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Dear ones,

Life brings a lot of things and one of them is death. And, of course, as we age we lose friends and loved ones with increasing frequency. You will see this revealed in the final section of each newsletter, “MILESTONES”—especially this one. It can be depressing and, at times, I am afflicted with it. The ranks grow ever thinner each year in reunion groups of Marine Corps units with which I served, in my family and among my friends. Death is an inescapable and irreversible milestone in life on Earth; and we should do all that we can to lead those we love (as well as those we don’t) to that gift of redemption.

I marvel that non-Christians even make it through life, let alone deal with death; both life and death are tough enough, even for the redeemed. But we have the Comforter with us when life is tough; and, when death comes to those we love, we have the blessed assurance that, although the separation brought by death hurts, the separation is relatively brief, and the reunion in Paradise will be forever.

HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS

Halloween, the pagan celebration of death, will soon be upon us again, and millions of innocent children will be participating. If you would like to have a quantity of our classic pamphlet with the story of its origins and the truth about its real meaning, just ask. We will send them to you **free**; it would be helpful if you send a few dollars to cover shipping and handling, but there is no charge for the pamphlets.

Likewise, our small booklet, “Holidays and Holy Days” is not only a good educational tool concerning the origins and meanings of all of our major holidays, but is inexpensive enough to give to friends and children at Christmas time. That little book has literally gone around the World, and has been published in New Zealand and Sweden, as well as by us.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Our daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Joe Mahoney have written four imaginative Christmas plays, designed to be performed by churches and other groups with minimal requirements for sets and costumes. They are cleverly written and entertaining, yet entirely scriptural vehicles for teaching fundamental truth about the birth of our Savior. The scripts are free downloads on our web site; just go there and click on the “Publications” button.

ISIS MADMEN DESTROY JONAH’S TOMB

The Iraqi city of Mosul, second largest city in Iraq, is built over the ruins of ancient Nineveh, capital city of Assyria. Its name is derived from the muslin cloth made there for many centuries. Mosul also has had the only

significant population of Christians in Iraq, until the city was overrun by the barbarians of ISIS (or ISIL), the unthinkable cruel Muslims who have taken possession of most of Iraq and Syria. These people are the most powerful force in Muslim Jihad, and are utterly barbaric; even the current head of al Qaeda, the terrorist group from which ISIS sprang, has criticized ISIS for its excessive violence and cruelty! They are obsessed with beheadings, crucifixions, gang rape of captured women and girls, and mayhem in general. They behead children, and bury Christians and Shiite Muslims alive with bulldozers.

When ISIS overran Mosul, the Christians who were not killed or captured fled northward into Kurdistan. Having captured Mosul, one of the first things the ISIS madmen did was to destroy Jonah's tomb, and then demolish the mosque which had been built around it, with explosives (Jonah is revered by sane Muslims). They said they destroyed Jonah's tomb because he is important to Jews and Christians, and the mosque had to go because it was contaminated with apostasy. (WND/HuffPost/CNN/World/First Things, et al)



Above shows the destruction of Jonah's tomb (left) and the demolition of the mosque containing Jonah's tomb.

OBAMA'S APPALLING IGNORANCE OF AMERICAN HISTORY

When our Golfer-in-Chief was in Poland in June, justifying his trading five of the most dangerous America-haters on Earth for one American deserter, he pleaded "historical" precedent, saying "This is what happens at the end of wars," and he invoked the names of Washington, Lincoln, and FDR.

He was wrong on all counts. First, that part about "This is what [presidents do] at the end of wars"; in case he hasn't noticed, the war in Afghanistan is **still** going on! Second, America has never traded prisoners at the end of a war; we simply go get them. And then there is the problem of chronology: "That was true for George Washington, that was true for Abraham Lincoln, that was true for FDR." Compounding his display of abysmal ignorance, he overlooked the fact that Washington wasn't president at the end of our revolution; he was Commanding General of the Army, and would not be president until 6 years later. Lincoln was not president when his war ended; he died on 15 April 1865 and the war did not end until well into the following month. Franklin Roosevelt was not president when WW II ended; he died in April 1945 and WW II did not end until 2 September.

It reminds me of his statement about visiting "all 57 states" in the U.S.. The apparent reason that he hasn't even a 6th grade knowledge of American history is that he cares nothing about it; but I will wager that he can quote accurately from the works of Karl Marx, Saul Alinsky, and Malcolm X. (WND/CNS News/townhall.com, et al)

I GUESS IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO HIM

When American deserter Bo Bergdahl was brought home, much to his regret (he was weeping sadly and wiping the tears from his reddened eyes with his sleeve as he told his Taliban friends goodbye at the exchange point), Bergdahl's parents were lionized and got very public hugs from Obama in the Rose Garden. And, incidentally, Mr. Bergdahl, who is strangely sympathetic with Islam, is studying the Koran, learning Arabic, and growing a beard. Obama, whose every heartbeat is political and self-serving, slowly realized that he had bet on the wrong horse, and the Bergdahls have been air-brushed out of the picture.

