



Points East

By: Ike Adams

It's probably my fault that you didn't show up last Saturday night. I forgot to tell you.

Matt Paul told me in April (when he closed-up shop to clear his schedule for the spring & summer festivals) that he was going to re-open his Bluegrass Music Hall for weekend performances in mid-October. But I didn't write it down. Thank the Lord, though, and thank Him mightily, someone saw the sign out on Bobtown Stretch in front of the Hall last Saturday and then took the time to call me up and ask if I was going to call "Opening Night of the Fall Season."

I told him that I thought they only ran the hay-burners at Keeneland during the day and that I suspected the races were mostly rigged anyway, so why bother and he said "Ohhhhhhhhh Noooooo!!! I'm talking about the Bluegrass that starts tonight at Matt's place!" and I said, "I forgot all about it!"

Because I had. Matt's been on the road all summer emceeing major Bluegrass Festivals from coast to coast rubbing elbows with the elite performers of bluegrass music and, frankly, the radio on Sunday evening ain't much fun to listen to unless Colohel Matt is hosting it. The result

of all that is that I'd sort of stopped listening to Bluegrass Express on WYCO (The Coyote) 100.7 on your FM dial and there ain't nothing else fit to listen to on the radio when the sun starts setting on Sunday in my neck of the woods.

But when the outdoor festivals are over, Colohel Matt comes home to run his radio show during cold weather and put together live performances of the best bands he has heard at the festivals across the country. Most often these bands represent the best of the best and their performances take place at a little venue just outside Berea, in Madison County, that Matt leases during cold weather.

From time to time you'll see Larry Sparks, J.D. Crowe, Dale Ann Bradley, Continental Divide, Ralph Stanley and any number of the "Who's Who in Bluegrass" on the marquee but more often than not the band will not be one with whom you've spent a long acquaintance and those are the ones that knock the ankles of your socks down around the first joint your big toe.

It's an unpretentious concrete building that seats maybe 400, counting the balcony, and the new bluegrass bands will show up because

they know that having Matt Paul's seal of approval means to be on their resumes if they intend to go much farther in the business. Matt's show is carried on the Internet at bluegrass.com for a couple of hours (7:30 to 9) on Sunday night, so if you can't tune in to the radio station in Irvine, try that.

Last Saturday night the music started at 7:00 PM. Old faithful, brand-name, regulars, The Moron Brothers and then John Cosby & The Drifters were there and when they were finished a lot of folks thought the show was over, when in fact, it had just begun. Next came The Dawg, a group most of you never heard of but with a finer sound and tighter harmony than the original Seldom Scene, then Mike French with his unnamed band to show off a collection of vocal and instrumental talent to demonstrate that he is on the verge of having the best bluegrass band ever to exist. Mike French is rapidly becoming my favorite Bluegrass vocalist and his new band is a litany of musicians who served time with the big names.

Just when we thought Mike had stolen the show, along came "No Tools Loaned", a new group from Frankfort headed by Wesley Atha who sings like a lonesome bird and brings tears to your eyes and reminds you of the Country Gentlemen, except he's better, and plays the flat top like Larry Sparks and then shows off a band that has credentials so deep into the music that we'd have to have two more columns to list them.

At midnight, Matt finally told "No Tools Loaned" that he had to shut the

place down or be in trouble with the law and that's the only reason they aren't still playing.

Folks, it happens every Friday and Saturday night. The best live Bluegrass music in the entire nation and the best grilled sandwiches and coffee and so forth to go with it. Ten bucks a head to get in and kids under 12 are free. The Tenderloin sandwich is so large that it's a meal and so good that I've let them use my name on it. (Ask for the Ike Adams special.) Bring your appetite because there's not a better sandwich in the South. You can bring the kids and turn them loose on the floor and Grandma too, because there is no alcohol on the premises and none tolerated nearby.

To get there, find Highway 1016 on your roadmap between Highway 25 in Berea and US 421 south from Richmond and come halfway in either direction on 1016. If you can't read a map, call 859-986-2523 during the day or call me at night at 859-925-2105. There's plenty to do around Berea—you can even run up and bet on the hayburners during the day and have a heart full of bluegrass music on both Friday and Saturday nights if you want to make a weekend of it.

