



Spring is in full bloom and the work around the property has begun. This fall and winter weather did some major damage to the siding on the stair case of the silo at the Barn. Repairing it will be a little difficult since the damage is 50 feet up. We are a blessed people and the things here on this earth are temporal, so whether it is fixed or not, quickly or years from now, doesn't matter. God is in control! Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Our work is to be building HIS kingdom and walking our faith daily.

Recently, Tony and I purchased the American Patriot's Bible. It stated during some of the darkest days of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln reminded his fellow Americans that "we have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven." To be born in a land of freedom, to live in a nation founded as "One Nation under God" by those who served the one, true God of the Bible is both a tremendous privilege and a great responsibility. We have seen much change in our country since its founding. God is faithful to those who pray, seek HIS face and turn from their wicked ways, then HE hears us, forgives our sin and heals our land (2 Chronicles 7:14). We must do our part if we expect HIM to hear us and heal us.

I have an aunt who recently passed away to eternal life. Reality is we will all pass from this earth. The question is where will we go, heaven or hell? My aunt is going to heaven. Waiting for her is her daughter who passed to heaven in 1968 of bone cancer at the age of 20. My aunt and uncle (who is my dad's brother) have been married 71 years. You see, they made a commitment. Through better or worse they trusted in the Lord, always remaining dedicated to each other. My uncle's assurance is that he will see his family again in heaven. There are now over 85 of us in my dad and his brother's family lineage. What a legacy they have left for many. I have wonderful memories of holidays together, camping here at the "Holler" when all four of the brothers had trailers. Yes, we have seen much tragedy through the years, but God has remained faithful to us. My grandparents and parents taught us all of Jesus and that a personal relationship with HIM is better than anything on the earth. The earth will pass away and all the work (like fixing the silo) will pass too. However, our relationship with Jesus Christ is forever, eternity.

What legacy are you leaving in your family? Our lives will be remembered by many. I want mine to reflect Jesus and my relationship with HIM. I want to be found faithful to my Savior, the Lord of my life, Jesus Christ. What legacy are we leaving here at CrossTies? Our goal is that our events are remembered by many. That what we do reflects Jesus and brings people into closer relationship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, but most importantly a closer relationship with HIM so that we are equipped to face the tragedies and triumphs that life hurls at us.

I'll end with this challenge; can we be obedient like David when he slew Goliath? He equipped himself with stones and stepped out in faith and defeated the giant (1 Samuel 17:49). Here at CrossTies, our goal is to bless the Lord by equipping others with the truth of God's word. That people are strengthened in their walk, through our events, and have courage to stand against anything that comes to defeat them in life. That by trusting in God and making HIM Lord of our lives He will bless each of us personally, and corporately as a nation, so that we can be laborers and witnesses around the world for HIM. Let's all leave a legacy. And thank you for helping leave CrossTies' legacy too.

Your sister in Christ, *Janna*

Can you help us?

We need an architectural engineer to design a permanent amphitheater roof structure.



Janna and Tony are getting older and an LED current events entrance sign would be much safer and more reliable in all seasonal weather.

