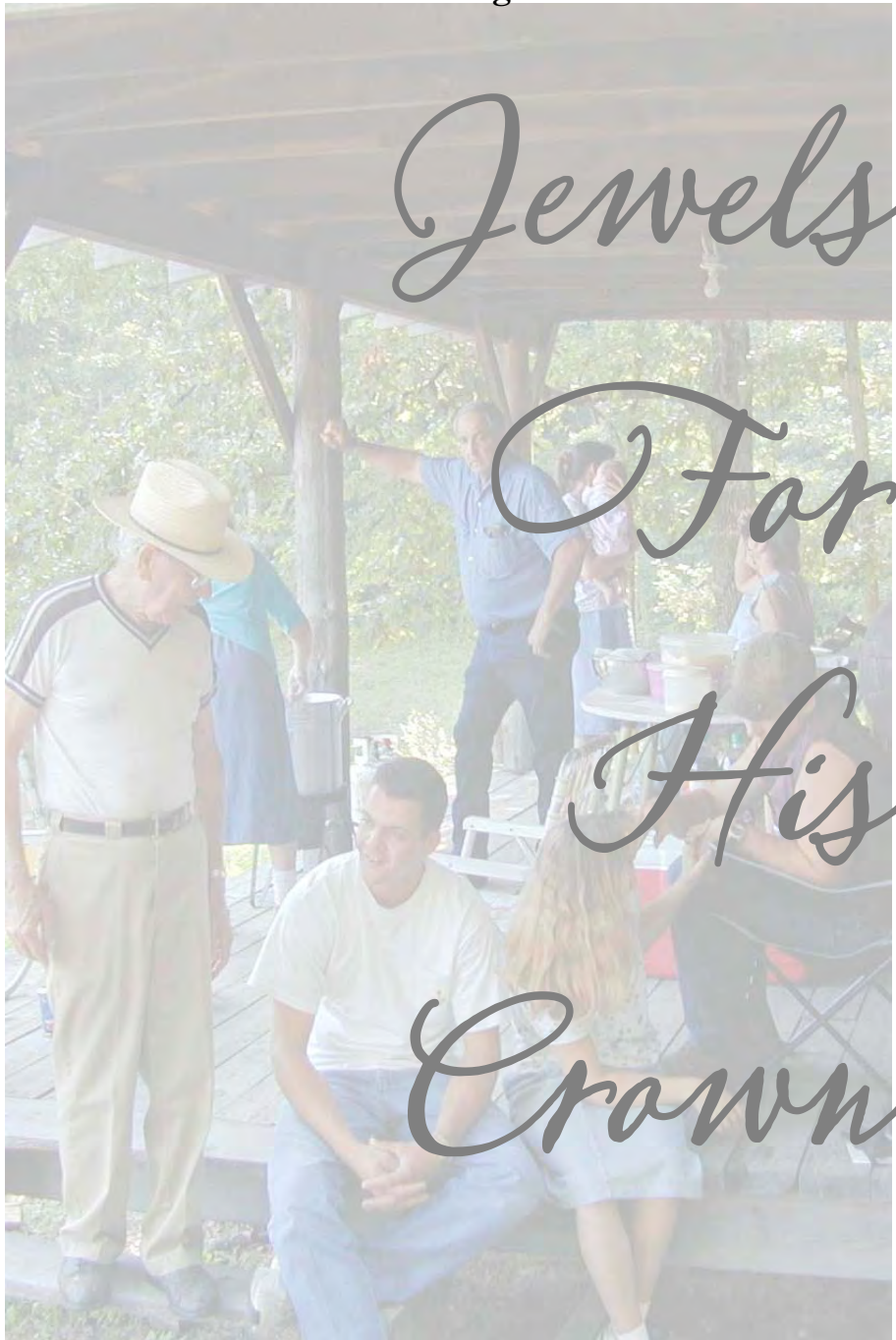


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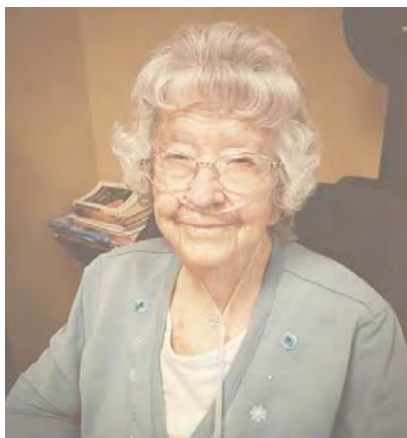
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## **Memories**