By contrast, Major General Harold Greene, U.S. Army, an honorable, respected soldier, was killed on 5 August in Afghanistan, when a member of the Afghani security force, supposedly protecting the Afghan

National Defense University, opened fire, killing General Greene and wounding 15 others, including 8 Americans. General Greene was the highest ranking American killed in a combat zone since Vietnam. On 14 August General Greene was buried with full military honors at Arlington. Did the president show up for the funeral? No. He was golfing, not far away. He did not even send the vice president in his place. In fact, flags were not even ordered to be flown at half-mast to honor the general's sacrifice. This is, literally, unthinkable!

Obama's non-response to the general's death gives us a revealing look into his values, and what really matters to him; they speak much more loudly than his scripted, tele-prompted words. (Fox/CNN/WP, et al)

DAUGHTER OF A CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES

On 1 September Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice died in Archdale, NC, 2 weeks before her 92nd birthday. She was a gracious Southern lady, a devout Christian, and an active member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In fact, she was what is called in the UDC a "Real Daughter," which means that her father was a Confederate soldier—not a distant ancestor, but her father. Not many "Real Daughters" are still alive; with Mrs. Rice's death, only 22 are known to survive.

"Miss Mattie," as her many friends called her, was a black lady, fiercely proud of her father's Confederate service, devoted to memorializing what he did, and to fighting the forces of revisionist historians and political correctness who would, as she put it, "rob me of my heritage." Her father, Wary Clyburn was a slave who ran away from his South Carolina plantation to join the plantation owner's son in Company E, 12th South Carolina Infantry. He twice carried his owner's wounded son, and his childhood friend, from the battlefield, saving his life. This, I think, is an example of the power of love, compared with social and political realities of the time.

Mrs. Clyburn was 8 years old when her father, Confederate hero and, later, renowned fiddler, died in 1930. She loved remembering him and retelling the stories he had told her about the war. He was a Confederate pensioner, a thing of which Miss Mattie was extremely proud, and she presided over the unveiling of the historical marker honoring her father and 9 other black Confederate pensioners in her county.

Two of Miss Mattie's daughters are also members of the UDC.(wunc.org/npr)



At bottom left, "Miss Mattie" after unveiling the historical marker honoring her Confederate father. At top, "Miss Mattie" with a picture of her father. At bottom right, Wary Clyburn with his fiddle in 1913.



STRANGE POLICIES IN TWO GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

It is interesting to note an ironic contrast in two government institutions, both in existence since the days of our founding fathers. In one, the government schools, reading of the Bible is forbidden. In the other, the government prisons, reading of the Bible is not only allowed, it is encouraged. It seems to me that if reading the Bible were encouraged and practiced in government schools, there would be fewer men and women reading it in our government prisons.

19 MARINE RAIDERS, KILLED IN 1942, RETURNED HOME

On the night of 17-18 August 1942, Marine Raiders arrived, by submarines and rubber boats, and assaulted Japanese-held Makin Island in the Pacific. In fierce fighting during the night they killed every Japanese soldier on the island. With approaching daylight their waiting submarines were in increasing danger of being spotted by Japanese destroyers, and the hasty departure forced them to leave 19 dead behind. They asked the islanders, who hated the Japanese, to bury their dead where the Japanese, who would certainly be coming, could not find the graves. Exactly 59 years later the graves were located, with the help of an elderly islander who, as a boy of 16, had helped bury them. The 19 Marines had been carefully buried by the islanders, as honored warriors, with their helmets, rifles and grenades. The remains were identified and returned to the U.S., where 6 were returned to their families for separate burial, and the other 13, including Sgt. Clyde Thomason, who received the Medal of Honor posthumously for his heroism in the battle, were buried at Arlington Cemetery. It was 17 August 2001, the 59th anniversary of the Makin Island raid.

As the procession made its way from the Old Post Chapel at Fort Myer, down the winding road into the cemetery, escorted by the Silent Drill Platoon from Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., the Marine Band quietly played "Onward Christian Soldiers." At graveside, the flags covering the caskets were folded and presented to family representatives of the 13 Raiders; Hugh Thomason of Bowling Green, Ky. received the flag of his brother, Sgt. Clyde Thomason, the Medal of Honor recipient. The rifle salute was fired and, as the bugler played taps, the sun broke through the overcast sky. The Raiders were home at last. (arlingtoncemetery.net, et al)



A WORD FROM THE WISE

“I have never understood why it is ‘greed’ to want to keep the money you’ve earned, but not greed to want to take somebody else’s money.” (Prof. Thomas Sowell, Stanford Univ)

MARTY’S CORNER

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand His way, but the folly of fools is deceit. --Prov.14:8 should be emblazoned upon the White House entrance for the President and his staff. One man’s count of just the public deceptions made by the President was 826. Here are just a few:

We revealed to the American people exactly what we understood at the time.

