

Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

A Sea Of Violence

Violence is nothing new. The first act of violence in Scripture was Cain killing his brother, Abel. We are just barely four chapters in when this occurs. Throughout history, we have witnessed the violent acts of tyrants, dictators, and madmen. The 20th Century wasn't any better, as violence crept into our national politics: JFK, MLK, RFK, Malcolm X, George Wallace, Kent State, Ronald Reagan, and others who were killed or wounded.

The nation mourned, and yet we failed to rise to the occasion and do better as we entered the 21st Century. Mass shootings (Sandy Hook Elementary, Mother Emmanuel Church, Las Vegas Strip, Orlando Nightclub, Virginia Tech, FSU, Uvalde, Parkland HS, New Year's Eve car attack in New Orleans, and many others) have become common in our headlines.

They are horrific, we mourn, hold prayer vigils, lawmakers make speeches, and promise changes. And yet just when we think it can't get any worse, it happens again, and again. Suppose you were on the outside looking in without any context. In that case, you might think mass shootings and assassinations of public figures in the U.S. have become an acceptable way to voice opposition. Just to be clear, IT IS NOT and NEVER HAS.

We haven't learned anything from the deaths and injuries of those in the 60s. In June, two couples (both with a spouse in the state legislature and one the Speaker of the House) were shot at their respective homes. One couple died, and the other survived being shot 17 times! Two attempts on the life of Donald Trump. The CEO of United Healthcare was shot in the heart of NYC, and most recently, the public assassination of Turning Point founder, Charlie Kirk, on a Utah college campus. I still have not watched the video and refuse to do so.

Every single one of these shootings and acts of violence is rooted in hate and insanity. But before we are so quick to go after the perpetrators, we need to ask what has happened specifically in the last 25 years to cultivate such an increase in mass-scale and public violence? I think it's the culmination of several things. Our culture and entertainment (movies, TV shows, video gaming, etc.) have absolutely become more violent. The Internet

has provided a global stage for those on the fringe. It gives voice to the absurd through social media while hiding behind a keyboard.

Freedom of speech has become a cauldron of vitriol, hate, malice, and anger that these people count on. Not so long ago, "yelling fire in a crowded theatre" was not free speech because it endangered the public. Today, we have those on social media holding matches and a gas can as they belch their hate. And inevitably, AFTER they have done their dirty deeds, officials find litanies, manifestos, and other evidence that should have been a clear warning of present or future danger.

This week, I witnessed, read, or heard sarcasm/jokes related to Charlie Kirk's murder that were clearly partisan (both sides), absolutely uncouth, and overloaded with the same venom/hate that must have driven his assassin. And many of these were by self-proclaimed Christians. The only difference is that their hate was verbalized, not demonstrated through physical action. Jesus told us that having hate in our hearts is the same as murder. He taught that we should love our enemies. He modeled that command even through an excruciating public execution. I'm with the Governor of Utah (R), who said we need to find an "off-ramp" to our national discourse of hatred for anyone who doesn't hold our view. Senator Bernie Sanders (D) posted a powerful statement on this issue in the last few days. And right now, someone, somewhere, is angry because I cited a Republican or a Democrat who both counseled reason over hate. Both condemned the murder of Charlie Kirk.

I know a gentleman who teaches a class at his church. He is very faithful in attendance and open about his faith. However, not long ago, he whispered (so he wouldn't be heard) this in my ear: "I hate liberals." And believe me, he said it convincingly, so there was no doubt he meant it. I shouldn't have, but I remained silent. Afterward, I thought about how he could be proud of teaching a certain class in his church and yet hold an attitude that is absolutely the polar opposite of Jesus. And haven't we all at some point?

My point is non-political. I'm simply pointing out the extremity of both sides that foster such anger, malice, and vitriol. We must accept respon-

sibility for our part. We cannot be flippant about these things. We cannot be apathetic. We are long overdue for loving our enemies, forgiving others as we have been forgiven, and even loving one another, all admonitions of Jesus Christ. And none of them are optional according to scripture.

These verses have struck my heart as I've reread them in recent days:

"But I tell you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you and persecute you, that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust." (Matt. 5:44-45)

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matt. 6:14-15)

As Christ-followers, we can and must do better. We can disagree in love. I don't have all the answers, and I'm filled with anger and deep sadness over all of these violent acts. But I cannot let that anger rule my heart. I cannot let it guide my response. Instead, I must default to love and forgiveness toward others because it is exactly what I need from God.