This is a picture of my mother, Melba Brinkley, one week before she died. She left us to be with the Lord Jesus and my daddy on March 15, 2017. She had been under our care for the past eleven years. It has been a very sober time of reflection, looking back over the memories of my life-time with her as well as her time with our children and grandchildren. With these thoughts so prominent in my mind and heart, I would like to dedicate this issue to her, tell you a few things about her and encourage you all to take time to reflect on the memories you are making with your family and what legacy you will leave with them when you are called home. Everyone has a loved one that is not here with us now and their memories are our cherished possessions. So, let us sit and visit a while in the time that God has granted us to be together in this way. May you be encouraged to love and appreciate those around you and to make good memories to cherish.

~T. Miller

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The best thing about,  
*Memories*  
... is making them

*The  
memory  
of the just  
is blessed:*

*Proverbs 10:7*

From Melba's journal:

"There are things in our life-time (speaking of her and her husband, Roy) that we enjoyed but are of little value to us now. The things I hold on to most, now that my lifetime is slipping away and getting shorter, are the memories I have of serving the Lord together in our last years. We enjoyed trying to be a blessing to someone. We shared our home with missionaries and visiting evangelists, someone that needed a helping hand and a kindness shown them in the name of the Lord."



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*"Nothing is  
ever really lost  
to us as long as  
we remember it."*

*L.M. Montgomery*



*The "Brinkley girls" with their  
mother-in-law: Melba, Mazo,  
Grandma Mary, and Flo.*

*"Death leaves a  
heartache no one  
can heal,  
love leaves a  
memory no one can  
steal."*

*From an Irish headstone*

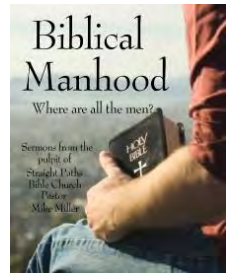
Good, sound preaching is hard to find these days, but here are some CDs and MP3s that will definately bless your heart and life when you listen to them. They are food for your soul and help for your understanding of God's Word. The messages are all from the pulpit of Straight Paths Bible Church in Ellsinore, Missouri;  
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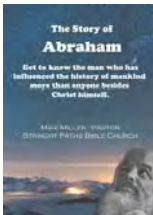
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**(Note: All procedes go back into our CD ministry.)**

## *What Will You Leave Behind?*

*Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands. Proverbs 14:1*

I will continue the series that I began in the last issue, but for now there is a subject on my heart that I feel would be good for us to think of at this time. The Bible says, *"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart."* Ecclesiastes 7:2 For those of you who have lost someone that was very dear to you, it will be easier for you to understand what that means. This is a world of "shallow thinkers". Our minds are taken with the action and busyness of this world that keeps us from looking deeply into our hearts and lives. So, please, stop with me a while. We need to talk.

My mother died this week. I have been her caregiver for the past eleven years, since my father died in 2006. On the night Dad passed away, she came home with us. We all moved into a larger house but after the first year, she asked if we could build her a little house across the yard so she could have her own space. She had never spent a night alone in her life, coming from a family of eleven children and marrying at a young age, and even when she lived up on the hill above us we had a monitoring system so she knew that we were there when she needed us. For the next nine years she lived in her little "nest" above our house. She visited us often, ate meals with us occasionally and was a big part of my thoughts and concerns.

As I have often done while she was living, now that she is gone I am thinking about what she was to me when I was a child. What are some of the memories that she left with me? What are some of the tender moments that we shared? What do I have to remember of my mother? And as I go through some things in my mind, I begin to think about myself. What memories am I leaving with my children and family? What will they remember about me when I am gone? Will it be the harsh way that I answered them or the selfish acts I have done, or will my memory be a blessing and a comfort to them? I have not always

been a Christian, although I have gone to church most of my life and tried to convince myself and everyone else of my devotion. But my family knows me better than anyone else in the world. What they remember of me when my time on earth is gone matters more to me than anything, for here my testimony means more than it does to others. My family knows the real me, and that will be what I will leave with them when God calls me home.

