

Today’s Little Boy Is Tomorrow’s Grandfather

By Van Yandell
Ephesians 6:4 (KJV): “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”
As we grow older we realize the days get longer but the years seem shorter. Time becomes precious and seems to be limited by our thoughts, habits and attitudes.

We understand time has placed us in bondage. We are slaves to time. Our lives are governed by watches, clocks and calendars. It seems as though everything in our lives happens on a schedule.

We go to work, eat, sleep, and schedule our free-time activities based on dates and time. Why is this concept important? Time controls our lives and it also limits our lives. We are in bondage to time.

Even if we live to be one-hundred years old, how long is that in the span of time? Astronomers and geologists tell us this earth is four and one-half billion years old. One hundred years is but a flash of light.

Why is this important to us? If a father raises a son or daughter and does not take the time to teach right from wrong, acceptable from unacceptable, expedient from foolish and success versus failure; time is wasted and responsibility is ignored. Ignorance may be bliss in some cases but this is not one of them.

We must also never forget beliefs (positive and negative) and prejudices are passed on through generations. We might be surprised at how our thoughts are parallel to our grandfa-

thers.
Two months before I retired a student was heard by another teacher saying “I’m going to bring a gun to school and kill Mr. Yandell.”

That was before the onslaught of school shootings and I did not take it too seriously. Perhaps I should have! He was brought to me and we had a “little talk.” I explained to him what would happen if he succeeded in killing me. He would spend many years locked up in an 8’ x 8’ cell.

At some point in time I realized, no one had ever taught that young boy right from wrong. Was that his fault? Absolutely not! He was not the societal failure; his parents were!

Colossians 3:21 “Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.” When a parent doesn’t take time to teach a child the basic concepts of a civilized society, trouble is on the horizon. Hate is not natural, it has to be taught.

So, who am I saying is responsible for the chaos we are seeing in today’s world? Obviously the guilty are more than one.

Movies, cartoons and many books make killing acceptable. Sex is a sport and vengeance is not only approved, it is encouraged.

Male father figures are essential in child rearing. Genesis 2: 24 “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

While Genesis 2: 24 is not politically cor-

rect to many in today’s world, it is still a teaching of God. If you want to argue this point, argue with Him.

Mankind cannot make up the rules; it simply isn’t permitted. Our personal opinions and preferences do not apply. Only God’s opinion matters!

Yes, today’s little boy is tomorrow’s grandfather. I very clearly remember being a little boy growing up in a small western Kentucky town. Riding my bicycle to a fishing pond about two miles from town was a way of life.

Going to school, playing baseball and being forced to sit through church services were a part of my life as much as breathing.

Suddenly, here I am nearly an octogenarian and wondering where the time has gone. Sarcasm to confront old age is required. The stiffness of muscles and joints in the early morning hours are definitely a reality.

The term “nuclear family” (father, mother and children) is now, considered by many as being obsolete. Possibly politically incorrect would apply but it should not. The traditional family was the backbone of America and the societal acceptance of that must return if survival is considered a goal.

The point is, all fathers must take up their responsibilities and teach their children the pure, ethical, integrated and moral concepts of life. If these principles of civilized life are not conveyed from generation to generation, civilization

will suffer a painful and violent death.

The resulting state is chaos and has become obvious. This is not limited to a specific location, country or family. It is world-wide and appears to be increasing exponentially.

Why have we failed? We can blame many individuals and people groups. But the truth remains society as a whole has failed.

Proverbs 22: 6 “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This is as true today as it was 3000 years ago when King Solomon wrote it! Plain and simple, this verse leaves little room for interpretation.

Pure negligence is the only descriptive term offered for many fathers and mothers in the twenty-first century. A decent man doesn’t impregnate a woman and walk away.

Teaching children the importance of being a contributive individual in a civilized society and to follow the teachings of the Holy Bible are among and may be the most important role

Deaths And Funerals

Lucas Walker
Lucas Alexander Weikel Walker, born December 14, 1999 in Henderson, Kentucky died on Sunday, July 12.

Lucas grew up in Kentucky and worked in the construction industry. Outside of his profession, Lucas enjoyed fishing, the outdoors, and his pets.

He was a devoted member of Sassafras Grove Church.

He is survived by his mother, Valerie Knight; step-father, Stephen Weikel; step-mother, Melissa Walker; grandfather, Gregory S. Kngiht; grandmothers, Kristi Brooks and Bernetta Gross; sisters, Abigail Nunn and Carmen Howard; brothers, Johnathan Walker and James Walker; and many cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jeremy Walker and his grandfather, William Short.

A celebration of life was held at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Sebree Chapel on Friday, July 17.

Burial was in Springdale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Teen Challenge.

of a father.

To follow the Lord Jesus in faith certainly has more advantages than disadvantages. I ask the non-believer, “What if you’re wrong?”

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was cruci-

fied (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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Head Coach Named For WC Lady Trojans

Cory Coble has been announced as the as the new head coach of the Lady Trojans Basketball team.

Coble brings a wealth of experience and a proven record of success to Webster County. Throughout his coaching career, he has served as an assistant boys’ basketball coach at Webster County High, a head girls’ coach at Trigg County High, and a head girls’ coach at Union County High.

During his coaching tenure, he has earned recognition as a three-time Second Region Coach of the Year. As the Lady Trojans’ head coach, Coble brings leadership, dedication, and commitment to developing student-athletes both on and off the court. Coble replaces Alan Hall who abruptly resigned as the program’s head coach in February.

Beyond athletics, Coach Coble began serving as Webster County Public Schools Director of Human Resources and Secondary Education on July 16. His wife, Heather, is a teacher at Dixon Elementary. Their three children also attend Webster County schools.

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

God Is Always Faithful To His People

Q: My government job is eliminating workers and my job may be dropped. My savings and investment are shaky in our crazy economy. My health has taken a hit with recent pneumonia. To say my future is uncertain is like calling a lion a kitty. What anchor can I hold on to?

A: Human beings are not always faithful. The economy goes up and down and sometimes backward. Our health can fail us, especially when we age. There’s only one Being through all recorded history who has never broken a promise, never violated a covenant and never left a commitment unfulfilled. That’s our God!

When facing an uncertain future, remember God’s faithfulness.

The Bible says, “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenants of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands” (Deut. 7:9). He’s always faithful!

Our faithful God initiates a relationship with us through His Son Jesus, and makes promises to bless us that He will keep. And, in return, He requires our obedience—not because He’s a tyrant, but because He knows what’s best for us. Obedience keeps us on the path to a full, rich, and satisfying life. God’s laws are like marked trails—guiding us toward the best that life has to offer. Our obedience isn’t about restrictions; it’s about choosing the path to abundant life.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 25-CI-00096

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
vs.
ALEXUS DAWN HURFORD; SANTOS DAVID HURFORD

PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2026, I will on **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:
Property Address: 531 State Route 1340, Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky 42409
PVA No. / Map No.: 052-001-002
The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.
Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the puhaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.
GIVEN under my hand this the 2nd day of July, 2026.
STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 23-CI-00187

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF WEBSTER
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FRANCES AND ROLAND LIVINGSTON;
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, KENTUCKY

PLAINTIFF

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 26th DAY OF MAY, 2026, I will on **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:
Property Address: 304 Barrett Street, Providence, Webster County, Kentucky 42450
PVA No. / Map No.: PR2-012-003
The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.
Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.
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