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By Monty Carter

Heart Check Up

What would happen if love and grace prevailed in our world? Better yet, what would our world look like if those who profess Christ defaulted to love and grace? The words in "red" are a great starting point:

Matthew 6:14-1 "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.

Luke 6:27-30 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back."

Mark 12:29-31 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

One of the greatest indictments of Christianity (by critics) is the failure of the self-professing to practice the words of Jesus. And they are quick to point out our pious declarations of judgment or condemnation. Gandhi admired Jesus's teachings (especially the Sermon on the Mount), but he noted that many Christians fail to live out his commands and instructions. It's hard to argue with our critics and maybe that's part of the problem. We need less debate, arguing, and finger- pointing. We need to live out the love of our Savior. People pay attention to love.

I find Jesus' parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25:31ff almost haunting. His picture of final judgment flips the switch. Those who think (the goats) they will make heaven don't. Those who do make it (the sheep) feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome strangers, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned. This should cause all of us to pause. Those who actually practice the words of Jesus are sheep. Goats profess, pontificate, and talk about works. But they don't actually do it. Then the haunting words in verse 40:

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

I've noticed that when I default to love and grace I have no regrets. Even the most ardent of critics cannot deny authentic love in action. Faith is more than a profession or declaration. Anyone can declare that we should love others as ourselves, but actually practicing that love is the key.

Evangelist Billy Sunday said, "Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car." Professing and associating with the things of God is commendable, but if it doesn't transform our words and actions it is folly.

We can and must do better in loving others, not just those with whom we agree. Jesus' words on this matter do not contain an exception clause. Discipleship is not easy. It can be very messy, like a bathroom mirror in the morning. And yet it is the very thing that distinguishes between goats and sheep. When we default to love our hearts only get bigger. Years ago on a mission trip to serve the impoverished in Brazil, I was blown away by the gracious love and hospitality of the people who had very little. The host missionary smiled then said, "A Brazilian mama always has room in her heart for one more." Do we?

Agape, Monty

Deaths And Funerals

Gladys Snyder

Gladys Marie Snyder, 90, died on Sunday, November 8 at Redbanks Nursing and Rehab Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

She was born October 24, 1936 to the late R. G. "Dan" and Rose Hollis Cornwell in Union County.

She was a member of Grangertown Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John William Snyder, Jr.; a son John Daniel Snyder; a granddaughter; and several brothers and sisters.

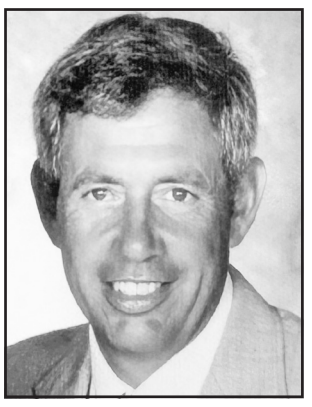
She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Heavrin and husband, Tony, of Morganfield and her son, Warren Snyder of Sturgis.

Graveside services will be held today (Wednesday, November 11), 11:00 A.M. at Grangertown Cemetery in Sturgis. Bro. Jeff Paris will officiate.

Support Businesses In Union County By Shopping Locally

Marty Greenwell

James Martin "Marty" Greenwell, age 82, of Waverly, passed away on October 29, 2026, at LifePath Sun City Center Hospice House in Ruskin, Florida, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.



He was born on December 27, 1943, in Morganfield, graduated from St. Vincent Academy in 1962, and attended Brescia College. Marty was a loving husband, adoring father, lifelong farmer and owner of Greenwell Excavating, Inc. He never missed a shopping trip with the girls to Simon's Shoes and retirement didn't slow his love of a good project. He installed a commercial-grade salsa operation in his shop, perfecting recipes and gifting numerous jars of salsa. He designed a custom concrete screen after watching workers attempt to spread his concrete driveway by hand. He grew, harvested, and enjoyed pecans from his many trees. And he especially enjoyed trading his expertise in John Deere tractor repair with a Florida citrus grove for all the oranges he could eat.

When not at The Feed Mill in Morganfield, he could be found at Fred's Market in Riverview, Florida.

Marty is survived by his wife, Marilyn Young Greenwell, who he married on January 7, 1967. He is also survived by his daughters, Amy Greenwell Griffin and her husband John, and Lisa Greenwell Atkinson and her husband Ryan, all of Lexington, Kentucky. He leaves behind his brothers, Paul Thomas "Tommie" and Grace Greenwell and Donald Wayne "Donnie" Greenwell; his sister, Anna Marie Greenwell; his sister-in-law, Janie Greenwell; his brother-in-law Bill and Paula Young; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mark Thomas and Anna Mildred Martin Greenwell; and brother, Gerald Joseph "Jerry Joe" Greenwell.

Visitation was Friday, November 6, 2026, from 4-8 p.m. at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with Rosary at 5:00 PM.

Funeral Mass was Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Uniontown with burial at St. Peter Cemetery in Waverly. Fr. Bruce McCarty officiated.

Pallbearers were Bobby Alvey, Armand Greenwell, Bedney Greenwell, Yancey Greenwell, Tom Moosbrugger, and Eddie Wheatley.