As I said before, *"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart."* Ecclesiastes 7:2 I know that most of my readers are young. You feel your whole life before you and look forward every day to the time when your "life" will begin and you are on your own. That is great! You should be excited about life and what you are going to do with it! That is the joy of youth. It is God-given and should be some of the best years of your life. They can be if you... *"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;"* Ecclesiastes 12:1 No, I am not trying to be a "Debbie Downer", as some of you would say. It is just a good thing for everyone to do some deeper thinking than we normally do. When you lose someone who is dear to you, knowing that in this life you will never see them again, never hold their hand or tell them that you love them again, it helps you to be sober and consider how you treat each other and how you act to those around you. But why do we have to learn that after our loved one is gone! I want you to think about this now, "while the evil days come not"!

I want my family to have memories of me that are sweet; memories of a loving, giving person who thought of others above herself and who always had a loving and understanding heart. Is that me? Not always! Everyday life brings us pain and frustrations. It is not always easy to wear a smile or to be on the giving side of every situation. No honest person can say that they have never felt taken for granted or mistreated. I am an emotional person and it works against me quite often. I love doing things for people and I love it when someone does something for me. I want to comfort those who mourn and lend a hand where I see it is needed. But I can also get angry when I feel I am being taken advantage of. I am sensitive to the way someone talks

to me, and can get offended easily if I feel they are frustrated with me, which causes me to recluse. Is this the person I want them to remember? Of course not! So there are some things I need to change about myself now while I have that chance. But how? I go to God's Word where I find that I am not the only person who has had to deal with these things. *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."* Matthew 7:7-8 I can honestly and sincerely say that the things with which I have asked the Lord to help me, he has been gracious to do so, when I have had a willing heart to accept that help. Does he take them away from me? No, he shows me the way in which I am enabled to deal with those feelings and expects me to follow through.

My children are raised and my actions of the past, good or bad, are things I can not remedy or change. But tomorrow has not yet come, and if by God's mercy I do have tomorrow, here is my opportunity to make good the memories that will be utmost in their hearts and minds when my time comes to pass through the "door".

So, what about you? What are your reactions to disappointments or adversities? Are you as kind to your family as you are to others? Is your giving spirit only a sign of a selfish nature, for what you can receive in return? Is the love of Christ showing in your words and actions even when things do not go the way you want them to? This world will tell you that you have a right to what you want, a right to be happy and accepted as you are, but the Lord wants more from his children. Jesus wants us to think of others more than we think of our own selves, *"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."* Philippians 2:3 People who follow this rule of life will be remembered fondly and kindly. "The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot." Proverbs 10:7 So, make some wonderful memories with your friends and family that you and they can cherish in the years to come!



## *Inspiring Ways to Make Memories With Your Family!*

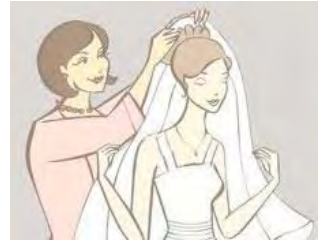


### **Make a Memory Book With Your Loved One**

Several years ago, I came across an idea of saving my parent's memories by having them record them on tape for me. This, of course, is out-dated, but if you can record their voice in some way, it will be priceless some day. Also, have them write their memories in a special journal that you make for them. I have some things my mother had written, and I also would take a few notes of some of her memories when we were talking and then would record them in a file on my computer.

### **Include Your Parents in Your Big Events!**

Some of you will think, "Well, of course!" But you can unintentionally withdraw and exclude Mom and Dad in times of intense planning and excitement. Remember to reach out to them as much as you can and share these important moments of your life with them. Not only will they appreciate it but you will have some wonderful memories to keep that will last a lifetime.



### **Take Time to Make Memories With the Children in Your Life**



One of the sweetest memories I have with my younger children is reading books together. I usually fall asleep when I read so their favorite memory is how I would get sleepy and begin to say funny things. Taking time with children means much more to them than we realize. Look for leaves in the fall, pick wildflowers in the spring or go wading in the creek. My

children remember a young friend who would play ball with them, even though they did not know how, and showed them patience and charity.

### **Do Acts of Kindness To Others Around You**

Acts of kindness do not always involve giving money to someone, although there are many people these days having a hard time. Even though you do not give money directly, you can choose to spend something to encourage another person. Leave a bouquet at the hospital or nursing home; the nurses will know who needs it the most. Send a thank-you note to the brave officers at your local police station and fire department. Does your neighbor have a heavy schedule?



