

I have to be honest with you, this approaching weekend is one I have not been looking forward to.

I remember every detail of last year's Memorial Day Weekend. Jill and I had headed to bed on Friday evening. It was not too long after we had fallen asleep that CP came into our room and said, *"Mom, I'm sorry to tell you ... Nana, passed away and they can't get Pop to answer his phone or the door. Aunt Jan is going over there to tell him."*

The youngest Kizziah grandchildren were texting one another and waking up their sleeping parents.

Jill and Charlie Pierce took off for Pensacola the next day... They drove straight to Men's Warehouse at Cordova Mall so CP could get fitted for a suit to be a pallbearer in his grandmother's funeral. He only wore that suit to his own funeral!

Allie and I traveled to Pensacola the next day after our Sunday services ... we all gathered at John Michael and Lori's new home on Bayou Texar. A few weeks before, CP and Jill had helped with the move. It was also the day that Pop would meet his first great-grandchild in person. We fellowshiped on the dock and shared memories about Nana. It was a wonderful time with family despite the sadness of Nana's passing. We were glad she was no longer suffering from the disease of dementia.

No one knew it would be the "last time" that CP would be with us. He and his cousin, Taylor headed out that evening and eventually made it back to Taylor's apartment. On Monday evening, we were going to meet up again at Lori and Michael's to eat and to plan details for Nana's service that would be on the following afternoon. I was at my parent's house, and I noticed that CP was still over at Taylor's apartment.

I admit I was "ticked" he hadn't been more social that day and was about to "encourage" him to get going. I called him, but we quickly started talking about his Summer classes that would be starting the next day. He was looking up something on his phone and then he just went silent. I soon realized he was having a seizure.

I called Jill since she knew where Taylor's apartment was. By the time she got to him he probably was already with the Lord, but the paramedics tried to bring him back. In the hospital about an hour later, the doctor came in and confirmed our worst fears.

Memorial Day will be 52 Mondays since we've heard his voice ... Tuesday will be 365 days since we've hugged him! It's been the worst year of our lives; but at the same time, we've felt the love of God each day by the wonderful faith family of Aliceville FBC.

Thank you for loving us and thank you for loving CP! This Sunday, after our services, Jill, Allie, and I will be traveling down to be with our families to mark the anniversaries of the passing of Nana and Charlie Pierce.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we travel and remember.

Blessings,

Charlie



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Sunday School: 100

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May

- 2...Rhett Burkhalter
- 5...Amy Cox
- 10...Claudia Lewis
- 11...Betty Ann Cochrane
- 15...Bryant Fikes
- 16...Terri Fikes
- 17...Emily Dahlberg,
Jim Gentry
- 23...Ann Harris
- 24...Alex Mayfield
Michael Strawn
- 26...Lynn Walker
- 28...Doug Fikes
- 29...Beth Powell,
Danny Randall,
Lexie Schoenrock
- 30...Bill Fikes

Calendar

Sunday, May 28

9:45... Sunday School
11:00...Worship Service



Wednesday, May 31
No Activities tonight



Deacon for May

Ricky Williams

Deacons of the Week

David Gentry
Cody Burkhalter

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