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Journal

Dear Supporters and Friends,

What I had dreaded for so long finally occurred. Mentally I had prepared for it, but emotionally it was much more difficult than I had anticipated. As the first quarter of classes at Bear Valley came to a close in early October, we could not have known then that my mother would pass away—just five months following my father's death. The month actually began with the news that a dear friend and my father in the gospel, Norman Starling, had passed away at his home in Dripping Springs. When I flew back to Texas to conduct the funeral, I was so blessed with the opportunity to spend some time with my mother, not knowing then that only two days later she would suffer a massive stroke and could no longer eat nor drink. Nothing could be done except to wait for her body to begin the process of a slow death. Upon receiving the news, Carla and I quickly loaded up our belongings in the U-Haul trailer and made our way back to Texas.

Mother had some time ago signed an advanced directive regarding her end of life medical care in order to help us as a family when difficult decisions had to be made. But it was extremely painful watching her labor to breathe in the final hours of her life. I have nothing to complain about, as God has sustained us with the love and friendship of so many friends and family, and mother was able to spend her last days in her own home, surrounded by those she loved. Those long days by her side also provided us with the opportunity to draw closer together as a family, and to develop new relationships with nurses and caregivers. We are now involved in a weekly Bible study with mom's caregiver and are excited to see her enthusiasm about our journey of faith.

To say that 2020 has challenged us (the month of October in particular) would be an understatement. Yet, through all the challenges, God has been refining our faith and teaching us greater dependency upon Him. He has also rewarded us with many opportunities to serve, and also to receive lots of exciting news. Some of that news came when I was helping with an evangelism seminar at the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee. The two organizers of the event both have full-time secular jobs but have been actively involved in the work of the church for several years. I had no idea at the time that when they invited me to speak about the Searching for Truth materials and their use in evangelism, that the SFT DVD had played a crucial role in their conversion. God's love is so transforming, and His word is so powerful. It has been exciting to see it at work in so many places, and to know that

those who are converted to Jesus are now themselves working so hard to train others to share that news as well.

October and November gave us many other opportunities to serve as well. With the end of the first quarter there were many papers and exams to evaluate and grades to calculate. We also met with students, provided marriage counseling, participated in a video program about the Bible and overcoming depression. We also traveled to Tilton New Hampshire and delivered several lessons at the Lakes Region church of Christ. During the past several weeks we have also been busy providing marriage counseling, working on the Bible Land Passages documentaries, and working on all the many legal and monetary things associated with my parent's passing.

2021 Schedule
Coming Soon!



She was a blessing to all who knew her, and to so many who didn't.

Finally, we have just returned from a quick weekend trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky where Carla delivered lessons at Lehman Avenue's Ladies Day, and where I was blessed on Sunday to teach Bible class and deliver the Sunday morning sermon. It was such a blessing to be invited to speak, but we above all enjoyed having the opportunity to spend time with our dear friends Neal and Kathy Pollard. They encouraged our souls and renewed our zeal. It was what we needed after having experienced so difficult a month. Both of them have had an enormous impact on the Kingdom and they have helped us in so many different ways. They, like you, our supporters and friends, have encouraged us beyond measure. Thank you for all that you do for the Lord, but especially with the needs of Bible Passages. Your love, prayers, and many acts of kindness and generosity have overwhelmed us. We are humbled by your love and thank our God upon every remembrance of you.

In Him, *John W. Moore*

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On Friday, October 23rd, just five months following my father's passing, our beloved mother went to be with Jesus. She was born on March 13, 1940 and faithfully served the Lord her entire life. Over her 62 years of marriage she worked alongside of our dad in numerous works of the church. She taught Bible classes, prepared meals, opened her home to preachers and missionaries, and supported her sons and their families in the preaching of the gospel. After rearing three children in the Lord, she worked in various jobs outside the home and was actively involved the Good Samaritan Ministry of the Dripping Springs church of Christ. She deeply loved her family and we loved going to see her, because there was always room at her personal table of love and goodness. We delighted in our visits with her and Dad, but we were often amused by what she would say after our lengthy visits: "Y'all better not rush off!" and "When am I going to see you again?" Mom, we cannot say for sure when, but, one day—we WILL see you again, and then we won't be rushing off to go anywhere. We miss you mom, but one day we will all be together, basking in the

light of God's glorious presence, sitting at HIS lavishly decorated table of love, for ALL of eternity.

THANK YOU FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS IN HONOR OF MY PARENTS AND NORMAN STARLING:

Dee and Laura Carson * Frances Eaton * Lee and Carolyn Gully * Mary Ann Hall * The Ingram Foundation *
The Joe Hensley Family * Jay and Jo Kelsey * Buddy and Irmadean Martin * Dixie Moffitt * Vivian O'Daniel *
Mary Jean Owens * Margaret Tilley * Joel and Marilyn Wilkinson

Trusting that the world will return somewhat to normal before too long, we've rescheduled our Israel/Rome study tour for **March 13-27, 2021**. We would love for you to join us!