Mow their lawn, bake them some cookies or fresh bread and add a tract with an invitation to your church, or just about anything neighborly. People will remember the helping hand that was given to them, even if they did not know it was you, and perhaps will help them to see Christ in this dark world.



Verily, verily, I say unto  
you, He that believeth on  
me hath everlasting life.

John 6:47



# Crafts

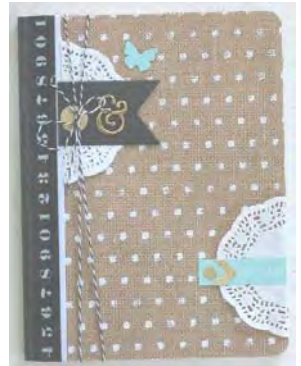
## *Memories Shadow Box*

Our loved ones most always collect many memorabilia through their lifetime. Here is something that I have planned to do with some of the things that belonged to my mom and dad. Shadow boxes may be made or purchased at a craft store. Then fill them with anything that reminds you of them; pictures, letters, jewelry, hand-crafted items, even dried flowers from a bouquet or personal garden they tended. Many of these can be made for any family member who would enjoy and lovingly appreciate them.



## *Memories Journal*

You all know me by now and how much I love writing things down. Truthfully, I do not write as much as I would like to, for the busyness of life takes my time away. But if you have someone in your life that you know would love to share their memories with you, these little books are easy to decorate and use. Composition notebooks are inexpensive and readily available at almost any department store. Craft stores sell bundles of coordinating ribbons and flowers that make the decorating easier. You will never imagine the blessing these books will be to you!



## *Memory Pillow*

Trying to decide what to do with clothing left by someone that we love can be awkward and sometimes painful. Although making memory pillows can also be a tearful reminder that they are no longer with us, they can also be a comfort in knowing that something of theirs is still near. Personally, I would suggest not trying this until about a year has passed and the time of mourning is behind a bit. Many things can be made



from a loved ones clothes, sweaters and ties, such as pillows, throws, quilts, and even little bears or other toys for the children. Embroidered tags may be attached if desired.

## Recipes

(Here are a couple of Mom's favorites. She loved cooking something for us that we really liked, it gave her so much joy.)

### Milnot Cheese Cake



Serves 12-16

(This recipe comes from a little book that Mom had from back in the 1950's. Milnot will not whip any more like it did back then. I now substitute heavy whipping cream for Milnot. It is very light and fluffy!)

1 pkg. Lemon Flavored gelatin  
1 cup boiling water  
1-8 ounce pkg. Cream Cheese  
1/2 cup Sugar  
1 tsp. Vanilla

1- 8 oz. container of Heavy Whipping Cream, whipped  
3 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1/2 cup butter, softened

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Chill until slightly thickened. Cream together cheese, sugar and vanilla; add gelatin and blend well. Fold in stiffly whipped cream. Mix graham cracker crumbs and melted butter together; pack 2/3 of mixture on bottom and sides of a 9"x13" pan.

Add filling and sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Chill several hours. Cut in squares and serve plain or garnished with fruit.

### Cake Mix Cinnamon Rolls

1 1/4 cups warm water (105°F to 115°F)  
1 pkg (1 tablespoon) regular active dry yeast  
1 bx yellow cake mix  
2 1/2- 3 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup butter  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1 tsp ground cinnamon

Purchased frosting or powder sugar glaze

1. Grease 13x9-inch pan or 2 (9-inch) round cake pans with shortening or cooking spray.
2. In small bowl, mix warm water and yeast; let stand 5 minutes.
3. In large bowl, mix cake mix and 2 cups of the flour. Add water-yeast mixture; stir with wooden spoon until dough forms. Add remaining flour 1/4 cup at a time, stirring between each addition, until it comes together in a ball. You may not need all of the flour. Cover with plastic wrap, and let rise in warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.
4. Gently punch down dough, and then reshape into ball. Let rest a few minutes. Meanwhile, melt butter in small bowl, and set aside to cool. In another small bowl, mix brown sugar and cinnamon.
5. On lightly floured surface, roll dough into large rectangle about 1/4 inch thick. Brush with melted butter; sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar. Starting with 1 long end, tightly roll up dough into a log. Cut into 12 rolls. (Mom always made more, almost double!)
6. Place rolls in pan(s); cover with plastic wrap. Let rise about 30 minutes while you heat oven to 375°F.
7. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 5 minutes; spread with frosting. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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