

Church News

Gospel Singing

Go you enjoy gospel singing? If so, come to the Gospel Blues, South Highway 39, 93 Rainbow Terrace, Somerset, Friday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. and hear "The Relations Quartet" from Magnolia, Texas. Ryan Napier, a member of the quartet, has Rockcastle roots. He is the grandson of Sonny and Mary Napier.

Homecoming at First Christian

Homecoming at First Christian Church will be held Sunday, September 14 with Bro. Larry Ray Travis as guest speaker. Bro. Travis is pastor of Plum Creek Christian Church in Butler and the son of Larry and Nell Wanda Travis of Mt. Vernon. Service will begin at 10 a.m., immediately followed by a pot-luck meal.

Revival at Wildie

Wildie Christian Church will be in revival Sept. 21-24 at 7 o'clock each evening. David Woods, minister of the Park Chapel Christian Church in Greenfield, IN, will be preaching. Bro. Woods is a former minister of Wildie Christian. Homecoming is scheduled for September 21. Everyone is welcome.

Revival at Fairground Hill Holiness

A week-end revival service will be held Sept. 5, 6 and 7 at 7 o'clock each night at the Fairground Hill Holiness Church with Bro. Kenny Rice, evangelist.

Homecoming will be held at the church September 14, beginning at 2 p.m. with Bro. Dennis Doan. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish. No morning or evening service this day.

Also, beginning September 11, church will be on Thursday nights at 7 o'clock instead of Friday nights.

Homecoming at Mt. Zion Baptist

Homecoming will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on September 14, 2003. Morning services will begin at

11 a.m. with Bro. David Sargent as guest speaker. Lunch will follow. Afternoon services will begin at 2 p.m. with Bro. Wayne Harding as guest speaker. Singers will include Brenda Bullock, John Holbrook, Zion's Hope and Praise and Gift of Grace. Everyone is invited to attend.

Homecoming at Union Baptist

Homecoming will be held at Union Baptist Church Sunday, September 7th. The church is located on 1955 on Red Hill. The Gabbard Family from Jackson County will be singing. Dinner will be served at noon. The pastor and congregation welcome everyone.

Special Missionary Service

Calvary Apostolic Lighthouse will hold a special missionary service Sunday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. Rev. Nick Sisco from Ghana will be here. Rev. James Blanton and congregation invite everyone.

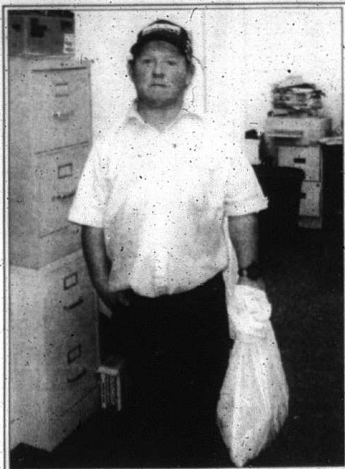
Gospel Singing

West Broadhead Church of God, on Hwy. 3245, will hold a gospel singing on Friday night, Sept. 5 at 7 o'clock. Everyone welcome. Local singers will include: Mary Laswell, Jamie Robbins and friends, Raymohd Asher, Lillian Wilson and others.

Brush Arbor Meeting

There will be an old-fashioned Brush Arbor meeting, held by McNew Chapel Baptist Church, at David Ballinger's farm Sept. 8-14 at 7 o'clock nightly. There will be a different preacher each night. The church is located on Brushy Ridge Road in the Orlando/Johnetta area. Follow signs. Everyone welcome.

On Saturday, Sept. 6, there will be a cook-out, to kick off the Brush Arbor Meeting, at the shed on David Ballinger's farm beginning at 4 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Everyone welcome.



Daughters of American Revolution Present Community Service Award
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution recently presented a Community Service Award to David Barron for his outstanding contribution to cleaning up the environment in and around Mt. Vernon. David walks several miles every day, summer and winter, to collect aluminum cans for recycling. David was recommended for this award by Mrs. Virginia Dant, Mrs. Perina Anderkin, Mr. Randall Robbman, and Mrs. Peggy Bowling. Mrs. Bowling brought David to the May DAR meeting and gave the chapter a review of his work in recycling. In addition to picking up cans along the highways and streets, David sometimes collects the cans that some people leave at specific sites for him to pick up. David is making a significant contribution to keeping our environment clean.

Upcoming Reunions

Brown Reunion

The annual Brown Family Reunion will be held September 13th at the home of Harold and Roberta Brown. All family and friends are welcome.

