

Isonville Socials-Plus

By Janet P. Stinson

Oct. 20 – This is a special Tuesday in celebration of wedding anniversaries – especially grands Daniel Janea B. & Jericho David Sipple. I mailed their card last week – hope it arrived in Georgetown before their special 7th year celebration. They are an Elliott News reader – Mami sends Blessings for an awesome anniversary celebration.

Sigrid & I were on the road early for her 8:20am Cardiology appointment in Ashland; I send prayers for a miracle touch from Jesus for my daughter & many other loved ones that have urgent medical, spiritual, & emotional needs. After the Dr., we made a stop at Wal-Mart where I picked up a few items that aren't available locally; Sigrid rested, waiting in the car. She filled her gas in Grayson and got oil change parts at Advance before we headed back to Sandy Hook for Sigrid's medicine at Discount Drug and continue to Elkhorn Branch. Sigrid was exhausted but did all the driving.

My evening was routine with a notice from Jamie the J.W. Pest guy that had sprayed for me while we were gone. I enjoyed preparation for lawn work tomorrow with the help of the Skaggs Family. I want to get their names CORRECT this time – Dad is Jared (not-Jerry), Mom is Jeannie, sons Hunter & Landon and young little Lena (I think). They will be here about 11:00am tomorrow to help me get things cleaned up before winter. I sent many prayer posts on FB for family & friends with medical emergencies, accidents, and continuing illnesses – especially Abby's grandmother battling cancer, Dear, Sweet Folk Artist Minnie Adkins at home working to re-gain her strength, life-long friend Emma Sue that is recovering from Covid, +++!

Oct. 21 – Prayer Service Wednesday is full of prayers from me although my vehicle is not drivable to attend any of the many spirit-filled services in our rural communities. I plan repair arrangements as soon as phone contacts can be confirmed.

Jared and his family arrived about 10:44am; I had been outside organizing "stuff", just came inside for a drink, and sat at the kitchen table looking at

my beautiful hanging basket from Bethany that has bloomed "BIG" all summer and they pulled into my drive. The 1st item that we worked on (they worked, I watched, lol) was the storage shed for my mower that is still waiting on parts. I put two rows of heavy plastic, large, flat stones on top & all requires lifting, kneeling, raking under the ole shed to replace what had been there about 15 years. I was very satisfied with Jared & his son's finished work. We proceeded with the mow, weed eat, raking, weed pulling clean-up by the yard, flowerbed, pool deck, grape vine, tomato, blue berry bush areas around both Sigrid's & my yards. I was so thrilled to have their young, skilled hands to help with winter weed removal. I believe we dumped 6-8 wheel borrow loads of weeds. Hunter & Logan would weed eat, then rake, then re-weed eat where needed. I pulled weeds back from the berry bushes, grape vines, and plants that needed preserving; they did the rest. Jeannie guided her children, helped empty loads, and always having her quite smile when we talked. A small Sycamore tree had taken its place in Sigrid's flower bed; Jared had to use a shovel but it was removed! I could compliment for hours the work we (they) completed. I send Jesus praise for bringing this young family into my hour of need. Prices were reasonable; anything I wasn't satisfied with they were glad to rake & re-do. I felt very blessed.

Oct. 22 – I had a slower morning preparing for a trip with daughter Sigrid to her medical appointment in Morehead. She drove with much difficulty, pain, and close attention to the many drivers that seemed to be on a scenic tour, lol. I give Jesus Christ thanks for the medical professionals that are devoted to "Correct" diagnosis and treatment – finally – for years of medicine that hasn't worked. When leaving Morehead we drove through Arby's to satisfy my craving for a "Beef & Cheddar"; one stop at Elliottsville to top Sigrid's gas at \$3.99 per gallon was good; in Sandy Hook Sigrid drove through S/Y Bank for me, stopped at Discount Drug for her meds, and on to Elkhorn Branch. I pray her test results are good.

I contacted James Stegall about car repairs next week since other mechanics aren't available; his work schedule this week has been full. He requested that I bring my

car next Wednesday afternoon and leave it for repair; we discussed the part & I will order it through Dave Supply & pick it up on my way to leave the car. I pray this repair will keep my 2008 in good order to provide my transportation. Outside cleaning was a bit of my afternoon with trash out for pick-up tomorrow. I send prayers to Father God, Jesus Christ with thanks for answering prayers. I'm going to miss revival services, regular church, and general errand travel for at least another week. Late in the evening Samuel & Abby helped get my two final flowers into the house for winter. I tossed blankets that I had used to cover them into the basement.

