

Parsons Proclaimer

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THE END OF AN ERA

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This Friday marks the end of an era for me – the last of my children will be graduating from High School. This is something that we have been working towards for many years now, so I'm excited for them to reach this wonderful milestone. But I'm also a little saddened because it means my children have grown up and will soon be spreading their wings and leave our little nest. There is a part of me that would like to put them in diapers, shove a pacifier in their mouths, and keep them young forever. But diapers are too expensive now, so I guess I'll have to let them go.

I would be lying if I said that their leaving the nest doesn't concern me at all. I don't really worry about them financially because I believe they are smart enough and talented enough to get jobs (besides, I don't believe money is the most important thing in life). I *am* concerned about their physical safety because I know things can happen in the blink of any eye. I have seen too many accidents that prove that, and I've had so many close calls myself that could have ended up in a very bad way. But I can't be there 24-7 to protect them (and they refuse to wear Haz-Mat suits when they go out), so I'm *not* going to do "the next best thing," I'm going to do the absolute best thing – I'm going to *pray* for them. God can do a better job of protecting them than I can (we have pictures of a 2-year-old wearing a cast that proves my inability to always protect them), because God *is always* there regardless of whether I am or not.

My biggest concern is the one that will have the greatest impact on them eternally – I'm concerned for their *souls*. I know that Satan is going to attack them using his subtle, devious tricks to pull them away from God. It's not that I think bad about my children, it's just that I know how much I and others struggle with Satan's attacks (just look at Job). So, again, I'm going to the absolute best thing that I can do for them, I'm going to pray for them. I'm going to ask the Almighty work in their hearts and lives, and trust our Father is doing, and *will do*, a better job with them than this dad ever could.

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FAMILY NEWS

SICK: *Donna Adkins, sister of Wendy Lee, has been diagnosed with cancer. Molly Sanford and Melba King, sisters of Trissia Goff, are both struggling with serious health issues. Kynley Montgomery, a relative of Jeremy and Trissia Goff, has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and will undergo treatment at St. Jude's.*

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: *Jim Barnett, Houston Barrett, Martha Coleman, and Paul Parrish.*

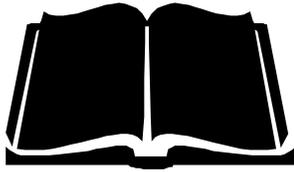
SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS: *This week our Spotlight is on the Pierce family in Fiji. Austin is in the Air Force Basic Training program. Cory will be getting married in a month.*

BRIDAL SHOWER: *There will be a Bridal Shower Sunday, June 12th for Kayleigh Caldwell and Auston Phillips at 2:00. They are registered at Sherry's Interior and at <https://www.theknot.com/us/kayleigh-caldwell-and-auston-phillips-jul-2022> The shower will be in the home of Leslie Farlow.*

WEDDING: *Gracie Allen and Aden Ayers will be married June 18th. Please see enclosed invitation.*

WORKCAMP: *Workcamp will be June 5-8 in McKenzie.*

GRADUATION PARTY: *There will be a graduation party for Chase Brock and Aleia Klamm on Saturday, May 28th at 4:00 PM. It will be at the Klammily home. They will have BBQ and Games. They ask that you bring a chair and to RSVP if you plan to attend (you can call or text at (731-608-5024).*



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday (Job 42; Psalm 1-2)
Monday (Psalm 3-5)
Tuesday (Psalm 6-8)
Wednesday (Psalm 9-13)
Thursday (Psalm 14-16)
Friday (Psalm 17-19)
Saturday (Psalm 20-22)

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HUMOR IN UNIFORM

My battery commander and I were interviewing candidates for a position as reconnaissance sergeant in our artillery unit. The selected soldier needed to have keen eyesight, plus the ability to react quickly. During one interview, the commander pointed to a hill about a mile away and asked a young sergeant, “Can you see that hill over there?”

“Yes, sir,” he replied.

“Can you see the radio antenna on that hill?” Again, the soldier said that he could. “Well, then,” the commander went on, “can you see that bird sitting on the antenna?”

The sergeant leaned forward and squinted. “No, sir,” he said, “but I can hear it singing.”

He got the job.

RETIREMENT
Retirement can be a great joy if you can figure out how to spend time without spending money.

<i>The Record Speaks</i>	
Attendance	Contribution 2474
Wed.BS 43	Budget 3059
SMBS 40	
SMW 58	
SEW 31	
<i>Assemblies</i>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 p.m.