One thing is for sure—it is the best opportunity you will ever have to meet top quality, meet-the-stars, up close and personal bluegrass music in your life. No fake water wheels, factory sorghum or other fancy gimmicks but I promise that if you come, one time, no matter if you are driving 500 miles, you'll be back.

Because this is the real, no frills, thing folks—

the USA even if it meant giving their life for their belief. Destroy an important part of the USA they did, destroy it's heart they did not. American has specialists mechanical one to replace one damaged by demons. Their life went into eternity with the lives of innocent victims as work of terrorist who had been trained for years on how to destroy America and leave no evidence behind for investigators to use. The world is not safe for humanity as long as these demons are free to roam the earth and destroy civilization that evidently they passed them. The terrorists are not only trying to destroy the accomplishments and ingenuity of present and past generations they are trying to take it back to the dark ages where men dwelled in dark caves and women were used for procreation and slaves... This is their aim. We cannot allow it to happen.

So, we awoke September 11, 2001, to the sound of complacency being replaced by concern we had never before experienced. Our world was literally being blown up and disappearing before our eyes. Planes with passengers on board had been hijacked by terrorist who had overpowered the pilots and aimed their planes toward the World Trade Center and flew directly into it. First one then the other before they could be intercepted by defense. The enemy planes were fully loaded with fuel and explosives that burst into 1000 degree temperatures.

Who could we call on for help? Not the president, he was also in shock, as was the whole world. Suddenly through out the Nation, God

was foremost in everyone mind and heads were bowed and knees bent in prayer. Many people talked to God probably for the first time in their life. Did He hear? Of course He did. Did He answer? Of course He did. Maybe not the answer you wanted to hear, and maybe you will have to wait awhile to see or feel it, but the answer will be revealed in God's way and when He is ready. While we are waiting to hear and see the answer to our prayer lets: remember the items He has seen us through other trials when things were dark, but a rainbow was just behind the clouds.

Life does go on. And like little children being threatened with punishment and not knowing what it will be nor when, they worry about the threat, not the consequence. So, we the adults, are experiencing fear, anxiety, depression, impatience and anger at the uncertainties of what might happen, not the threat that may never happen.

Now it is our turn to show what we are made of. With head held high, shoulders back, chin up, smile on your face and laughter in your voice, greet each day, your classmates, co-workers, neighbors and friends on the street with confidence and assurance that God is still on the Throne.

The birth pains of America was born by brave men and women leaving their native land to begin life in an unknown wilderness on the other side of the ocean. The crossing had brought despair and heartache to many as they watched hunger disease, and death take its toll and many loved ones never reached the shore.

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Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Chin Up

We are people of a compassionate society, living and believing all is well as long as the Social Security and retirement checks come on time, and jobs are plentiful for anyone willing to work 12 hours a day at minimum wage. Better still if you have already reached the top of the ladder of success and no longer have to

worry about the rickety and broken steps left in your wake. Life is good.

Suddenly at 8:55 a.m. May 11, 2001, complacency was awakened to the reality of what terror was when, suddenly, without warning, "America The Beautiful" was blenished by the terrifying noise and sight of exploding missiles coming from N.Y. and Washington D.C. Both towers of "The World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon, in Washington D.C. had been the target of hijackers sworn to the destruction of

"WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES"

We have been studying a series of articles on the authority of Christ as manifested in various aspects of Christianity. Today we look at his authority in the plan of salvation.

Since we are the ones indebted to God because of our sin and transgressions, we are depending upon his mercy and grace to forgive us. God could offer salvation conditionally or unconditionally, he chose to grant forgiveness conditionally. God has the right to choose what conditions and how many conditions we must meet in order to be saved. He could have told us we must crawl on hands and knees 2 miles over broken glass, but he did not. He gives the steps of salvation: 1. Hear the gospel of Christ, Rom 10:17, Acts 18:8. 2. Believe in the Son of God with all our hearts, Acts 8:37, Jn 8:24. 3. Repent, a turning from sin and turning to God, Acts 17:30, Lk 24:47. 4. Confess Jesus before men, Rm 10:9-10, Matt 10:32. 5. Be buried with the Lord in baptism, Rm 6:3-4, Acts 2:38, Mk 16:16. This then will make you a child of God. You will be forgiven from all sin when you obey from the heart his form of doctrine. Then be faithful until death, Rev 2:10, Matt 10:22. Have you done this?

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