Memorial contributions may be made to: John Paul II Catholic School Building Fund, 307 Church St, Morganfield, KY 42437 or www.johnpauliicatholicschool.org Paid

Christmas Presents Become Recognizable

By Becky Greenwell
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As of today, there are 44 shopping days until Christmas. Just so you know.

For some this is exciting news. For others it is absolute terror. Let's see which group do you claim?

(The following are my own personal observations and my older and wiser point of view.)

Group A are those who love the hustle and bustle of the holiday, looking forward to a white Christmas, shopping, cooking, gift buying and wrapping each gift in a perfect package. Group A are the Active People.

Group B is a group who are the Bah Humbugs of the season. The ones who think if the "C" word isn't mentioned aloud it won't be so. They hate crowds, cooking, and especially the idea of going out and buying gifts for anybody. It's a commercialized holiday for merchants, nothing more.

When our children were kids, we were in Group A. Active through and through. We looked forward to Christmas morning, Santa Claus, surprises, and everything about Christmas. As the children grew out of the kid stage, Christmas wasn't quite as fun. Gifts wanted were money and/or gift cards. Why do we have to go visit relatives? Why can't we stay home? I think we all started leaning toward Group B – The Bah Humbugs.

The children moved out and I was a true grandmother. That's when I found out there is a Group C I didn't pay much attention to. Group C is the Church people. Christmas starts at Advent for us. We celebrate the four weeks before December 25 and celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. When you go to daily Mass the older generation is there. They are the ones heading up the Angel Trees for the children and senior citizens and collecting for the food baskets.

The older I got I realized the true meaning of Christmas. The religious side: the birth of Jesus, the Nativity, Midnight Mass, spiritual Christmas Carols, holy Christmas cards, and greeting people with Merry Christmas rather than Happy Holidays.

Let's break down the three groups of people by watching them in the malls and the department stores.

One group has an armload of gifts, a bounce in their step, and wishing Merry Christmas to everyone. Their philosophy is, "It's better to give than to receive." They love the part about shopping and giving. They enjoy the excitement of giving and seeing the reactions.

The second group are the ones who are growling at the crowd, dropping behind the person who is dragging them through all this hustle and bustle, and saying, "This is enough, I'm good, let's go."

Their philosophy is the one of It's the thought that counts, not the gift. They are the ones who don't like spending a lot of time in the shopping mode of Christmas. They just pick up something to narrow their list down.

The third group, if they are at the mall, will smile and greet you with a Merry Christmas and wish you a good day.

The first group goes from one store to the next looking for the perfect gift. Whenever you receive the gift you know a lot of time was spent on choosing it, because it was exactly what you wanted. It wasn't just a tie, a pair of socks, or a dust collector to be set on the shelf.

There is an art in picking a perfect gift. Listen all year long to hints family members drop without even knowing they are dropping hints.

Hear the person who loves to cook and comment about wanting a certain utensil but feel like it would be frivolous to buy. Understand what the man who loves to work with his hands, who is still using a certain tool he hasn't replaced with an updated model when he says, "Ah, it's still in good shape." These are hints.

What about the husband who knows he better give something personal, absolutely nothing for the kitchen, but something she would love to wear and not be embarrassed among her friends.

Now if this man has absolutely no taste in fashion what is he to do? He goes into a shop, looks at the mannequins, sees a perfect outfit and says, "I want what she's wearing; in about that size." Perfect, he knows it matches, looks good, and will fit. The wife thinks he has great taste and is pleased.

A warning to the man who doesn't know what size to buy for his wife or girlfriend.

Do not go into the dress shop, pick out the perfect outfit, and when asked what size, do not say, "I don't know for sure, but she blocks a 44-inch screen TV when she stands in front of it." Don't do it, women find out everything. (Heard it through the grapevine.)

For the man who takes the children shopping to buy accessories, to go along with the perfect outfit, another taboo to remember. Do not come home with a pair of control top panty hose for the wife who is almost seven months pregnant. It is not appreciated at all. (Been there, got that.)

No matter what group you fit into, just count the days down, grin and bear it, or enjoy every minute of it and brighten the day for the rest of the world.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Union County Fiscal Court will receive lump sum sealed bids on a general contract for renovations to the Union County Courthouse, located at 100 W Main St., Morganfield, KY 42437.

Proposals will be received until 9:00 AM, prevailing time on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at the Union County Courthouse, 100 W Main St, Morganfield, KY 42437, in the courtroom on the 2nd floor, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

A prebid conference will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 1:00 PM, prevailing time, at the site of the Union County Courthouse, 100 W. Main St., Morganfield, KY 42437, in the courtroom, 2nd floor. All bidders should plan on attending this meeting.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from Maco-Evansville Blue, 600 Court Street, Evansville, IN 47708 (812-464-8108) or visiting their website macoplanroom.com.

A 5% Bid Security and 100% Performance and Payment Bond are required for this project.

The scoring of proposals is subject to reciprocal preference for Kentucky resident bidders and preferences for a Qualified Bidder. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and/or waive any informalities in bids received where such acceptance, rejection, or waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the Owner. 11/11c

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