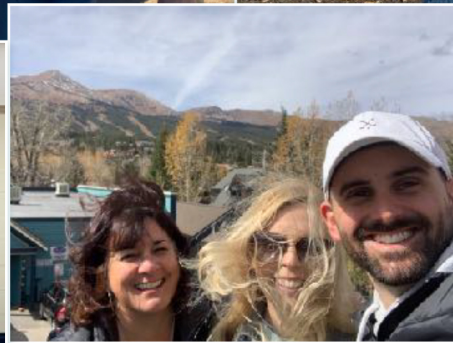


Partial Itinerary for Rome/Israel

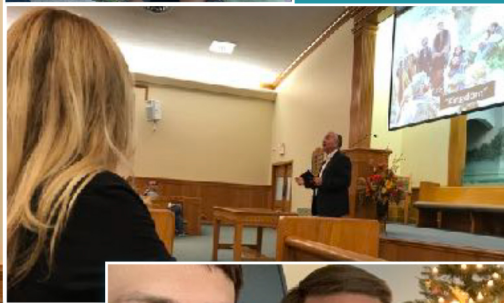
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- 3/13 Flight from Newark to Tel Aviv
- 3/14 Negev, Beersheba, Dead Sea
- 3/15 Masada, Qumran, Jericho, Jerusalem
- 3/16 Beth Shemesh, Elah Valley, Museums
- 3/17 Southern Steps, Western Wall, Hezekiah's Tunnel
- 3/18 Free Day in Jerusalem
- 3/19 Temple Mount, Gethsemane, Garden Tomb - way too much to include here!
- 3/20 Shiloh, Scythopolis, Magdala
- 3/21 Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum
- 3/22 Mt. Arbel, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi
- 3/23 Mt. Carmel, Caesarea, flight to Rome
- 3/24 Vatican, walking tour Rome, Pantheon
- 3/25 Colosseum, Roman Forum, Catacombs
- 3/26 Free Day in Rome
- 3/27 Flight from Rome to Newark

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L-R: Janice's grandsons served as pallbearers, just as they did for Grady... John and Neal reenacting the "right hand of fellowship" at the site of the 1832 Unity Meeting between the Stone and Campbell movements... Jake and Alyssa came to (windy) Colorado for a wedding and we enjoyed seeing them... John at the "Brothers Evangelism Seminar" near Nashville... We enjoyed a quick catch-up with Matthew and Haley Hite (BV grads) while in Houston... Carla speaking at the Lehman Avenue Ladies Day in Bowling Green, KY... and while there we loved being with Neal and Kathy Pollard... John presented a seminar on Biblical Counseling at the Katy church of Christ... on our way into Kentucky, we stopped in Tennessee to see our nephew Josh, Emily, Deacon and Caroline Moore (Josh is a youth minister in Gallatin.)



Carla's Comments

Dear friends,

Five short months have gone by since Grady's death, and now Janice has gone on to her rest. It's exactly where she wanted to be, and I am genuinely happy for her. Losing both of his parents within five months has been very difficult for John, of course. His mom and dad were two constants in his life. They taught him to walk and talk, to respect others, to love learning and most of all to love God. They instilled in him a sense of honor that has blessed and benefited me, and the rest of the world, more than I could ever put into words. Grady was (to put it mildly) a hoot, and there's no telling how many times he pulled pranks and probably gave his teachers all kinds of heartburn, but he was one of the most honorable, intelligent, forward-thinking men of integrity this world has ever known. Janice tenderly loved John, Tom, and Anita, and supported their every activity and listened to and cared about their every thought and word. I can't help feeling such a sense of indebtedness to her, because I know she is responsible for shaping and molding John into the man he became, and she willingly gave his heart to me. I knew she loved me, too, because she showed me.

Janice had a quick, genuine smile, but her demeanor was quiet and shy. She avoided the spotlight, but she loved to be in Grady's gregarious shadow. She didn't have a lot of words to say; but she watched and listened carefully, remembering all that you said. She didn't travel to many places or see the world, because her carefully and lovingly tended home was her world. She didn't attend college or climb corporate ladders or write novels. But she did attend all of her children's activities. She climbed ladders to hang curtains and Christmas decorations, and she wrote recipes and encouraging cards. She had a quiet voice, but that quiet voice changed my world...changed **the** world... because of her sweet influence on her children, grandchildren, community and church.

Love, *Carla*



"Her children rise up and bless her..." Prov. 31:28



She made me this flower arrangement for my office in Denver. I will miss her.

"Mother-in-Law" they say, and yet.
 Somehow I simply can't forget:
 Twas you who watched his baby ways,
 Who taught him his first hymn of praise,
 Who smiled on him with living pride
 When he first toddled by your side.
 "Mother-in-Law" but oh, twas you
 Who taught him to be kind and true,
 When he was tired, almost asleep,
 Twas to your arms he used to creep,
 And when he bruised his tiny knee,
 Twas you who kissed it tenderly.
 "Mother-in-Law" they say and yet -
 Somehow I never shall forget
 How very much I owe
 To you, who taught him how to grow.
 You trained your son to look above,
 You made of him the man I love -
 And so I think of that today.
 Ah! Then with thankful heart I'll say
 'Our Mother'.
 (Author Unknown)