



# The Family Report

## *Loving God... Loving You...*

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### Give God ALL the Glory

I recently heard an interesting story on K-Love's "encouraging news" that really made me stop and think about my own communication about God.

A six-year-old boy found a wad of cash while he was playing at a Chuck E. Cheese. He turned in the money which happened to be a large portion of another customer's paycheck she had just cashed.

That's really encouraging, isn't it? It's nice to hear something like that in today's society when our locked, dead bolted, security system enabled, and guarded houses are shown ransacked each night on the local news.

Well, the integrity this

child showed in returning the money is not what encouraged me. I trust that every child, and every adult, in our "family" would do the same.

The most encouraging part of this unique story is the wisdom and discernment this young boy had shortly after this incident. You see, this story was so newsworthy that it was covered by a television station near the restaurant.

During an interview with the reporter from the station, the boy was asked, "Who taught you to be so honest?"

Pausing a moment to consider what my own response to such a question would be if I were in a similar situation, and looking back on like stories I've heard in the

past, there are several answers that come to mind.

This is a great opportunity to honor one's parents. I know my mom was instrumental in teaching me what it is to be Christ-like.

I've heard others say things like, "It was the right thing to do," or "I let my conscience be my guide."

Others still might go into a lengthier discourse about the pros and cons of returning the money and detail exactly what forces, ideas, or thoughts motivated them to do so.

This boy's answer is the best I can think of. He replied, simply, "God." What a wonderful testament to our Creator. How well put. It

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calls to mind the verse in Matthew 18 that urges us all to become like children.

Many adults who would've answered "God" would have also tagged on that their Sunday school teacher was the one who taught them how God would feel about that situation. Or, that the only way that God teaches us is through His Word. Many adults who would've answered "God" would have also complicated the answer beyond glorifying Him.

I'm sad to say that I probably wouldn't have even been one of those adults. I find it very easy to sit behind a computer, where I have time to formulate and contemplate the perfect answer to a question I made up myself.

I can ask myself how I've made it this far in life and answer "by the grace of God." I can ask myself where I have received all of my blessings and answer "from God."

I can give God the glory in times when it is easy. When I have time to word the answer to the question I asked, I usually respond correctly. In those quiet moments when it is just Him and

me, I can thank Him over and over. I can praise Him for the countless things He has done (which, we established a few months back, I don't deserve). But, He knows He gave me everything. I know He gave me everything.

It is the times when I'm in the middle of my day, worried about work projects, cleaning my bathroom, and what I'm going to fix for the next Church potluck when some one who doesn't even know God asks me how I've accomplished something or received something when the best answer, the only answer, is "God."

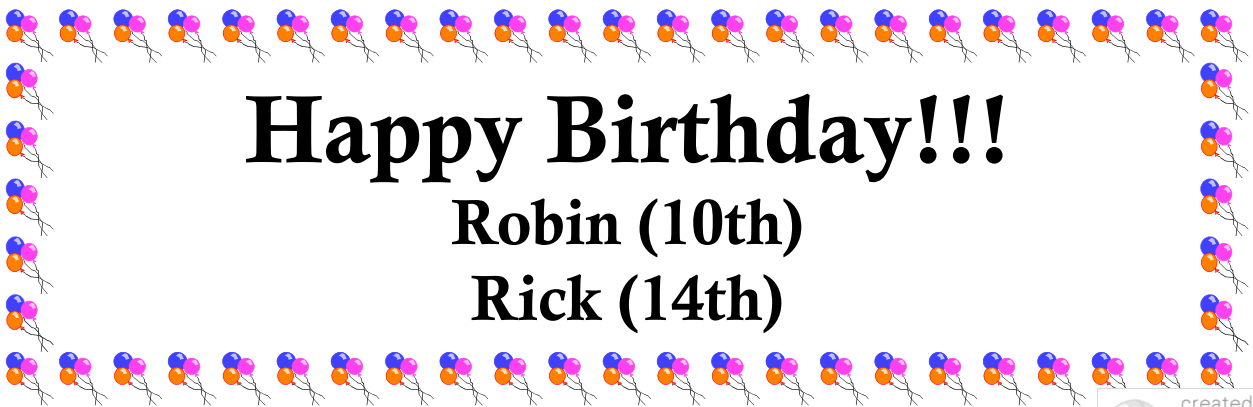
Unfortunately, my answer tends to be a jumbled rambling for about five minutes, going over various time management techniques, helpful people in my life, and strong motivation. About halfway through which, I usually (if I'm lucky) remember my resolve to give God the glory from the last time I answered this same question in this same manner. It is at this point that I try to throw God in the mix. The whole problem with that is that God shouldn't be thrown in the mix. God is the mix.

This also brings to mind the words of a song. It talks about how some one is complimented for being an encouragement for others. That person is astonished, and replies, "The only thing that's good in me is Jesus."

Those are touching words. Michael English sings that song. You may recognize his name. He was a Dove and even Grammy award winner living a blessed life. In his own words, though, he took his eyes off of Jesus. He lost everything, his career, his wealth, even his home.

He put his eyes back on Jesus and his life came together once more. He wrote a book to inspire others with his story, "The Prodigal Comes Home" and released a new album with the same title. On it, he sings, "The only thing that's good in me is Jesus."

