



Family Events:

May was a slow down to speed up month! The hectic pace of the spring semester came to an end on May 10. But the rapid pace of getting some projects done in the office at home and around the house speeded up. The enjoyable aspect has been to see progress on some things needing to be done for quite a long time. Two major activities have occupied most of my time: computers and an office move.

Toward the end of April two of my computers gave up the ghost and the Windows XP operating system on them self-destructed. I had both repaired and reconfigured, but also added a Dell XPS computer to take over the heavy duty graphics design work. The old eMachine just wasn't able to handle the load. It has since become the "Grand-kids" computer and is located at a work station in our living room loaded with children's computer games. Clay and Taylor are having a wonderful time playing on it. By the end of May I've been able to get almost everything back work-



ing the way it's supposed to. Have had to jump some programming hurdles here and there, but have learned a lot about networking etc. in the process.

The other project has been to move the home office. The office is going into the front guest bedroom. The other guest bedroom, the exercise room, is becoming Claire's office with a futon couch for sleeping when guests stay overnight. The old office is becoming the library/exercise room, more in line with its original design. Some rewiring of the computer network is necessary. And my personal desk at the GWU office, along with the remainder of my personal library, will be moved home, in anticipation of retirement not too far down the road. By the middle of June, I hope to have everything completely changed over, and will at last have everything in one place for doing research and writing.

Of course, working in the flower beds, with the start of a new one in the front yard (in the background of the picture), has been one of the more delightful activities. As the picture shows, I've had lots of help from Taylor, and sometimes from Clay when he wasn't too busy playing with neighborhood friends or on "his" computer here.

Hopefully these activities in a more relaxed pace of living will help with some of the health issues. The writing projects give me a needed diversion from physical activities, when the diabetic feet bother me too much.

Academics:

This segment brings to a close the exploration of Cleveland County in the American revolutionary war with the material from W. Wyatt Washburn's *Contributions of Cleveland County Citizens to the American Revelation*:

"Heroes of the American Revolution in this part of the southeast still live in the names of towns, streets, roads, and landmarks in the area. The county itself was named for Col. Benjamin Cleveland, a hero of the Battle of Kings Mountain, and the county's county seat, Shelby, was named for Col Issac Shelby also of Kings Mountain activity. A number of Shelby's main streets were named for other heroes including Gen. George Washington, Gen Marquis de LaFayette, Gen. Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, Gen. Thomas Warren, Gen. Daniel Morgan, Gen. Thomas Sumter, Col. William Graham, and Col Fredrick Hambricht. The town of Lattimore was named for the descendants of John Lattimore of Kings Mountain fame and Fallston was named for descendants of Robert Falls, a pioneer Revolutionary leader in Number Four township.

"Many stories have been told that represent and illustrate the intrepid courage and bravery of the Revolutionary soldiers and their families. One of the better known involves Preston Goforth and his wife. Preston was killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain and tradition says that his death was from a bullet by his own brother

who killed him. At any rate, he failed to come home after the battle and his wife, fearing something dreadful had happened, drove eight miles from her home in Kings Mountain to the battleground, riding on a two runner sled drawn by old Buck, an oxen, where she looked for Preston's body.

"After a several hours search, she found the body and put it on the crude sled and brought it back to her home and with the help of neighbors buried Preston in her backyard. The date, October 8, 1780, one day after the Battle of Kings Mountain. He owned a small yearling calf which was conscripted by a detachment of Col. Patrick Furgeson's troops on their way to Kings mountain. Robert and his family protested the conscription of their cattle including the pet calf, but to no avail."





☺ Claire's Musings:

June, 2004

This has been another extremely busy month. I'm still struggling with my homework and can barely keep up with everything. I think I'm just getting tired. But, all I have to do is hang on for two more months and I will be through with this [MLS degree program](#).

Part of being too busy is that I had a small problem this past month with [too many beautiful flowers](#) blooming all around. Since it was spring I knew I had to get all the pictures of flowers while they were still in bloom. I



have quite a [collection of pictures](#) now, but not enough time to work with them. I have so many great ideas, but not enough time to follow through. I got some great pictures of Clay and Taylor among some gorgeous flowers. They had lots of fun walking through all the beautiful flowers and being careful not to step on any.

