

Reflections From Walking In A Cemetery

South Green Street church of Christ Glasgow, KY

I'm not sure how you feel about cemeteries, but I actually do my best thinking & reflecting anytime I find myself in a cemetery. Why? My priorities are quickly put in order, I realize we all have a limited number of sunsets, and I see firsthand the hurt one feels when a loved one is lost.

I recently had the opportunity to assist with a grave-side service of someone who passed away untimely. Despite being strangers, those gathered in that small, quiet place not only had the love for the person who had passed in common, but we also shared the same unspoken thoughts of "what was, what is, and what could have been."

As the service ended and everyone began to have side conversations, some listened & some participated in those discussions, I began to make my way quietly around the small area looking at headstones. Some dated back to the early 1800's! As I scanned from one plot to the next, I found myself asking, "What happened to that person? Why did they die so young?" Or, "How do those parents endure after losing their children within a year?" I think, "How did life unfold for those who lived on for decades?"

While walking and talking, I had a short conversation with a gentleman I had known 20 plus years earlier. Now struggling to walk & remember, he told me he had lost his wife 8 years ago and the pain of her absence was evident as he stared off towards the horizon.

My time in that cemetery was spent like my time in all cemeteries, quietly thinking about:

- **Love:** we should love Christ by the life we live, we should love those around us, and we should love our family ([John 13:34](#)).
- **The shortness of life:** regardless of time spent on earth, time always passes quickly ([James 4:14](#)).
- **Preparing for death:** we understand life will end, we can have victory over death ([I Cor. 15:50-58](#)).

A life lost brought us together that day, but we will always share a bond. A bond that reveals we all have a void in our life from someone who passed on. We can prepare for these moments to the best of our ability & we allow our loved ones to live on as we preserve their memory. An inscription I found while at this service says, "You are no longer by my side but you are forever in my heart." May we consider the brevity of human life.

Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

God is for there each one of us and we should rest assured that each act of love that we do for God is created into something good. So when we put our trust in Him during our darkest hours, that love we share will be worked into something great. "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6

God is always with us. His unconditional love is all around us, in the people who love Him in, in the places we feel most alone, and in all things we do with love to glorify His name. We must keep scripture like the ones we just revealed that show God's love for us close to our hearts, in order to defend ourselves from the enemy when we are near defeat. We must wear the armor of God to stand against the devil's schemes.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.



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Condolences

Renee Kinney, Diane Mellott's daughter, passed away Tuesday morning at NFMCC. The funeral was yesterday. Let's keep Renee's family and friends in our prayers. Let's also pray for Diane.

Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Updates:

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Wilma Patterson has been dealing with an eye problem.

Butts Sumner had surgery Wednesday. It's called microvascular decompression surgery of the trigeminal nerve.

Carol Jones has been dealing with a strep throat.

Peggy Golias Let's continue to pray for her. As of Thursday she was still hospitalized but it was planned she would be moving back to rehab soon.

Audrey received a telephone call recently from Tony and Eglia Grana. They are well and send their greetings to all. Their great granddaughter Ivey Shoemaker is home and is continuing to undergo tests.

Vanessa, daughter of former member here Cyndi Lewis, has an infection in her wisdom teeth.

Jada Grubbs, Wayne & Sherry's youngest granddaughter, had tests Tuesday to check out a lump in her neck. It turns out the lump in her neck isn't a problem but she has a blocked sinus and has to go see an ENT doctor.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Aug. 19 Men's Business Meeting

Aug. 25 Ladies Monthly Devotional. Saturday Aug. 25 at Noon, instead of Friday evening. See below

Sep. 03 Labor Day

Sep. 04 Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class 10 AM here at the building.

Ladies Monthly Devotional

Saturday Aug. 25th at Noon, instead of Friday evening.
Devotional and picnic at Sherry Carter's house.
Just bring yourself, food will be provided.

This is an outside event. In case of bad weather it will be canceled.



It's time for another mailing of House to House / Heart to Heart. We will be getting together **tomorrow Monday, August 13, at 10 AM** here at the church building to prepare 1,027 copies of the new issue for mailing. We hope to see you there! Thanks



Read Me

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Book of James

Sermon Topic Today: Spiritual Discernment Pt. 3

Scripture Reading: Romans 7:14-25

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel

Thanks

Thanks to Ron Cameron for conducting the adult Bible class and to Rodney Jones for preaching last Sunday in Mark's absence. Thanks to Marvis Garrett for conducting the Wed. night classes.

Sharron Gantt sends her love. She misses everyone here. She also sends her condolences on the passing of Renee Kinney.



Reminder "Silver For Children"

Potter Children's Home

These cans have been available since early June. Please consider helping. Make sure you fill out the address paper and put it in the change can.

Ladies Bible Class

The 10:00 AM Tuesday morning ladies Bible class resumes on September 4th with '**Gems in Genesis**' from the Christian Woman magazine. Please join us as we start the coming year of study with a worship and praise session. We pray spirits will be lifted and minds prepared to readily receive God's messages.

See Audrey Dailey to obtain a copy of the lesson so you can be prepared to join the bible study discussion. Lessons are \$3.

TODAY

Announcements	Bruce Brink
Song Leader	Rodney Jones
Direct Communion	Mark Dailey
Serve	Bruce Brink
Serve	Ron Cameron
Serve	Matt Nichols
Clean Trays	Linda Stine

Card from Sardinia.

Please read the card posted last Sunday on the *Message Board* from the church in Sardinia.

Welcome back.....

To those that went to Bowling Green, KY for the Potter mission trip.