We all have different stories and different experiences. Yet, we can all say, "The only thing that's good in me is Jesus." And, no matter what, we should all answer in unison as to who our inspiration, leader, comforter, and everything is, a resounding: "God!"



# Happy Birthday!!!

## Robin (10th)

## Rick (14th)

## *Prayer Report*

We have a wonderful privilege and honor to go to God in prayer. As you pray, please remember the following people:

**Carolyn and Edward**, Vicki's parents, are dealing with several health issues.

**Keith**, Coeta's brother, is sick. Also, for **Coeta**. Please remember **Coeta's family** as they mourn the passing of her brother. **Coeta's sister** is also struggling with health issues.

**Ollie A.**, Coeta's friend, is battling cancer.

**Nita M.** is having eye problems. She is also recovering from a recent fall.

**Vince**, Stacy's brother, has scar tissue on his brain. Also, for his wife who is recovering from surgery.

**Cathy M.** is suffering from emphysema due to smoking cigarettes.

**Shirley**, Luther's daughter, is suffering from lupus.

**Ladonna and Lauren**, both Henry's friends, are suffering from cancer. Lauren is a freshman in high school and is only 15 years old.

**Kevin**, Randy's brother, is battling an addiction to drugs.

**Olivia M.** has cancer. She is only 5 years old.

**Randy M.** is dealing with heart trouble.

**Frieda D.** also is suffering from heart problems.

**Dan**, Randy's co-worker, recently had a stroke.

**Brenda**, Stacy's cousin, is going through a di-

vorce. She has two children.

**Johnny**, Rick's brother, is serving in Iraq.

**Ray**, Wes's friend, suffered a stroke.

**Karen**, Wes's co-worker, has cancer. Her counts are going down after chemotherapy treatment.

**Grant T.**, Randy's nephew, was recently diagnosed with Crohn's disease.

We want to always remember the entire **Tambov congregation** in our prayers. Let us pray that they will have strong leadership.

**Nellie**, Pat's mom, is suffering from a blockage in her neck.

**Leland D.** is recovering from a stroke.

**Gary's mother** is suffering from brittle bones

**Pearlie T.**, Wes's co-worker, is suffering from seizures.

**Wayne** is recovering from a staph infection. Also, **Justin**, Wayne's son, will be going to Iraq in March.

Additionally, remember **Mike and Jim C.**, **Beth and Michael** (friends of Kat and Don), **W.D.** (Randy's neighbor), **Pam** (Stacy's sister), **Ann** (Wayne's mom), **Garcia's father**, **Sarah** (Jeff and Lona's neighbor), **Don** (Randy's brother), **Clara** (Paulette's mom), and **Val V.**

**Millie**, Alma's sister, was diagnosed with cancer.

**Jimmy V.**, who had suffered with bouts of depression, committed suicide.

Please keep his family in your prayers during this trying and

emotional time.

**Greg**, Donna's son, is suffering from an autoimmune disease. Donna also has another son, **Mike**, who is currently searching for a job.

**Mike and Jenna**, friends of Aaron and Jessie, are expecting a child. Pray for a healthy pregnancy and healthy baby.

**Greta** is dealing with personal issues.

**Grant B.**, from St. Louis, was recently diagnosed with IBS and is having complications with some of the medicines he was taking.

**Frank T.**, from Ohio, is suffering from stomach cancer.

**Carol**, Lona's mom, is recovering from surgery due to cancer.

**Paulette F.** from Texas was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Bonnie** was recently hospitalized and diagnosed with severe thyroid problems.

**Gary K.** is dealing with bouts of depression.

We also don't want to forget to thank God and praise Him for all of His wonderful blessings.

We are thankful that Lona's mom, Carol, Amy's mom, Sarah, and Paulette F. all had blessed recoveries from their recent surgeries.

We are also thankful that Nita M. is recovering well from the fall she had.

Praise God!!!

## *Our Vision*

### **Community**

It is our vision to become an active member of our immediate community; to provide hope, help, love, acceptance, and spiritual encouragement.

### **Growth**

It is our vision to welcome new people into the fold, and help them discover the gifts and talents that God gave them to be used in proclaiming Christ to a lost and dying world.

### **Faithful to God's Word**

It is our vision to remain faithful to God's word, to place Christ first in everything we do, and to allow ourselves to be led only by His Word and Holy Spirit.

### **Concern for Others**

It is our vision to become intimately aware of the needs of our congregation and community and to actively try to meet those needs.

### **Evangelism (Reaching the Lost)**

It is our vision to focus intently on ways to reach the lost in our local community and in foreign lands, and to send missionaries from the body on short and long term mission projects.

### **Leadership**

It is our vision to have scriptural leadership; to have elders, deacons, and teachers within the next two years.

### **Family Atmosphere/Relationships**

It is our vision to maintain and promote a true family environment where all may feel they belong and everyone knows each other's name.

## **February Schedule**

Sunday, February 3: Wes speaking

Wednesday, February 6: Todd speaking  
2nd Timothy 3

Sunday, February 10: Luke speaking  
*Lunch following services*  
*Men's and women's studies*

Wednesday, February 13: Jeff speaking  
2nd Timothy 4

Sunday, February 17: Randy speaking  
MOVIE NIGHT!!!

\*\*\*Kat G. will be preparing communion\*\*\*

*Please join us in  
worshipping God!!!*

*Sunday morning: 10 am  
Wednesday evening: 7 pm*

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