Oct. 23 – Elkhorn Branch was traffic busy; I should have sprayed weed killer & other outside chores but porch sitting in the sun to enjoy God's creation was more inviting. I tried several varied times to call Dave's Supply & get my car part ordered; they were busy with my unable to get a call through. I did lots of FB posting, looking with prayers for so many needs in our nation & the world. Granddaughter Bethany has been posting marvelous memories & new "Senior" portfolio photos for her son Jesse; Mami always enjoys each smile, pose, & family setting chosen. Jesse currently has four generations of men on his Dad's side of the family so Bethany is making sure Papaw Curt Lyons, Grandpa Rick Lyons, husband Justin & Jesse have well planned setting to celebrate these 4-generations. Granddaughter Ashley has also been posting activities that she, sons Peter & Jude, & their dad Joseph have attended in the Russell area during the fall season. I love ALL my Grands so very much. Several folks have posted their final fall garden produce that make my mouth water for fried green tomatoes & other fall special foods. Pumpkin Patch visits are a favorite with families & I enjoy seeing those fun visits with pumpkin carvings that follow. We Rural Americans "R" Blessed.

Oct. 24 – I really needed a mower running today; I don't know who worked on the Gilliam Cemetery on the hill here by my house but folks were up there for hours mowing, weed eating, sawing, +++; I would have driven my car up to help or check but was afraid it would finish the steering. Maynard, Samuel, & everyone was working one place

or another so I said prayers of thanks to whoever had the time, energy, & motivation to do a much needed maintenance cleaning on the cemetery. The road sign says Elkhorn Branch Cemetery but it is actually the Gilliam cemetery & has been all my life. The property on which I live was once purchased from a Gilliam (I Think) & the cemetery was already there; it used to be well maintained but folks got older, families are unwell. I did have a gentleman last week inquiring about his great-grandmother Jaley Gilliam that is buried in the Gilliam cemetery; I was unable to go with his group looking for her grave; I did know about where it was located. I don't know how long they worked. Late in the day my taste for cornbread overrode my lazy; I made an iron skillet of cornbread – Janet Style, lol. I chop lots of banana peppers, garlic, one egg, yellow cornmeal, 2 T honey, +++, LOL. I'm a lazy cook when it is just me; milk & bread hit the spot.

I listened to church services at Laurel's revival, a sermon by Billy Graham on Colossians & John, a Bible Study on the 4 chapters of Colossians, and chapters 26 -33 of Exodus while nibbling on my soul food, drinking tonic water, and praying Jesus's Salvation to ALL Lost Souls.

Oct. 25 – I'm unable to drive for any church service today but lots on FB to enjoy. I am most excited that today is Grandson Dr. Joseph R. Bowling & his beautiful wife, Granddaughter Ashley Howard Bowling celebrates their wedding Anniversary TODAY! I have posted on FB – Ashley is so great with her posts; I mailed their "I Owe U" Anniversary card last week and hope they received it. I'm sure their humor was on overload with my attempt this year.

I shared an afternoon FaceTime visit with daughter Stephanie and her husband Jerry as they visited Jerry's brother-in-law. The location they were visiting was beautiful with a huge porch, sunny, lovely lawn, +++; she was checking to see I needed groceries or anything since my car was still out of commission. Other Sunday activities were visiting with Sigrid's family & animals, lawn walking, God's creation admiration while praying for war torn countries, sanity for elected federal level officials that seem to have forgotten what the Constitution says & the

obligation of their "Oath of Office." I pray Lord Jesus Christ gives them ears to hear what poor citizens need, & eyes to see that democracy is being destroyed by billionaires. Samuel & Abby came for a visit late in the evening after working to repair his rental trailer that was badly damaged by renters that left owing money, utilities, +++. I pray he gets a responsible renter when repairs are completed.

Oct. 26 – This last Monday in October was full of family interactions. Sigrid had medical appointments that she re-scheduled because current medicine isn't serving her well. I shared FaceTime with daughter Stephanie a couple of times, borrowed Sigrid's car for errands in Sandy Hook, and send prayers to many this morning. My 1st stop in Sandy Hook was the court house to pay property taxes; while waiting for neighbor Andrea to pay her taxes, I visited with Circuit Clerk Jason Ison & his marvelous staff. Jason was assistant pastor at Fannin EBC when I returned from working in Alabama and joined that church where Stephanie and I attended on a regular basis; that was back in the early 2000s & lots have changed since then. I love sharing time and fellowship with Jason & his awesome employees. After paying my taxes I walked down to the Co. Clerk's office to joke with the ladies there for a few minutes before leaving the courthouse. I made a quick stop at Stock Yard Bank to cash a DirecTV refund check; I didn't get a hug from granddaughter Bethany; she had just left for lunch.