Renner Reunion

September 5th is the date for the John Westerfield Renner, born 1847, reunion to be held at Super 8 Motel in Berea. Their children were: Martha B., Sarah E., Robert Les., Logan, Mary L., Alice and John Andrew. For more information, send e-mail to John Renner, jwrenner38@msn.com

Ball Reunion - All Day

The Ball Family Reunion will be held September 13 at the Mills Park on Mills Road at Taylors Mill, Ky. Come one, come all to the family reunion. Bring a covered dish, enjoy lunch which will be around noon. Follow the signs and balloons to the shelter.

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The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Never Grab a Cat by the Tail
[This column first appeared in June, 2002. By special request, here it is again.]

I have an important piece of advice to share with you. I guarantee that taking my advice on this topic will spare you a lot of pain, so listen carefully: never grab a cat by the tail.

Now you may think that this is a fairly obvious fact of life. Perhaps you have never even come close to grabbing a cat by the tail. Well, some of us are not so fortunate. We had to learn the hard way.

Last week I set off to take my animals on their annual visit to the vet for their shots. At our house we have two cats and two dogs. The dogs, Fergie and Di, are fairly amiable creatures whose main goals in life are to eat, sleep and drool. Both weigh around 60 pounds, so they can be quite a handful, but on this trip to the vet they were docile and cooperative. The trouble came from the cats.

Our cats are Monty and Garfield. Garfield weighs 16 pounds and Monty 18, so these are no small kittens. I managed to get all four animals in the car for the trip before I discovered that this was not going to work. The dogs were fine, sitting in the backseat panting and drooling. The cats, on the other hand, were on the dash, on me and all over the car trying to escape.

I decided that the best thing to do would be to put the cats in the pet carrier and then put them back in the car.

As soon as I opened the door to retrieve the pet carrier, the cats headed for freedom. Garfield went across my lap so fast that I had no chance to grab him. Monty was a little slower so I was able to grab him around the stomach and hang on. I reached the pet carrier, a small wire cage, and attempted to put Monty inside. Notice that I say "attempted." If you have ever tried to put an 18-pound cat in a small cage, you can imagine my difficulty.

I made one final, futile effort to stuff him in the cage door, when he broke free. As he fled, I grabbed at

him and reached the only part of him still within grasping range: his tail. I should explain to you that Monty is very particular about his tail. There was an unfortunate incident some years ago when Monty was sitting with his tail in the door. A member of my household (who shall remain nameless) closed the door on his tail. He squealed and ran off, leaving some two inches of his tail in the door. This required a trip to the vet and required several stitches. Monty has never forgotten.

Thus, when I grabbed his tail, Monty went bananas. I now learned that, if you are holding a cat by the tail, that cat is still able to turn his body in such a way that he can hurt you both with his front claws and his teeth.

This Monty proceeded to do, and I have the marks to prove it. Teeth and claws left quite an imprint and, then, since my mamma didn't raise no fool, I let go of his tail.

Finally, after much coaxing and no more tail-grabbing, I was able to secure both cats in their carrier for the trip. When we opened the carrier at the vet's office and attempted to get them to come out for their shots, they would not budge! This horrible carrier that they would not enter had now become their security. They huddled in the back like two scared kittens.

(We do that too. A job or a relationship can be a prison and yet stay because it has become our security. A horrible relationship can feel more secure than the big world outside.)

P.S. My wounds are healing nicely, thank you.

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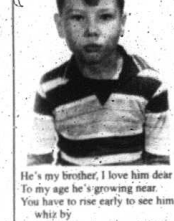
Happy Birthday - September 2nd!
My little red haired girl is 39 - Tammy Martin.
We Love You Always,
Mom, Brothers and Sisters



Happy 50th "Bill"
Guess Who



Michael and Shana McFerron would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Azlynn Rae McFerron, born July 7, 2003 at Central Baptist Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Makayla Gail McFerron. Grandparents are Bobby and Sherry Turner of Copper Creek Rd. and Fred and Irene McFerron of Pueri Rigby Rd. Great grandparents are Lorene Baker and Shirley Turner, both of Copper Creek Rd. We thank God for our new little bundle of joy.



He's my brother, I love him dear To my age he's growing near. You have to rise early to see him whiz by. Your house or business with the paper that's why. He's really sweet and good as can be. That's more than I can say about the way I used to be. He was the mischievous maker between my sister and me. We got lots of lectures because of him. But now that he's older he's become a gem. He finally grew up and older became more like his sister so do you know his name? Happy 50th - Guess Who?



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