

A Smidgen Is A Unit Of Measure

By Van Yandell

Psalm 90: 4 “For a thousand years in thy sight are but yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.”

Anyone that considers themselves a southern gourmet cook knows what a smidgen is. It’s like a “bit” or a “pinch” or a “tad.”

At any rate, a smidgen is a legitimate unit of measure south of the Mason-Dixon Line. As of yet however, I haven’t seen a spoon in a measuring set with such an amount. We simply have to guess or use our best judgement.

Measurements in time and materials control us. We are in bondage to watches, clocks and calendars. Flight schedules, work time clocks, even time settings for distance determine our every movement.

Some web sites and other publications are now adding “read time” to articles.

Many in today’s world if asked a distance answer the question in minutes. How far is it to the next town? “Twenty minutes.” “At what speed” would be a

reasonable response.

Could a carpenter build a house without a tape measure? Could a cook bake a cake without measurements? Of course not!

We are physical beings. Our life span, the years of our marriage and the ages of our children are all stated in numbers. Doctors weigh us when we go for a checkup. The results of our blood tests are stated in numbers.

We “count heads” for attendance and count how many were saved (received Jesus as Lord and Savior) at a crusade or on a mission project. Numbers are important to us.

The number of believers is surely important to God. Second Corinthians 5:15 “And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.”

Second Peter 3: 8 “But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is like a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.” God is spirit, in-

finite and eternal.

So, why is time irrelevant to God? Because He is infinite and eternal! If we speak of eternity concerning God, we must not only look into the future but also into the past.

If God will always be, He must have always been. Many astronomers and other scientists want to assign numbers to the existence of the sun, earth, galaxy and the universe.

Many make a useless debate of how old the planet or universe is. The distance across the Milky Way galaxy is (we’re told) 100,000 light years and the universe is 97 billion light years across.

Should we really be concerned with the distance to Mars or Proxima Centauri? Our individual curiosity factors want to know some things and for many those distances are intriguing but inconsequential in our everyday lives or our eternal destination.

But what is really important? The Bible teaches we have an eternal soul. No one has

ever seen such a thing. No one has ever died and come back to report Heaven or Hell, except in order to write a book or movie script.

No one knows where the eternal soul resides; if it is asleep, concealed in a body cell or flows through ones veins or central nervous system.

The Bible tells us to believe through faith (Ephesians 2: 8). Faith is believing in something that cannot be proven or common sense tells us it cannot be true. Faith is a steadfast belief that something is true.

Can we understand in a world of skepticism why so many are turning to non-belief?

A question asked was, “Why do you believe in God?” Can anyone give a logical or reasonable explanation for why we exist?

To believe something came from nothing (on its own/spontaneous generation) or that order came from chaos, takes more faith than believing in a Creator God.

Granted, religionists cannot prove God but the evidence is over-

whelming. How much evidence does it take to make a fact? The answer to that is with the individual.

The non-believer must also ask the question “What if I’m wrong?” Whereas there is no (court of law) proof of God, there is no such proof of evolution.

The non-believer must think we, the planet, the atmosphere, the universe came from somewhere. Since there is no such thing as spontaneous generation of matter, where and how did all things begin?

What make sense to you? Why do you exist? Why do we think, have emotions or die?”

Our Creator (John 1: 3) was also subjected to numbers. He was born the person Jesus 2026 years ago, lived to thirty-three years of age, was on the cross for six hours, in the grave three days and lived after His resurrection for forty days before ascending into Heaven.

Even Jesus can’t get away from measurements and numbers. So, how long is eternity? The most reasonable answer is “It’s a time that

cannot be measured!” As a smidgen cannot be measured, neither can eternity.

Proverbs 3: 5 “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.” Is our ability to think a curse or a blessing? Whichever it may be, we must not let it mislead us.

An old Cherokee proverb states: “There is a fight like two wolves going on inside you, one is evil; one is good.” The question asked was, “Which one will win?” The answer: “The one you feed!”

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (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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Reliving Life Through The Video Lens

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“A picture is worth a thousand words,” but oh how much more old videos are worth. All those many years ago when our first child was born and we got our first 8mm camera I never dreamed it would be our best memory making investment.

As technology evolved so did our video equipment. With all this evolution of video equipment we had to transfer video strips to VHS then transfer VHS tapes to digital to make the improvements to keep up with the times.

I am not a technological geek, but fortunately I have a husband and three sons who are wizards in this field. My Navy son had been transferring all their family videos to digital and setting them up on his computer. I ever so politely asked him if he could teach me how to do my own that way. While I asked him, of course I was hoping he would generously volunteer to do mine. He may have done that if I hadn’t had so many videos that needed transferring.

He did convert several for me, but I really need to learn to transfer them myself and not be so dependent on the boys who have such busy lives of their own. After all, I am retired now with lots of free

time.

The fun part of all these videos is watching them and reliving the memories. So many things I had forgotten, and maybe even a few I would like to forget.

After he finished making my videos we got together, gathered around the TV and watched a video from 1986. Now who would have thought there would have been that many changes in 30 years? That was 2016, imagine what it will we look at them all again in 2026.

There was lots of laughter looking at the hairstyles and the clothes. Hearing their child-voices and their country twang brought out several more rounds of laughter. If only I could be as heavy now as I thought I was way back then. Fat was a lot smaller then than it is now.

The boys whom I remembered fighting all the time were having so much fun in the videos. They played together, they laughed together, and they cared for each other. They really liked each other. They swear it was all for the sake of the camera; I don’t think so. The boys even liked their baby sister and did quite a bit of spoiling her.

I am remembering more things now which I thought I had forgotten.

Since I was usually the videographer, as the boys watched the videos they had lots of comments about how unconcerned of a mother I was. I narrated the videos while I recorded so I could get all the details. They watched as one of them was climbing on the railing of the deck, in what looked like an unsafe manner.

“There is Drew sliding down the bannister. He isn’t supposed to do this and if he falls he is going to get in trouble.”

Well, he didn’t fall and you could hear him saying, “Are you filming me Mom? Do you see me?”

Then when he fell off the bouncing Big Bird and crashed onto his sister they remarked that the camera didn’t even stutter. Just kept right on filming.

Hey, when you raise three boys whose middle names were mischief, sneaky, and dare devil, nothing surprised me. They would just get up, shake themselves off, and move on to the next

adventure.

There are videos of mud slides in the backyard, zip lines from the top of a tree to the building, climbing to the tops of trees, and jumping off the deck railing into the pool. They were all under 10 years old at the time.

I never got alarmed and I let them enjoy their childhoods. I believe they grew up to be stronger and more confident adults because of all their adventures.

I wasn’t that laid back all the time though. I remember when the Navy son was a little more than two and the neighbor came running over and said Jay was headed to the roof. He was climbing the TV antenna on the side of the house. My husband went around and told him not to move he was coming up. Of course he didn’t want to wait. “No, I climb down.” He would hold the upper step with his hands, and his legs weren’t long enough to reach the next rung so

he would just let go and drop to the next one. We were below ready to catch him. My husband rescued him and the antenna was immediately taken down. I did not get any of that on video.

I am ready to relive

more of our memories preserved through the lens of the video camera. I do hope that along the way my kids will realize I really deserved that Mom of the Year title because they had one exciting childhood.



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A Public Hearing will be held by Union County at the Courthouse on May 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining citizens’ comments regarding the possible use of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.

All interested persons in Union County are invited to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge/Executive at 270-389-1081 by May 8, 2026, so the arrangements can be made to secure their comments. 5/6c

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