Traffic in town toward the school & \$\$ store was at a stand-still so I headed in the other direction – made a deposit for Sigrid, got some gas at RoBo's & visited briefly with delightful employees before going to Dave's Supply to pick up the rack/pinion parts for my car; it was a huge part but did fit into the back seat of Sigrid's car; next stop was \$\$ store by Dave's to pick up a few items. Back on Elkhorn Branch I was delighted with the success of my errands, unloaded the groceries, put the 2008 parts into my car, and returned Sigrid's car out to her house. She was doing laundry but still sick stomach, balance issues, and general discomfort; Mom's potato soup was the order for improvement. I prepared all the potatoes that I had – it was a good thing, one was rotten but the finished

product was rather pleasing to ALL. Samuel brought a 4 qt. cooker out and I emptied most of the soup into their cooker; Sigrid was very pleased with the result and her stomach was better; Maynard said it was the most delicious potato soup he had ever tasted – he had been working all day, LOL. I'm thankful that I made the soup and praise Jesus for the blessings in my life.

Another blessing rang into my evening when I sat down to finish this article; Grandson Joseph called on FaceTime as he was getting his sons ready for bed. It was a wonderful, sweet visit with Peter asking many questions about King David in the Bible when he killed a giant as a boy; he is always full of Bible related inquiries, civics questions, behavior questions now vs when I was a teen, +++; Jude's cute face kept popping into view of the phone with a love you Mami; Joseph and Ashley have two highly intelligent young sons that Mami loves to the moon and back, lol. I send prayers of thanks to my Lord Jesus Christ for all the marvelous folks that I saw today and the positive, caring interactions with family and friends. I send prayers for our Nation, Ukraine; folks that have buried love ones, homeless, veterans, & salvation of lost souls. Until Next Week Folks !!

In Loving Memory Of Wayne Porter

I Am Home In Heaven

I am home in Heaven, dear ones,

oh, so happy so bright!

There is a perfect joy and beauty

in the everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,

every restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever,

safely home in heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you,

so you must not idly stand;

Do it now, while life remaineth,

you shall rest in God's own land.

When that work is completed,

He will gently call you home.

Oh, the rapture of that meeting,

oh, the joy to see you come!

– Loved and missed by his family

Birthday: Oct. 29, 1948

(Written by Margaret Porter)

Turned To Fables, Part II – II Timothy 4:3-4

“...The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (II Timothy 4:2-3).

Who will turn from the truth and be turned unto fables? The Apostle is speaking of religious professors. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the same sort of religious men and women, who say: “...Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us” (Isaiah 30:10-11). Zechariah spoke of the same rebellion against the word of the LORD. As it is written: “But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear” (Zechariah 7:11). Our Lord Jesus said: “he that hath an ear let him hear” (Revelation 2:11: see proverbs 16:1).

Extremely sad is the truth, that, by far the most of the churches in these last days are filled with doctrine that the Prophets of God; and the Apostles of Christ would call damnable heresies. As saith the Apostle Peter: “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even de-

nying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction” (II Peter 2:1).

The first damnable heresy to come before us is a bold contradiction of the word of God. It is very commonly preached; and accepted without hesitation by religious lost professors of salvation by grace, that God loves all men: is it true? Does God, in very deed love all men? No, according to holy scripture, God does not love all men. “As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated” (Romans 9:13; see Psalm 5:5; 53:5; 14:1-3). Is it only Esau that God has hated, or is it Esau and His posterity? The prophet Malachi answers: “The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel” (Malachi 1:1-5).

Statements from the prophets of God cannot be reconciled with the idea of the universal love of God. Great is the company of preachers who contradict the words of God by the Prophets, by declaring, that the love of God is upon all and every man without exception or distinction. Consider the words of the Prophet Isaiah: “Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity” (Isaiah 40:15-17). And consider the words of the Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, reported by the Prophet Daniel with regard to the false doctrine of the universal love of God toward all and every man. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or

say unto him, What doest thou” (Daniel 4:34-35)?

The great Apostle to the Gentiles must be given credence in this inquiry. Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them: let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always” (Romans 11:7-10).

Consider also the testimony of the Apostle John, concerning whether God regards all and every man with love. As it is written: “While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: that the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, he hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I

should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:36-43). Reader are these words of the Prophets and the Apostles congruous with the doctrine of the universal love of God? Has God blinded the objects of His love? Surely no thinking person will say that God has love for those who He has blinded; But some may question this truth asking: then who does God love according to the scriptures?

The Prophet Jeremiah saith: “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee” (Jeremiah 31:3). The love of God is infinite and immutable: it is never high and then low His love is always constant because God is love. God's elect, His beloved people must be called with a holy calling, because by nature they are enemies of God, the carnal mind being enmity against God (Romans 8:7; I Corinthians 2:14). The powerful operation of God in regeneration makes willing followers of the Lamb of God. “For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived,

serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:3-7). The natural man will not hear the word of God, because he has no ear to hear, no eye to see, and no heart to understand the things of the Spirit of God.

The warning of Stephen is applicable to all of Adam's fallen race. “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye” (Acts 7:51). The impartation of a new heart in man is the work of God; and it is called the circumcision of Christ. It is written: “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off

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