

Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

The Way

Tony Hinkle was a HOF basketball coach at Butler University. He coached multiple sports during his nearly 50 years as a head coach. The famed Hinkle Fieldhouse was named after the legendary coach in 1965. Hinkle was ahead of his time. He pioneered a disciplined offense based on constant motion and passing in the age of the "set" shot. Hinkle also introduced the orange basketball to the game. Coach Hinkle created what became known as "The Butler Way." It was about more than X's and O's. Today, the "Butler Way" is a benchmark for students, faculty, administrators, trustees, and alumni:

"The Butler Way: Demands commitment, denies selfishness, accepts reality, yet seeks improvement every day while putting the team above itself."

As a Butler graduate, I'm proud of the Butler Way. It promotes humility, commitment, and service. It is not a popular message in the current "pay for play" era of college sports. Recently, I was thinking about the Butler Way and its application for the church (small "c" intended). Re-read it again.

Doesn't the body of Christ demand a commitment? Aren't we supposed to deny ourselves? We surely don't deny reality, and yet we seek to improve (growth) both individually and collectively while promoting the greater body of Christ. Jesus' earliest followers were called followers of "The Way". (Acts 9:1-2, 19:23, 22:4)

Followers of the "Way" were sold out for Jesus. They took the words in red seriously. They believed it when Jesus said: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Did You Know?

Increasing time spent outdoors enjoying nature can positively affect mood and mental health. Generally speaking, outdoor enthusiasts tend to be happier overall.

The American Psychological Association says spending time in nature is linked to both cognitive benefits and improvements in mood, mental health and emotional well-being. Both green spaces and blue (aquatic) spaces benefit overall well-being. Several years ago, the University of Derby in the United Kingdom conducted a study titled, "The 30 Days Wild."

The study encouraged people to do something wild once a day for 30 days. Participants shared that their connection to nature and doing things in nature created a significant increase in happiness and health. People who spend more time outside can experience greater self-esteem, less stress, increased memory retention, and more positive body im-

(Luke 9:23)

He prioritized humility: "It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave," (Matthew 20:26-27)

He stressed that love was the benchmark: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 16:33-34)

Jesus knew the importance of knowing God's Word (self-improvement) when Satan tempted him: But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" (Matthew 4:4)

And the Apostle Paul reminds us that we continue to grow and find hope through the knowledge of God's Word: "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Romans 15:4)

These verses only begin to scratch the surface of what the body of Christ on earth should look like, act, and feel. We didn't even consider the vital work and discipline of forgiveness (seeking and granting). It's too easy to look at sister churches and fellow Christ followers with a critical eye. Instead, we should all look in the mirror and ask ourselves, "Do my words, actions, and thoughts identify me as a follower of 'The Way'?"

I can only speak for myself, but when I look in that mirror and answer that question, there is a lot of room

for improvement. It's enough to keep me busy for the rest of my life. I didn't say "yes" to following Jesus for eternal life insurance. I promised to follow Him all my days. It's the hardest and most rewarding journey a human can ever take. The "Prince of Preachers," Charles H. Spurgeon, was fond of using the phrase: easy believism. It was a dig, not a compliment. Spurgeon wanted us to know that believing in Christ is more than a decision or intellectual agreement. It involves the hard work of repentance, confession, transformation, cross-bearing/sacrifice, and discipleship. This is the ongoing work of sanctification. Only by God's grace and hand can we walk in "The Way".

On The Way,
Monty

Deaths And Funerals

William Johnson, Sr.

William Bryan "Bill" Johnson, Sr., 76, of Henshaw died on Friday, June 12.

He was born on Au-



gust 7, 1949 to Paul and Minnie Johnson. He graduated from Henderson County High School.

He loved horses and music. Bill was a Mason and a proud member of DeKoven Lodge No. 577.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Cheryl Johnson; and a brother, Gary Johnson.

He is survived by his son, Bryan Johnson;

two step-children, Tony McBride and April Enlow; a niece and nephew; a sister-in-law; and a great-niece and great-nephew.

Bill was also blessed with many friends.

Funeral will be Thursday, June 18,

3:00 P.M. at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Josh Garrett will officiate.

Visitation is 12:00 Noon to service time at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Caseyville Cemetery in Sturgis.

Amanda Finnie

Amanda Kay Owen Finnie passed away on June 11, 2026 at age 71, in a medical facility near Charlotte, North Carolina.

Shortly after 9:00 p.m., Mandy slipped quietly away in her sleep while holding hands with her husband Mike, who had been her dear and loving companion for more than 50 years.

Retiring after nearly 30 years as a nurse, Mandy loved to read. She liked to travel, treasured her warm, loving friendships, and she loved helping others.

She is preceded in death by her son, Billy David Timmons; parents, Wayne and Betty Owen; brother, Terry Owen; and sister, Melinda McGlothlin

She is survived by her husband Mike; his children, Jennifer Leigh (Tod) Robinson and Michael Patrick (Alicia) Finnie; her sister, Marla (Jim) Belt; brother Darrell (Judy) Owen; grandchildren; great-grandchildren, and nieces; nephews; and cousins.

A family gathering is being planned.

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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

Big Rivers Electric Corporation will hold an open house on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM Central Daylight Time (4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time) as an opportunity to provide written feedback related to Big Rivers' 2026 Integrated Resource Plan. The open house will be held at the Big Rivers Training Center located 300 North Water Street, Henderson, Kentucky. The information available at the open house and instructions for written feedback will also be available on June 25, 2026, on the Big Rivers website, www.bigrivers.com/irp.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING ESTATE HAVE BEEN PROBATED IN UNION DISTRICT COURT. PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS TO FILE AGAINST SAID ESTATES MUST FILE SAME NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIDUCIARY.

Estate of Thomas A. Eckman, Executor/Administrator: Patricia Eckman, 3252 State Route 871, Morganfield, KY 42437. Date of appointment June 5, 2026. Attorney; Hon., Stephen Arnett, P.O. Box 419, Morganfield, KY 42437.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STURGIS FIRE CHIEF

The City of Sturgis, Kentucky is seeking an experienced leader to serve as the City's Fire Chief. The Fire Chief is the only full-time employee of the Sturgis Fire Department (SFD). The Sturgis Fire Chief oversees SFD operational budget and assets, provides support to the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) and serves as the liaison between the City of Sturgis and the SVFD. This is a unique opportunity for a self-motivated individual to manage a small fire department.

Other responsibilities include providing direction, administration and command for all fire suppression, prevention and emergency medical services; actively support and integrate the volunteer staff; oversee the department's operational budget, equipment, and apparatus procurement; and otherwise act as the public face of fire safety in Sturgis, working closely with city administration, schools and local businesses.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Have and maintain Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification
2. Have and maintain all required state and local firefighter certification(s)
3. Experience in fire service leadership and supervision
4. Have and maintain a valid Kentucky driver's license
5. A high school diploma or GED required

A full job description is available upon request at City Hall.

This position is a full-time, salaried-exempt position, and includes normal and customary benefits. Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and professional references to the Mayor of the City of Sturgis at billy.adams@cityofsturgisky.com or by mail to: City of Sturgis, PO Box 98, Sturgis, KY 42459; or by hand delivering a copy to City Hall @ 106 W 6th St., Sturgis, KY 42459. Resumes will be accepted until 4:30 pm CST, (5:30 pm EST), June 30, 2026

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