid a lamp under a basket, or about the difficulty of a camel going through the eye of a needle.

Jesus' parables, which are stories containing deeper meanings, were altogether engaging. Huge crowds gathered around Him to hear these stories, and, of course, to see Him perform great

miracles, like healing the sick, making the blind see and the deaf hear, allowing the paralyzed to walk, and even raising the dead.

In his days as a Christian comedian, Jerry Clower made people happy with his stories. But, more importantly, he pointed people to Jesus who holds the key to true joy.

Any of us who would like to bring joy into our little corner of the world might follow Jerry Clower's example. His fun-loving approach to storytelling was accompanied by a much more important message of a Savior who loves us so much that He shed his blood on the cross at Calvary so that we might be cleansed of our sins.

Like Jerry Clower's cousin, we might think we're blind if we all of sudden plunge into a dark tunnel. But we'd be truly blind if we didn't see the great love Jesus has shown us through His willingness to come down to earth from heaven, to teach us important truths, and to die on the cross so we wouldn't have to.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

**ESTILL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE**  
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**JUNE 4 - JUNE 8, 2018**

| MONDAY                | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
| No Bookmobile Service | No Bookmobile Service | Wisemantown Station Camp<br>Red Lick<br>Crooked Creek | WI Pick-up<br>Doe Creek<br>Barnes Mtn.<br>South Irvine | Summer Reading Program at Mountain Crest Com. Room 1-2 p.m. |

"Mommie & Me" and Storytime Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. & Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

**Estill County Schools**  
**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION/SCREENING**  
**2018-19 School Year**

CALL SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER at 726-3078 to SCHEDULE A PRESCHOOL SCREENING APPOINTMENT

**Scheduled Screening Dates:**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018 10:00 am-2:00 pm**  
**Monday, July 9, 2018 2:00-7:00 pm**

At South Irvine Early Learning Center  
1000 South Irvine Road, Irvine, KY

**Preschool Qualification Guidelines:**

- Children who turn four years old by August 1st and meet income requirements or have a delay/ disability
- Children who are three years old and have a delay/ disability or meet Head Start requirements
- Preschool is not a mandatory program; however, our school district is currently exploring options to provide preschool for all children who will turn four years old by August 1. If you are interested in your child attending South Irvine Early Learning Center preschool program, please call for a screening appointment.

**Bring the following required documents to the screening appointment:**

- Child's Certified State Sealed Birth Certificate (not a hospital certificate)
- Proof of Family Income (For eligibility purposes): Check Stub, Tax Forms, Statement from Employer, SSI Award Letter, Food Stamp Letter, Child Care Subsidy Form, statement from person providing room and board
- Up-to-date Kentucky Immunization Certificate
- School Entry Physical that includes blood pressure, Hemoglobin count, and Lead Screening/test
- Eye Exam by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist (not required at time of screening)
- School Entry Dental Exam performed by a licensed dental professional (not required at time of screening)
- Medical Insurance Card
- Copy of legal guardianship, (if not biological parent)

At registration, complete paperwork and your child will be screened. The process will take approximately one hour.

**Summer Feeding Program**

Estill County Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows:



**South Irvine Pre-K Center**  
1000 South Irvine Road  
June 4 - July 27  
Monday - Friday  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Mt. Crest Housing Authority**  
285 Hickory Hills, Irvine  
June 4 - July 27  
Mondays and Thursdays Only  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Ravenna Choo Choo Park**  
Main Street, Ravenna  
June 5 - July 27  
Tuesdays and Fridays Only  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Playtime Day Care**  
67 River Drive, Irvine  
June 4 - July 27  
Monday - Friday  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Estill County Public Library**  
Main Street, Irvine  
June 1 - July 27  
Wednesdays and Fridays Only  
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Salem Baptist Church**  
4470 Spouts Springs Rd  
June 11 - 13  
12:00-12:30 p.m.



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