

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

The RCHS Cheerleading Booster Club and Cheerleaders would like to thank the following people for their help and support in making our recent fund-raiser activity at the Ottawa Go Kart track a success: Paul and Debbie Cash for their generosity in letting us have the event there, Paul Cash and Laury Daugherty for donating their time in conducting the races for us, all of the cheerleading parents who attended and helped work, and last but not least, the race participants, football team, students and Rocket fans who showed up to offer their support. We sincerely appreciate you all.

We would also like to give a special thanks to the Taylor family at EST Tools in Broadhead. They have been very gracious in allowing us to hold most of our meetings there and have made us feel extremely welcome.

RCHS Cheerleading Booster Club and Cheerleaders

Dear Editor,

A Tribute to Our Firefighters & Rescue Workers

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to our Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department for their ready and willing dedication to help our people and our country in any way they can. When we have an emergency of any kind, they are always there. When there is a fire, a wreck, a problem with water or any other emergency they can help with, they do it. I really don't think that we people of this county realize or think about how hard our firefighters work and risk their lives to try to save the lives of others, our homes, property or whatever else might be in danger.

It doesn't matter what time, day or night, or how tired they might be, or what they might be doing, they come to our rescue, then and there.

I feel like we should be more willing to support them. There must be something we can do as a community to better support them. They have my love, my thanks and my prayers and respect for their effort and dedication.

Mrs. Warren (Nora D.) Poynter
Mt. Vernon, KY

P.S. May God bless and keep them and all other firefighters and rescue workers wherever they may be and whatever they are doing to be of service to the victims and their loved ones of all tragedies, including

the tragedy that happened to our country on September 11, 2001. The leaders of our nation and the rescue workers have a big responsibility like never before. We are thankful that our leaders are turning to God in this trying and tragic time. May the Lord guide and direct them in their decisions. I have faith and with God's help we will overcome. God Bless America. Thank you!

Dear Editor,

Having served my country in the U.S. Marines from March 1950 through March 1954 (in Korea from 1952-54), I feel compelled to speak out concerning the horrific terrorism that has perpetrated our daily lives. I served on Parris Island after boot camp in the first department and was sent to Korea to the same, as well as guarding prisoners of war. Having served as a firefighter, I have a great deal of sympathy for the innocent victims and the firemen and policemen that lost their lives in New York and Washington, D.C.

We will all have dreams for many years to come of seeing people jump out of buildings and firemen and policemen going back into buildings in the hopes of saving even one life. This tragedy will live with us always, but the brave men and women that have given and will continue to give their lives should never be forgotten.

We must always remember these heroes and their heroic acts.

The South Pacific where we so nobly fought such as Guadalcanal, Okinawa, Pelilieu and Iwo Jima (one of the men that helped raise the flag at the top of Iwo was Franklin Southeys from Flemingsburg, KY) and in Korea, Vietnam and the many other wars throughout the world leave all of us nostalgic and full of pride. I am proud to have been a Marine, a firefighter and a youth camp director; however, I am most proud to be an American. To those who have sacrificed and those who will sacrifice throughout these events, I, and my staff send our deepest gratitude. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Respectfully,
Ray Stoss
Executive Director
Kentucky Sheriff's Boy & Girls Ranch

Dear Editor,

I got the following in my e-mail today & as it's so pertinent in this time of our country's mourning ... I

felt it was worth sharing with the Mt. Vernon Signal's readers, if you would be so obliging as to print it. Thank You!

Margo Zars
Mt. Vernon

NOW that the President has called us to prayer ... & NOW that Congress has called us to prayer ... & NOW that our Governor has called us to prayer ... & NOW that the city Mayor has called us to prayer ...

AND NOW that the "liberal" media and most other branches of our American society have called us to prayer ...

AND NOW that our churches are assembling in special prayer ...

"Honorable" Justices of the Supreme Court, I have only one question ... NOW would it be OK to pray in our schools?

Dear Editor,

Here are some of my thoughts about the recent terrorist attacks upon our country.

America Under Attack

On September 11, 2001, four airplanes were hijacked by 19 terrorists. The first one crashed into one of the towers of the World Trade Center at 8:45AM. About 15 minutes later a second plane crashed into the second tower of the World Trade Center. About a half hour after that, one of the planes crashed in the Pentagon. And a half hour after that, the 4th plane crashed into a field in rural western Pennsylvania. The death toll is over 6000 as of time of this writing. I think there are several lessons to observe about the tragic events that took place.

1. The Uncertainty of Life.

James points out to us the brevity and the uncertainty of life. "Go to now; ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." I wonder how many thought as they got up that morning, went to the airport, went to work at the World Trade Center, or went to the Pentagon, that that would be the last day of their life? Who has a guaranteed promise of life tomorrow? Do any of us have a "lease on life"?

