

- In Memory -

Gary Evans

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*Just beyond the rolling river,
Lies a bright and sunny land,
Where the saved with Christ are dwelling,
A united happy band.*

- H. W. Elliott -

God is Always Concerned

"Vain life under the sun" is the majority theme of the book of Ecclesiastes. As you read you see the emptiness of earthbound life as it flows from the ink on the printed page. The inspired writer was not the first to ask the soul searching questions found in this great book. People from every corner of the earth and from all ages are seeking answers in the same things that Solomon tried. However, they keep coming up empty handed. Life sometimes is just hard to deal with.

Sometimes feelings of this hard life begin to descend a depressed mood and results in our lives being filled with discouragement over what has happened in our lives. If a solution is not found the temporary feeling becomes a lingering state of mind. Many, in our world conclude that life is not worth living. These people reasoned with themselves and found no hope in life. Solomon proclaims "vanity" and bewailed things "under the sun" about three dozen times in Ecclesiastes. However thoughts of God never escaped his mind. In all of the things listed in the book of Ecclesiastes we never find a point in which God was not concerned about the affairs of mankind. What a wonderful thought. God is concerned about His Creation. Yes, that is you and me.

Read Ecclesiastes 12:1,8,10-14 to see what Solomon concluded!

- Jonathan Burns, Findlay Church of Christ, Sparta, TN (Bulletin Digest) -

With God's Help

*With steadfast heart and true, go forward on your way;
God gives us strength to do the duties of each day.
So daily may this thought your heart with courage fill;
"I can, because I ought, and with God's help, I will!"*

- Author Unknown -

We can face any fear when we know the Lord is near.

News Notes

SYMPATHY: To **Marlene Evans**, her family and friends at the recent passing of Marlene's husband, Gary. God bless and comfort this family.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each **Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** All ladies are invited to participate. Come and help if you can.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next **Saturday, March 1st, 8:00 a.m.** at Coplin's in Newell.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next **Sunday, March 2nd about Noon** at the Fellowship Building followed by our **afternoon worship at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Will resume **Thursday, March 6th, 11:00 a.m.** This class is open to all.

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

ON THE PRAYER LIST: At **Home:** Ed Wiersbicki, John Sprout, Peggy Linger, Randy Beagle, Bob McMahan, Scharlotte Jones, Dean Spencer, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox-Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carolyn Carbone, 98 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432. **In Afghanistan area:** Michael Heath, son-in-law of Mike & Marcie Martin.

A Christian Disposition

Someone wrote: The effect that Christ has on true Christians goes further than just eliminating evil. The Lord's influence should extend even to changing our attitudes, personalities, and dispositions. Let's notice a few qualities that should permeate the Christian disposition ...

1. **The Christian Disposition should be KIND.** Kindness is sympathy and love in action (Col. 3:12-13).
2. **The Christian Disposition is FORGIVING.** Forgiveness is the scent flowers give off when they are trampled. The true Christian will learn to forgive and forget (Matt. 6:12).
3. **The Christian Disposition is PEACEABLE.** Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers ..." (Matt. 5:9).
4. **The Christian Disposition is APPRECIATIVE.** Ingratitude is a despicable trait. All of us should recognize the power of a simple "thank you." (Luke 17:12-19).
5. **The Christian Disposition is FAIR.** The golden rule demands that we treat everyone fairly (Matt. 7:12).

May God grant us to be "Christian" in disposition as well as doctrine!

- Bobby Dockery (Bulletin Digest) adapted -