Truth: Benghazi, attack by Islamic radicals was known minute by minute and had nothing to do with a video (yet the President, State Dept. and Dept. of Defense ignored pleas for help).

If you like your healthcare plan you can keep your plan.

Truth: hundreds of thousands cannot keep their plan.

It’s ‘not true’ that Obamacare legislation is government funding of abortion.

Truth: Obamacare, when fully implemented, **will** fund abortions with taxpayer funds.

The Fast and Furious program (our government gunrunning across borders to criminals) was a field-initiated program begun under the previous administration.

Truth: It was implemented in Oct. 2009

Not even a smidgen of corruption (re:IRS scandal of targeting conservative organizations)

Truth: IRS targeted conservative groups repeatedly

We will not take one dime from lobbyists or special interest groups.

Truth: the President has accepted millions of dollars from lobbyists and special interest groups.

My father left my family when I was 2 years old (addressing the nation’s schoolkids in 2009).

Truth: Obama had never spent a night under the same roof as his father, let alone two years.

No boots on the ground combat troops in Iraq.

Truth: There are over 1700 troops in Iraq.

We surely hope they’re armed and wearing boots rather than bedroom shoes.

These examples are just a few public statements and could be added to daily. By all accounts this is the most deceitful and evasive President and Administration in the history of our country. The axiom ***Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice shame on me*** should not be forgotten.

MILESTONES

Born:

27 June – **Thatcher Luke Creasey** @ 8 Lbs 1 Oz to Claire, daughter of the late Susan (Rue) Combs and Bill Combs, and Greg Creasey, in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Bill and Rue’s other daughter, Emily, delivered her daughter Hazel 2 weeks before Claire delivered little Thatcher, just in time to be announced in the last issue.

Died:

27 Jan – **Roy Morrison**, husband of Jane Morrison, in Clarksville, Tenn. after a very long battle with Parkinson’s disease. Roy was a sweet and gentle man, of many talents, and a humble servant of the Lord.

8 Mar – **Jon Jenkins**, Christian attorney, husband of Alix Jenkins, and supporter of this ministry, in Mason, Michigan.

28 Mar – **Jeremiah Denton**, retired admiral and U.S. Senator from Alabama. Jeremiah Denton was the naval aviator imprisoned in Hanoi who, in a propaganda TV broadcast, blinked his eyes to send the world the word “torture” several times. It was the first time Naval Intelligence knew that the POWs were being tortured. When his captors discovered what he had done, he was savagely beaten for two days.

May 2014 – **Bobbie Burke**, husband of Mary Robinson, in Rocky Face, Ga. Mary, who didn’t change her last name when she married Bobbie, tells us that Bobbie, like her first husband, died as a result of neglect in the area VA hospital.

24 July – **Joe Weis**, longtime Christian friend and missionary to Brazil, at home in Zachary, La.. In the last issue, we announced the cessation of the publication of his newsletter, and his retirement; and in this issue we are announcing his death. He was a mighty man of God, a 1st Century Christian who leaves large boots for a successor to fill.

25 Aug – **Robert Glenn (Bob) Warren**, in Hardin, Ky. Bob, in good health and physical condition, died suddenly and unexpectedly at home. He was a remarkable man of God, Bible teacher, mentor, and operator of a Christian retreat center. In earlier life Bob was a basketball All American at Vanderbilt, and a professional player for several teams, ending with the San Antonio Spurs. He met the Lord, left basketball, and returned to Hardin to serve Him. And he served Him, in an exemplary way, every day of the rest of his life.

25 Aug - **Jeanette Holloway Jampolsky**, in Baker City, Oregon. Mrs. Jampolsky was a committed believer, and the aunt of our son-in-law, Joe Mahoney.

29 Aug – **Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Spencer**, at home, in Mt. Sterling, Ky. Mrs. Spencer is the mother of my good friend, Danny Belcher, an infantry veteran of Vietnam, POW activist, and a warrior for the causes of veterans on all fronts.

A FINAL WORD

Treasure and use each day as if it were your last, and never give up hope; God has a limitless supply of new beginnings, and He makes beautiful things out of broken pieces.

(Sources: AP-Associated Press; BBC-British Broadcasting Corp.; BP-Baptist Press; CNS-Cybernetic News Service; Fox-Fox News; Brightbart-Breitbart News; FOF-Focus on the Family; FRC-Family Research Council; HE-Human Events; HC-History Channel; HuffPost-Huffington Post; IMG-Israel My Glory; JP-Jerusalem Post; LAT-L.A. Times; NA-New American Magazine; NM-NewsMax.com; NR-National Review; NW-Newsweek; NYP-New York Post; NYT-New York Times; ONN-OneNewsNow; PWB-Pastors' Weekly Briefing; USAT-USA Today; VOM-Voice of Martyrs; W-World Magazine; WND-World Net Daily; and WT-Washington Times.)