



## with the FUMC Family...

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## WISDOM OF OLD



We invite you to submit a photo of your elders (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) along with a few words of the treasured wisdom they handed down to you. Share with us the wisdom of the ages for all of us to hear. Look for them in upcoming editions. Send to Ruth: [rwoo99@yahoo.com](mailto:rwoo99@yahoo.com)



### Members and friends share the wisdom they have received from family (listed as "sayings" or "principles")

#### SAYINGS

##### **Andrinne**

My mother always admonished us: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This is something that I have tried to teach my children and now, my grandson.

My grandmother would tell us, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." She was very good at saving money and she wasn't one for a lot of credit; lay-away was more her preference.

##### **Emily Beckham**

My mom used to tell me "Don't put off tomorrow what you can do today." I still think of it when I'm doing housework, or having to do grocery shopping. Another famous saying of hers was "Remember you are known by the company you keep."

### **Patsy**

My parents believed in a strong work ethic: "Show up and do your best on any job. Never believe you are too good to do any task. Earn your pay every day."

### **Fredricka**

"Do unto others as you want them to do unto you. Don't ever accept anyone saying you are nothing. You are somebody in the eyes of God."

### **Trista**

"You can do it right, or you can do it again!"

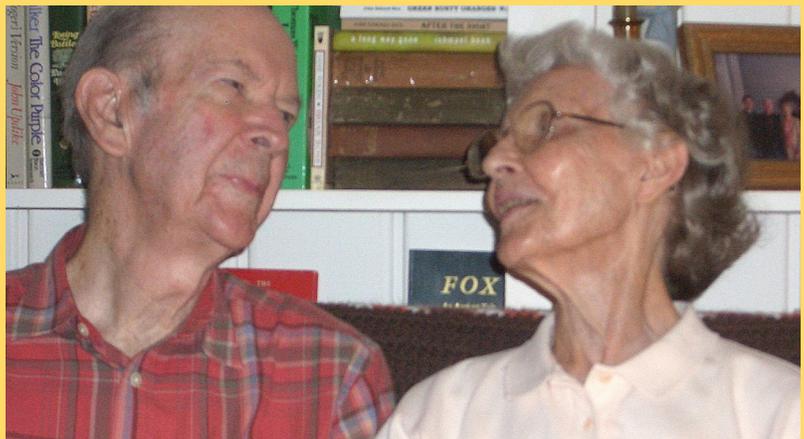
### **Tom Hearne**

1. Don't act like you were raised in a barn (for a variety of transgressions I will not go into)
2. Money doesn't grow on trees
3. Something my grandmother was constantly telling me (I must have had more money than I can now remember): "Go wash your hands. Money is filthy--you don't know where it has been."
4. Farming is not the riskiest business--marriage is.
5. You can't burn the candle at both ends
6. I've had a hard day--go ask your mother.
7. When we were your age, we had to walk to school.

### **Jan Cribbs**

At Daddy's funeral service, I said I'd been blessed to grow up in a home where "Thank you" was often heard, especially for the everyday "little things" that nevertheless make a home run smoothly. So I learned to feel gratitude & say, "Thank you." Daddy was fond of aphorisms; for example, growing up, if I ever dared complain about anything, he liked to tell me, "Into each life some rain must fall." You can imagine that I was not at all fond of hearing that! He also liked to say, "Take a chance, Columbus did." That one was somewhat more palatable.

I was recently thinking about a wonderful gift from Mother. She had been taking a Bible study class at FUMC, & one day we were talking about God. She said, "I don't know why the Bible so often refers to 'fearing' God; God is my Friend."



**M.T. and Frances Cribbs**

## **Ruth**

My father said, "An honest day's work for an honest day's pay." He definitely did not have patience with laziness. Another one: "Anyone can afford a bar of soap." He felt everyone should respect themselves and others by keeping clean. Another one: "A person's word was absolute." One kept their word, character meant everything. Being known as a person of good character was highly valued. Truth and honesty were the only way to live.

## **PRINCIPLES**

### **Woo siblings:**

#1 – Mom always reminded me that it was hard work to earn a dollar but easy to spend it. She always reminded me not to throw away hard earned \$ on frivolous items. I guess she was referring to the many 45/33 records I would buy. She didn't like that. Then later in life, she told me to spend \$ on yourself now because later on you'll wish you did it earlier. "Enjoy" she would say.

She also would tell me that you are judged by others as to who your friends are and not to hang out with bad influences. That was particularly during my teenage years.

#2 - Mom's rule #1 - family comes first always. Rule #2 - if you are unsure, go back and read rule #1

#3 - Yes indeed, FAMILY was #1. Her friends were a close #2. By her actions, she treasured her friends and friendships through love and laughter.

Also by her actions, "hard work" was essential in getting past obstacles to earn what you want to achieve. (getting citizenship and driver's license) Mom spent endless days and nights memorizing laws, rules, questions and answers (without a full command of English language).

### **Susan Bailey**

My parents shared many words of wisdom but most importantly they demonstrated by their example their Christian faith. One of the scriptures that they taught us early was "to whom much is given, much is required." My family operated a mom and pop grocery store and served as the benevolent fund for the church.

Whenever someone needed food, the pastor would just call my dad and then the member would come down and pick up a box or two of food, no charge. My mother served as a board member of the local YWCA and also served in our elementary school PTA and in our neighborhood association. Frequently, a boy from the neighborhood would drop by at dinner time and mom would always have enough to feed him too, even though we were five siblings, all girls. LOL. My parents also frequently emphasized sharing over selfishness. If we were going someplace and wanted to take a piece of candy or something in our pockets, my mom made sure we didn't unless we had enough for everyone who was expected to be where we were going.

I have thanked God so many times for giving me my parents. They gave and taught me so much I love with the Lord and for justice. They took me to the march on Washington when I was eight! Fortunately they were selected to lobby Congress so I didn't get lost in the crowd on the mall. The only thing they didn't let me do was go to Bernard for college because as daddy said, "No 17-year-old daughter of mine is going to Harlem!" They even offered me a full scholarship that paid for tuition and room and board. Instead he paid for me to go to George Washington University. I felt insulted when they sent me a letter telling me that the scholarships for which I am qualified have been awarded to other students. So I asked him if he sent me I would make them pay for it by my second year. He did and I did. God has always blessed me and has always done more than I ever could've expected in life.

### **Susan Russell**

My parents were wonderful Christian people who led us in the right way. Every night before we went to bed my sister and I always went in to see them. Every night we discussed the day and then asked each other, "Are the decks clear tonight?" The answer was, "The decks are clear." That meant we were all going to bed with no unsettled business or disagreements. It was a good way to end the night and say our prayers together.



**Susan's parents in 1948:  
Loma and Nat Carter**

### **Ruth**

As for principles for living, serious work ethic, laziness was abhorrent, the worst thing you could be accused of.

Sharing: we lived on a farm and grew our food. If we had anything in the garden, we shared it. Rarely would anyone leave our house without something in the summer.

My mother was a believer in education and went away to a Christian high school in the 9th grade, and my grandmother was a school teacher.

### **Marvin**

My parents and foster parents just wanted me to be a good person and to get a job and pay my own way .

Look for a new monthly quiz next week.

### **Give us your news:**

Members and staff are welcome to submit information and pictures about any recent or upcoming activities or travels, as well as any family wisdom from parents or grandparents.. Please email information to Ruth: [rwoo99@yahoo.com](mailto:rwoo99@yahoo.com) and we will include it in an upcoming edition.