Lorin and I went to an [Atlanta Braves baseball game](#) in Atlanta with the Sunday school class that he is teaching. It was great fun, even though I am not a sports fan. We traveled on the church bus, which was very comfortable, and I crocheted. Of course, I took lots of pictures of the class members having fun. It's amazing how I can find great pictures to take no matter where I am.

We had our second annual party for our top Accelerated Reader students from my school. Those are the students that read the most and it's easy to tell that they all love reading. Ten students came and we had Clay and Taylor there, too. I was hoping they could come too, because they had such a good time last year. Lorin cooked hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill, but the students had the most fun playing volleyball. They were a great group of kids. They make it all worthwhile.



☺ Lorin's Musings:

With this study of ancient vice/virtue lists we come to the New Testament patterns, again drawing upon the excellent treatment of the subject by J.D. Charles in the [Dictionary of New Testament Background](#).

First, some overarching insights into the NT pattern.

Early Christianity shared in common with ancient Judaism the tendency to blend together the Hellenistic forms of vice/virtue lists with the OT dualistic religious assumption of the righteous and the unrighteous. Thus, religion and ethical behavior were linked in ways not found in the Greco-Roman traditions, either philosophically or religiously.

Also, among the numerous lists of vices and virtues the grammatical patterns of expression follow a couple of basic forms: (1) those with connector words like 'neither,' 'nor' etc. as typified in the vice list of [1 Cor. 6:9-10](#) (technically called polysyndetic forms), and (2) those without connector words like the virtue list in [Gal. 5:22-23a](#) (technically known as an asyndetic form). These two patterns are fairly equally divided in frequency in the NT, although a third category, the 'amplified lists,' can be detected where interpretative comments are inserted into the listings. [1 Thess. 4:3-7](#) would be an example of this pattern.

Some thirteen virtue lists can be found in the NT with all located in the letter section of the NT: 2 Cor. [6:6-8](#); Gal. [5:22-23](#); Eph. [4:32](#); [5:9](#); Phil. [4:8](#); Col. [3:12](#); 1 Tim. [4:12](#); [6:11](#); 2 Tim. [2:22](#); [3:10](#); Jas. [3:17](#); 1 Pet. [3:8](#)

and 2 Pet. [1:5-7](#). 1 Cor. [13](#) stands alone as a more theologically oriented listing, although ethical catalogue traits are present.

On the opposite side, some twenty-three vice lists can be uncovered in the NT, with all but five found in the letters of the NT: Matt. [15:19](#); Mk. [7:21-22](#); Rom. [1:29-31](#); [13:13](#); 1 Cor. [5:10-11](#); [6:9-10](#); 2 Cor. [6:9-10](#); [12:20-21](#); Gal. [5:19-21](#); Eph [4:31](#); [5:3-5](#); Col. [3:5](#); [3:8](#); 1 Tim. [1:9-10](#); 2 Tim. [3:2-5](#); Titus [3:3](#); Jas. [3:15](#); 1 Pet. [2:1](#); [4:3](#); [4:15](#); Rev. [9:21](#); [21:8](#); [22:15](#).

The Pastoral Letters -- 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus -- contain the greatest density of ethical lists of any of the groupings of the letters etc. Also in these letters one can detect a greater influence by the Greco-Roman tradition. In Titus 2:12 three of the four Platonic cardinal virtues -- prudence (σωφροσύνη), uprightness (δικαιοσύνη), and piety (εὐσέβεια) -- occur as adverbs of manner along with the very Greek verbal admonition 'discipline...' (παιδεύω). The ethical impact of God's redeeming grace is increasingly emphasized with the deepening of the understanding of divine revelation. The power of God's word is seen as a disciplining force upon the life of the believer as 2 Tim 3:16 stresses (NRSV): "**All scripture** is inspired by God and **is useful** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and **for training in righteousness**,..." The disciplinary nature of ethical listings was a foundational aspect of the Greco-Roman ethical perspective.

Next time we will begin looking at these lists more closely.