
PROVIDENCE PROVIDER



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“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

JAMES 1:17

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From the Pastor's Desk

Did you know? Have you ever stood by a grave during a memorial service and listened to the bugler play "Taps?" Did you wonder where this came from?

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

This haunting melody, we now know as "Taps," used at military funerals was born. The words are:

*Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes,
From the hills,
From the sky.
All is well,
Safely rest.
God is nigh*

*Fading light
Dims the sight,
And a star
Gems the sky.
Gleaming bright,
From afar.
Drawing nigh
Falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise
For our days.
Neath the sun,
Neath the stars,
Neath the sky
As we go.
This we know,
God is nigh.*

Now you know. I too have felt the chills while listening to "Taps," but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you did.

Pastor Ernie

To submit an address or insert for the upcoming July Newsletter, please see Lexi Shubert, or email her at providenceprovidernews@gmail.com

June Birthdays

1	Morgan Loftin Sara Taylor
2	Francis Abernathy Renee Whitener
3	Aimee Scronce
6	Zeb Fox
7	Diane Cline
8	Mandy Weaver
15	Nancy Frank
17	Tina Deese
19	Keith Whitener Kevin Whitener
23	Walda Whitener Wanda Young
24	Hannah Bolch Anthony Smith
26	Emily Huffman Ginger Shubert Gary Towery
29	Nathaniel Filbeck Veronica Johnson Tera McDaniel Roy David Whitener Nicole Whitener

June Anniversaries

2	Vernon & Jessie Houston Raymond & Joyce Price
7	Tony & Donna Vanhorn
14	Jonathan & Aimee Scronce
16	David & Ginger Shubert
23	Keith & Renee Whitener
24	Donald & Stephanie McDaniel
25	Tim & Sandea Asherbraner
27	Paul & Pam Holsclaw Mark & Veronica Johnson
29	Andrew & Melissa Lail Larry & Vivian Powell

Jesus Salty

Listen carefully- DO NOT DO AS I DO WHEN EATING. When I sit down to eat the first thing I do is add salt. I know, insult to the chef and bad for me health. There are only two people I know who likes salt more than me...my dad and my wife. So I'm not exactly surrounded by helpful people. I seriously add salt immediately when I receive my food. Could there be a way to use this in a Bible lesson?

In Matthew 5:13 Jesus explained we should be salt of the earth and we should not lose our saltiness. We should make a difference in people's lives and they should notice. Just like when you add salt to food.

Just think if you were "Jesus Salty" in every situation. Most times we try to handle life in our own way. We get in a bind or mess things up and THEN decide it's time to add Jesus. Here is where we can apply my eating habit. In every situation and everyday of our lives immediately add Jesus! Add all you want. Make your life completely "Jesus Salty".

Salt facts:

-Only 6% of salt manufactured goes into food.

-We use salt in more than 14,000 different ways from the making of products as varied as plastic, paper, glass, polyester, rubber and fertilizers to household bleach, soaps, detergents and dyes.

-Everyone uses salt, directly or indirectly.

Jesus knew we use salt in thousands of different ways. He wants us to understand we can live for Him in many different ways.

Ashley Byles

WMU News

The WMU ladies will have their June meeting at the Olive Garden on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. We need to know how many will be joining us for dinner. Please let Teresa Lail (828) 381-1362 know by Sunday, June 4th if you plan to attend! Remember to bring your mission needs gift!

Also, our ladies will begin a Bible Study on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00. Our study will be based on the book *War Room* by Pricilla Shirer. All ladies are invited to join us for this Bible Study. Please see Sally Bradshaw if you would like to attend to get signed up and pay for your study book! Child care will be provided.
