

Preserving life, a little longer:by Dr. Glenn Mollette

I’ve assured my wife that I will do everything to save and preserve her life should she ever be in a life and death scenario. Should she ever be in a hospital hooked up to wires and on the verge of death, doctors and nurses do not have permission to start pulling plugs and rushing hospice into the room. She has assured me the same support. We realize that death will come to both of us and neither of us wants to linger in a vegetative state. Of course we don’t know what the scenario will be and no one does. We do believe we deserve every chance to pull through if it’s possible.

In 2002, a doctor said this concerning the illness of my first wife, “She has fought a hard battle we can let her go on. Or, we can try to do everything we can to extend her life.” I opted for the latter. They actually extended her life at least a couple of weeks and she had numerous good visits with her family and two adoring sons. I know we tried everything available to us to extend and save her life. Yet, I will never be free from

the disappointment and pain that we could not cure her illness and save her.

My wife’s grandfather was about to be released from the hospital and seemed to be feeling great. They decided to keep him and soon it seemed they pulled hospice in and he was dead in a couple of days. Please don’t hear me speaking against hospice. I know they do a wonderful job in many scenarios. Frequently, they appear to be called in too prematurely.

It seems to me that doctors, hospital staff and nursing home staff get tired of some people and help them exit life. I realize you may yell that I’m wrong but I’m entitled to my opinion. Medical insurance doesn’t pay forever nor does it cover any and every kind of treatment and option to extend life. When the medical insurance is shaking its head “no” to further treatments then what happens? Is this when life really ends?

I have eulogized over 400 funerals. I’ve made thousands of hospital and nursing home visits. So many times I have witnessed

exhausted families and tired, overworked and underpaid intensive care staff caring for a patient who required painstaking treatment and attention. It was at these moments that it seemed I would hear “We have tried and done all we can do.” Next, would come the onslaught of morphine shots that were supposedly for pain but in reality they were the death nail to the helpless person who was being exited from life.

I don’t think you or any of us want to be held in this world helplessly tied to a ventilator and multiple devices. On the other hand I don’t think any of us would mind being plugged up a while if in a couple of weeks we might rouse up and be able to spend a few more months or weeks with our family, eating ice cream or even watching “Wheel of Fortune”.

This is all difficult stuff and I have dear family and friends very involved in the medical profession. I’m not pointing fingers at you. I’m pointing fingers at all of us. Fight for your loved ones and friends. Value,

sustain and protect life as long as you can.

An old friend of mine died when she was about 90 years old. She lived alone. She didn’t have much but she was faithful in church and stayed busy. She was so fortunate in that she was never in the hospital for any length of time. Nobody had talked to her in a couple of days and a friend decided she had better go see about her. She was dead. She was sitting in her chair, the television was playing and she was surrounded with books and newspapers. She had passed on in the surroundings that were enjoyable and familiar to her.

I hope we can all be so fortunate.

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Psalms 102:25-27 (NKJV) 25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. 27 But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

“Come gather round people, wherever you roam
And admit that the waters around you have grown
And accept it that soon you’ll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth saving
Then you’d better start swimming or you’ll sink like a stone
For the times they are a changing.”
~Bob Dylan, 1964

The times are certainly changing in the United States and in the rest of the world also. I have a pretty good memory of the 1960s and thru the years until 2017. Computers were the stuff of science fiction, a cell phone unheard of, and space flight a coming reality. As a grade school child I had never ever heard of divorce, although I’m sure it was happening. Many of the societal problems of today were never visible or talked about when I was young. To hear a person curse in a movie was

over the top, and you could sing with most of the music back then.

The days have changed; there is so much division and conflict in our society and culture today. Terrorism was a small thing and mostly in some other part of the world. Sometimes it looks as if the world is coming loose at the seams. I believe thing will continue to change and mostly not for the better (You can call me a pessimist, I guess.)

In Nevada, State Senator Becky Harris has introduced a bill to outlaw mandatory micro-chipping of people. This technology is currently used in Belgium and Sweden to identify employees. According to Harris her bill is modeled after legislation passed in ten other states. It’s amazing that we even have to think about these sorts of things. There is one thing that remains the same in all perfection. Nothing can be taken away; nothing can be added. *Malachi 3:6a (NKJV)* “For I am the LORD, I do not change;” That’s something you can depend upon!

See you Sunday.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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Sunday
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Help for those in despair
Due to the heavy March snow in our valley, the Depression Recovery Program was postponed until March 13. The good thing about beginning it on the 13th is that we will be on daylight saving time then. So people who don’t like to drive after dark, don’t have to.

Depression affects many people and

is increasing in a big way. Here is a sad quote from someone you will recognize: “I am now the most miserable man living. If what I feel were equally distributed to the whole human family, there would be not one cheerful face on earth. Whether I shall ever be better, I cannot tell. I predict I shall not. To remain as I am is impossible. I must die or be better it appears to me.” ~ Abraham

Lincoln

I can’t read these mournful words without wishing that he could have come to the depression recovery program and received the help and healing he needed.

The good news is that if you or one of your friends or family is suffering like this, you can receive the help you need so much at the Depression and Anxiety program.

Maybe you could encourage your friend or loved one to come by bringing them to the Fellowship Hall at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 265 Old Stage Rd. in Cave Junction at 6 p.m on Mondays. Call 541-291-7016.

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Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Seekers 7 p.m.
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www.ivpraisecenter.com

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Email: cbccca@gmail.com
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Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

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541-592-3658
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Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA

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10343 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m

First Baptist Church of Selma
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
541-597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
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Pastor Marvin Porter
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FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Pastor Mark McLean
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Wednesday - 7 p.m.
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Illinois Valley Baptist Church
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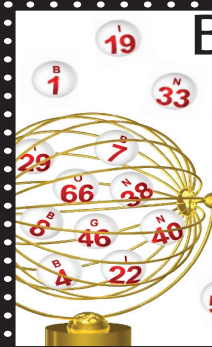


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