Agape, Monty

Deaths And Funerals

Terry Wright

Terry "Grasshopper" Wright, 723, died on Sunday, September 7 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

He was born June



1, 1952 to Lewis Henry and Lydia Wright in Morganfield.

Terry was a graduate of Union County High School. He was a retired UMWA coal miner and worked for Waller Farms for many years. He enjoyed watching

UK basketball, spending time with friends, boating, camping, hunting, and an annual trip to Mardi Gras.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Tim Wright.

He is survived by his father, L. H. Wright of Morganfield; three sisters, Tracy (Matt) Kefauver of Franklin, Tennessee and Gilda (Dennis) Kirchner and Beverly (Daniel) Vannover, all of Henderson; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside service and burial was held on Thursday, September

11 at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield. The Rev. Brad Tucker officiated.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony's Hospice.

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Estate of Jennie Posey of Union County. Executor Kaylee Anderson, 829 Powell Street, Henderson, KY 42420. Date of appointment August 26, 2025. Attorney Jessica Larew, 324-A North Elm Street, Henderson, KY 42420.

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Thursday, September 25

All events downtown Morganfield unless otherwise noted

Starting at 11:00 AM	Lions Club with half pot ticket sales & Food Booths open
4:30 PM	Carnival with half price bracelet night sponsored by French Clevidence Family Dentistry, Fields Customs, Duncan A. Taylor Attorney-At-Law, Red Hat Realty and Red Hat Gun & Pawn
5:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies & dedication of the Coal Corner (formally Renaissance Corner) and a tribute to Paul Monsour
5:15 PM	Registration for 5K at downtown sponsored by JP II School – race at 6 PM
5:30 PM	Kids Zone with Inflatables and Balloon Guy at Bicentennial Parking Lot by Library sponsored by Kemper, Stone Veterinary Clinic, ABBA Promotions, Amanda's Floral & Gifts, and Lions Club in honor of Paul Monsour
6:00 PM	Pickleball Tournament at City Park sponsored by Jen's General Store
6:00 PM	Miss Teen Corn Festival Pageant sponsored by Old National Bank
7:00 PM	Miss Corn Festival Pageant by Old National Bank

Friday, September 26

Starting at 8:00 AM	Lions Club with half pot ticket sales & Food Booths open
9:00 AM	BINGO sponsored by Old National Bank
4:30 PM	Carnival opens
5:00 PM	Kids Zone with Inflatables and Balloon Guy at Bicentennial Parking Lot by Library sponsored by Kemper, Stone Veterinary Clinic, ABBA Promotions, Amanda's Floral & Gifts, and Lions Club in honor of Paul Monsour
5:00 PM	Little Mr. & Miss. Corn Festival Pageant sponsored by Old National Bank
6:00 PM	Pre-Teen Corn Festival Pageant sponsored by Old National Bank
7:00 PM	Talent Show sponsored by United Community Bank
8:30 PM	DJ and music hosted by Jeremiah Slaton

Saturday, September 27

Starting at 8:00 AM	Lions Club with half pot ticket sales & Food Booths open
9:00 AM	Baby contest sponsored by United Community Bank
9:45 AM	Tiny Mr. & Miss Pageant sponsored by United Community Bank
10:00 AM	Play-N-Hooky Tractor Pull sponsored by H&R Agri Power
10:00 AM	Music by Sarah Beth Brewer and the Neon Spurs at the Courthouse steps
10:00 AM	Cub Scout Cub mobile races (TBD) by Hutson, Inc.
10:30 AM	Corn Shucking sponsored by H&R Agri Power
11:00 AM	Kids Zone with Inflatables and Balloon Guy at Bicentennial Parking Lot by Library sponsored by Kemper, Stone Veterinary Clinic, ABBA Promotions, Amanda's Floral & Gifts, and Lions Club in honor of Paul Monsour
11:30 AM	Popcorn Eating Contest
12:00 PM	Eagles 9 ball tournament
2:00 PM	51th Annual Corn Festival Parade sponsored by T-Rex Electric with Grand Marshall Kassie Wesley DePaiva & Golden Kernel Sam McLeod sponsored by T-Rex Electric and Beau Blemker Edward Jones Financial Advisor
3:00 PM	Music by Luther and the Breed
6:00 PM	Drawing for Half Pot and additional prizes donated by local merchants
6:30 PM	Music by MINX sponsored by River View Coal
8:30 PM	Fireworks at the City Park sponsored by Crazy Train Fireworks

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