

Faith of Moses’ parents

By Rev. Tom Mansbarger

It has been enjoyable and refreshing to study through the heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11. With each new Bible character there is an excitement just to see what God can and will do through their lives.

We must not forget as we go through the list that they all had one thing in common. They were all able to see the invisible. They all had the ability to claim the impossible. You might be thinking, ‘how is all of this possible?’ Our Heavenly Father provided the faith needed for each and every character to fulfill the task that He gave them. Nothing is ever accomplished unless God intervenes. He tells us,



JUST A THOUGHT

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“But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

In our story today we

study the parents of Moses (Verse 23). The story is found in Exodus 2:1-10. This story unfolds because the people of Israel had become so great in numbers that Pharaoh was fearful they would rise up against him, so he enslaved them. He also put out a decree that all male newborn Jewish children would be put to death. He had to do something to keep the Jews from multiplying.

When Moses was born, his parents could not bring themselves to turn him over to the Pharaoh to be killed. They hid him for three months and realized that something had to be done. In Hebrews 11:23 it tells us this child was beautiful and there was something very special about him. They did

what they did because they weren’t afraid of the Pharaoh’s command.

Realizing they couldn’t keep the child, they had to devise a plan for Moses. They put Moses in a basket and waited for Pharaoh’s daughter to come down to the river to bathe, and then they set the basket assail. It floated downstream where he could be seen, and Pharaoh’s daughter had a maiden retrieve it. She looked upstream and saw Jochebed (Moses’ mother), and she called her to come. She was told to take the baby and nurse it until the appointed time when Pharaoh’s daughter would come and take him to live with her. What an amazing story.

Faith has to be the factor

that is commended here. The natural affections the parents had for this child became subservient to faith. This story represents many principles, but one of the most profound is they overcame fear and embraced faith. Could you imagine how they felt when they pushed that basket into the river? All of the emotions they must have had. This story also represents two parents who were in total agreement what needed to be done. It was a decision that promoted the good of the child over any ambitions they could have had for him.

Being a parent helps me realize just how much of a sacrifice they made, and the depth of faith they had to have to trust God for the

right outcome. Killing the child was never an option, so what could they do? When God is working in and through our lives we must expect a good outcome. He has never let us down, and He never will. Sometimes it is not the easy way when we trust God, but remember, it is the only way. “If God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)? There is no doubt that He is the God that cannot fail, so I hope that you will put your faith and trust in Him.

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Commemorative tree to be planted for John Robert Lewis

In honor and in celebration of the late Congressman and Civil Rights activist John Robert Lewis, a group of community citizens has organized to plant a commemorative tree at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Clarence Faulkner Community Center, 1221 W. 12th St.

The tree is a sugar maple tree, which grows to spread

its beautiful canopy like an umbrella, exemplifying the wide reach and influence of John Lewis. The public is invited to attend this memorial event.

Congressman Lewis was not only a civil rights activist but also a staunch voter rights advocate. In light of this, voter registration forms will be available at the ceremony for citizens to

complete in order to be ready to vote in the November presidential election.

In addition to the tree planting dedication ceremony, Grant County-wide students of all levels (elementary, middle school, high school and college) can enter an essay-writing contest focused on some aspect of the life of John Lewis. Contest information

rules and guidelines will be distributed to the offices of all local school superintendents.

The vision to celebrate and honor John Lewis certainly goes beyond the planting of a single tree. If community citizens desire to purchase and plant a tree on personal property, information on how to purchase a tree will be available the day of the ceremony.

Finally, community financial support for the expenses related to the

dedication ceremony is gratefully appreciated. Gifts in the form of checks can be made payable to and mailed to the Clarence Faulkner Community Center, attn: Celebrating John Lewis (indicate this on check memo line as well). The address is 1221 W 12th St, Marion, IN.. A donation receipt will be issued by mail upon request.

Any questions can be directed to Dick Hart, planning committee point person, and his number is



John Robert Lewis
765-603-7012.

Planning group members: Bobbie Owensby, Diane Buchanan, Art & Rita Faulkner, Dick Hart, Bob Burchell, Cheryl Lynn Speikes, Mary Alice Trent, Jeff Jahn, Robin Fouce, Julius Edwards, Greg Dyson, Torri Williams

Taylor University soars to No. 2 on best college list

Taylor University is ranked the number two college in the Midwest region in the newest U.S. News & World Report Survey America’s Best Colleges.

The number two ranking marks the 24th consecutive year for Taylor to be ranked in the Midwest region’s top three. Taylor has also been ranked the region’s number one school 12 times.

The 2021 Midwest region’s top five included: Cottey College (Missouri) Taylor University Ohio Northern College of the Ozarks (Missouri) and Dordt University (Iowa)

Among the Midwest region’s top 10 colleges, Taylor’s retention rate and graduation rate were the highest.

“Taylor University’s consistent high rankings are the

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III, GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DONALD E. CECIL
ESTATE NO. 27D03-2008-EU-97

Notice is given that Shirley A. Ball was on the 9th day of September, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of DONALD E. CECIL, who died testate on September 22, 2018. The Personal Representative is authorized to administer the estate without Court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion, Indiana on September 11, 2020.

/s/ Pamela K. Harris (Seal)
Clerk, Grant Superior Court III

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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR 3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: Robert Lynn Jones, deceased.
Cause Number 27D03-2008-EU-000096

Notice is hereby given that on September 3, 2020, Sarah E. Rose was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert Lynn Jones, deceased, who died on August 13, 2020.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion, Indiana, on September 4, 2020.

/s/Pamela K. Harris
Clerk, Grant Superior Court 3

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