

Notes to Consider...

History: *Where Did Your Liberty Go? (Hate Crimes)*

By G.S. Morris — 18 December 2017



I would imagine the mother of a murdered white, heterosexual son would grieve no less than the mother of a murdered brown, transvestite son. So why in a republic founded upon the principle of equal protection under the law should more severe penalties for the murder of one citizen exist over any other citizen? "Identity Politics," that's why.

The antithesis of our national motto *e pluribus unum* (out of many, one), identity politics seeks to amass political power by tribalizing our populace. Apart from the obvious contradiction of the equal protection under the law principle; the practice of identity politics also runs the very real danger of bringing the country to blood, as was seen some one hundred and fifty years ago right here, or just over twenty years ago in the former Yugoslavia.

Another point of concern for all citizens regardless of particular "identity," is the slippery slope "hate" crimes statutes puts the nation on in regards to policing one's thoughts. The price of individual liberty requires the tolerance of abhorrent thought. We may not approve of someone else's opinions, prejudices, or yes "hate," but the government has no business levying "extra" penalties based upon the "thoughts" that an individual may have held at the time of committing a crime. The state should equally enforce the law for all citizens regardless of their appearance or ruminations.

Next Week: The Patriot Act, etc.

Merry Christmas!

Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

Throughout the year the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed all over the world through many different avenues. The hope it brings to people in need is around every corner as the Holy Spirit moves in a continuous flow. The remembrance of Jesus' birth that is celebrated this time of year truly exposes the root and reason of how and why the good news of Jesus was declared the previous months of the year.

The good news about Jesus being born as the son of God is that He was sinless, full of grace, and inherited the authority over sin, sickness, and death. His righteousness was more powerful than mankind's unrighteousness, which is how and why He forgives sin, heals sickness, and imparts life, momentarily and eternally.

The good news about Jesus coming in the flesh is that it made him capable of feeling human weakness, temptations, and infirmities. Therefore, Jesus, full of mercy and grace, humbled Himself to be a sacrifice for the sins of humanity. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit, which is how and why Christians spiritually die to the flesh to live in the Spirit, until the time to physically do the same.

The good news about His life on Earth is that the many teachings He taught while here are still carried on today. Jesus' words in scripture, testimony from witnesses, and the Apostles Holy-Spirit driven writings, are how and why the Gospel carries on when His birth celebration ends.

Granny's Porch

Hello everyone, this is Granny back to spend a little time with you. I'm feeling much better. I appreciate all your prayers and get well wishes and wanted to share a special memory with you. With Christmas being a few days away, I am sitting here this morning remembering some of



my favorite Christmas times when my children were small.

One of my favorite ones is when my children were small and my husband, Foister, was out of work. So, let me tell you about some good people across the mountain. Across the mountain was Middlefork, named for the middle fork of the Kentucky River and it was there, on Middlefork that we got our mail at that time.

The post office was in Saylor, Kentucky and Sam Caldwell was the postmaster. They heard about Foister being out of work and the people got together and loaded our mailman's truck with all kinds of groceries and some clothes. I'll never forget how much that helped us. Some of those people were on welfare themselves and still they helped. The mailman drove up and called out that there was some stuff for us and he unloaded it down by the mailbox. We asked who was responsible for this and he said, "Just good people." Later we found out who some of those people were, but many of them didn't want their name mentioned, so we never knew for sure. This is just one of the many times that the Lord has supplied our needs. Even though we were not Christians at that time the Lord was still looking out for our family. We knew that it was God that was leading!

Another Christmas that is very dear to me is a special Christmas memory about one special Christmas tree. Each year the children would go into the woods and cut a tree to decorate for Christmas. I can remember how nice the aroma of the fresh pine always was and the enjoyment we had decorating the tree each year.

There was one special tree that I always wanted, it was in the top of a big spruce tree and each Christmas I wanted that one, but the boys weren't up to climbing up to get it for me until this one Christmas when they brought back the tree they had cut, and it was the tree I always wanted. They had climbed up into the old spruce and sawed out the top of my perfect Christmas tree.

Each year we would decorate the tree and popcorn and string it to put on the tree. I told the boys to put more popcorn and decorations to make it pretty. While the girls were popping the corn, the boys were supposed to be stringing it up. When the girls arrived with more popcorn, they saw the boys had strung part of it and was playing a game throwing it at each other's open mouth trying to catch it with some of it going in their mouth while most of it went on the floor, but they were having fun and the girls just popped more corn and joined in on their game. After they got tired of playing the game they strung up the rest of the popcorn and with the lights, decorations and the popcorn strung, it was the most beautiful tree I had ever seen, my special tree.

I just hope that you have several Special Christmas Memories as I do. Before I put my pen away I would like to Wish All of You a Blessed Christmas and A Very Happy New Year. I hope to see all of you again soon on Granny's Porch.

Love, Granny

KSP Cram The Cruiser Food Campaign Gathers Record Amount For Needy Families

FRANKFORT, Ky. (December 19, 2017) – The Kentucky State Police "Cram the Cruiser" food drive collected nearly 210 tons (419,507 lbs.) of food this year to help Kentucky families struggling financially during the holiday season. That's 79,851 lbs. more than last year.

"Due to the generous giving spirit of individuals, businesses, schools and civic organizations throughout the state, we have gathered almost 40 tons more than we did last year," said KSP Commissioner Rick Sanders. "Words can't express how proud I am of the posts and community members who went above and beyond to make this food drive successful. It's a genuine public service that will make a real difference to many families facing difficult times."

KSP initiated the Cram the Cruiser program in 2010 to assist needy families in its local post and region areas. Since then, the agency has contributed more than one million pounds of food to shelters, food banks and churches throughout the Commonwealth.

"Helping those in need is a fundamental part of the Kentucky State Police mission," Sanders added. "We are grateful to be able to give back to our local communities who support our units throughout the year."

Over the years, the campaign has developed into a friendly competition among Kentucky State Police posts and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement regions. This year, KSP Post 16 in Henderson took top honors with a total of 89,932 pounds of food collected.

Capt. Robert Shoultz, commander of the post, praised local citizens, businesses, schools and civic organizations for their support of the project. "Their generosity is impressive and certainly reflects the spirit of the season."

Shoultz also recognized the hard work of Trooper First Class Corey King, public affairs officer for the post, who spearheaded the effort, which increased the post's collections by more than 86,199 pounds from last year's results.

"I am especially proud of TFC King's efforts," Shoultz said. "He always does an outstanding job organizing the Cram the Cruiser Program for Post 16. He maintains contact with donors throughout the year and enlists the assistance of all local media outlets to promote the campaign. Assisted by other Post 16 personnel, he organized events in Owensboro, Henderson and Beaver Dam for public donations. In addition, TFC King drove to numerous locations to pick up and transport donated goods."



Light up
the holiday
season *safely.*

Holiday lighting safety tips:

Make sure your holiday is merry, bright and **SAFE**.

When hanging holiday lights and decorations remember these safety tips -

- Before hanging holiday lights outside, look out for overhead power lines.
- Inspect all the lights you plan on using. Make sure the wires and sockets are in good condition.
- Check that all light strands are certified and rated for the conditions in which they'll be used.
- Turn holiday lights off before going to sleep or leaving the house.

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