2. Run for Safety.

In watching the video on TV, of people in the area when the building collapsed in New York, you could see people running, trying to escape the dust and smoke as it would come around a building like a huge monster. Then the dust came from another way, and then

people turn to run in a different direction. Yet they did not escape. This is a perfect illustration of the return of Christ. When the Lord comes back the second time, there will be no escape from this event. As Paul said, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (1 Thess. 5:3)

3. Islam Scares Me. I think it will prove out, that a group of Muslim religious fanatics who think they were serving God, were behind these evil deeds. I would imagine that they had been falsely taught, that if they die for "Allah and his prophet Mohammed" [that eternal glory awaits them, if we could borrow the words of Jesus, "They shall put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." Jn. 16:2]. Islam scares me, because when you have the kind of error that these folks get off into, they go about seeking to kill and destroy innocent lives as seen in the events of 9-11-01. Now when you have folks going into denominationalism, they are just as wrong religiously, but they don't go around hijacking planes and crashing them into buildings.

4. False Teachers Heyday. I figured when these events were happening that the premillennialist who see "signs of the times" in just about every event that happens, that they would have heyday about these incidents. Some said they thought the rapture had taken place. The "Left Behind" series of books have taught that when the rapture takes place, airplanes and cars will be crashing into things, because the pilots and drivers were raptured into glory, and the unbelievers are left behind in a chaotic world. I got an e-mail asking last week "Is this the end?" Someone asked Late at the store, if I had made any comment about the events of these terrorists, they said I would say this was in the Bible. Yes, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 Jn. 4:1. There are NO signs of the times, I Thess. 5:1-2.

5. Sin Wastes... In Luke 15:13, "And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living." As the prodigal was off in the far country, Jesus said that he was wasting his substance in riotous living. Sin wastes so many

things as we see in this attack on America, by these evil & sinful men. There was a waste of over 5000 lives as of the count now, (those known dead, and those who are reported missing and presumed dead in the rubble) There is a waste of precious souls, people dying in sin, unprepared to meet their maker. And think of the waste of money because of the sins of these men. The 4 airplanes, costing several million dollars apiece. The twin towers cost 2.3 billion when they were built, probably 10-12 billion to replace them in today's cost. It will cost several million to repair the Pentagon. 40 billion was just appropriated by our government to help clean up the mess and fight terrorism. You get the picture. The sins of these men are a senseless and total waste in so many ways.

6. Bring On Goodness. One of the good things about such tragedies is to see the goodness of people being exemplified. A majority of people in our nation have been influenced by the teaching of the golden rule. "That all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12. Certainly most Americans are not faithful Christians, but most are decent human beings, and tragedies have a way of bringing the goodness in people. The folks standing in long lines to give blood without complaining. People volunteering to help at ground zero, and communities. "I would want people trying hard to rescue me if I was one trapped under there." Or medical personnel offering their time and services to help the injured. People who brought food and water, and the scores of people and businesses giving donations to help. It is refreshing to see folks getting out of their selfish, self-centered life and looking to see the needs of needy.

Of course there are always plenty of opportunities to be needy folks every day. I wish such a dramatic event was not necessary to cause folks to wake up, but it's good to see folks acting in such good ways.

7. Righteous Indignation. When one sees such evil wickedness being perpetrated upon the lives of so many innocent people, a righteous indignation burns in our hearts. Of course this shows that men are not without a sense of justice, right and wrong, and these dastardly deeds committed by these wicked men arouse that righteous indignation. Consider Mark 3:5, "And when he had looked round

about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored whole as the other." The Lord Jesus was angry at sin as he beheld it in the lives of these people. The way we look on these horrific deeds of the past week, is the way God looks at all sin. It is hideous crime in the sight of God, as he looks at all our sins and transgressions. God lumps sin all together in his description of it in Gal. 5:19-21, in describing the works of the flesh. "For the fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, and exceeding sinfulness of all sin, and seeking to avoid and turn from it!"

8. Power to Choose. Men and women are given the power to choose, or as some say freewill. Some may ask why didn't I stop

this from happening? If he took control of these men, they would not be creatures of choice, and would not be human beings, but some sort of robot controlled by God. Heb. 11:24-25 states, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." People can make good choices or bad choices. And since people have the power to make bad choices, sometimes innocent people suffer. But all must answer before the Lord for the choices we make.

9. Safety & Security in the Lord.

Finally, let us make the point, that the most important reminder in this event, as with any of the many tragedies of life, is that the only true safety, in the Lord. Everything in this world can in a moment of time be destroyed, but being a child of God has promise of life eternal. In Psalm 48: "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thy Lord, only maketh me dwell in safety." Again, "The horse is prepared against the day of battle; but safety is of the LORD." Pr. 21:31. Remember that our labors in the Lord are NOT IN VAIN. 1 Cor. 15:58. Does your soul have safety & security in the Lord?

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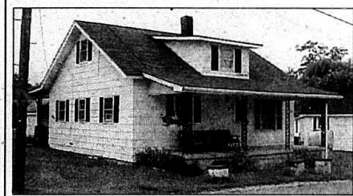
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