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Something Special with Martha Jane Anderson

We are in full swing for 2018, with Super-Bowl Sunday between the Patriots, seeking their sixth championship, and the Philadelphia Eagles at 5:30pm on NBC! The Eagles' Coach is Doug Peterson, a former ULM great quarterback. We are so happy about Doug's accomplishments.

Listening to two physicians who experienced near death and the after life on Dr. Oz's show this week; both agreed that there is nothing to fear when dying and there is no pain. The evidence is there! We say, death happens when the heart stops beating. Research says the brain is still working. Our loved ones can still hear our talk! One physician who made it back to life said he heard the attendant say that he was pronounced dead at 3:09 p.m. Our brain is a conscious mode five or 10 minutes after death! Well, we will have to wait and see the truth but refer to the scripture:



Martha Jane Anderson retired as Assistant Dean of Students at ULM, SGA Advisor, Alpha Lambda Delta Regional Coordinator and National Council of Mortar Board.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not on thine own understanding.” — Proverbs 3:5

You may have heard of the “Bubble Boy” children but please let me tell you the good news. Jan Brockman and Carole Kilpatrick brought me articles this week from *USA Today*.

Elton and I lost two sons and all three of our grandsons were born without functioning immune systems. Dr. Rebecca Buckley at Duke transplanted all three with Mark Kent Anderson being the only of the three who was cured. This was because his sister, Ainsley Anderson Herlevic, was a perfect match. The two Baton Rouge boys have led normal lives because their mom, Ainsley Upshaw Lewis, was their donor and a half match. Eighty percent of the affected children are born without a sibling match. St. Jude's is pioneering a new gene therapy which has some success five of seven treated; however, is showing promise for the future in curing Severe Combined Immune Deficiency.

We are thrilled because both John and Adam Lewis have three hours of intravenous Gamma Globulin every three weeks. Adam is 20 and John, 22, both LSU students. This treatment has kept them going all their lives... just imagine how grateful our family is with the hope for a possible cure. Ainsley and Jason have always put the boys and their treatment first! Jonathan Hoggatt of Harvard Medical says we are “very close” to a permanent cure.

As Anne H. Nielson has written as an artist, author, and inspired spiritual person in her two great books, *Angels in Our Midst* and *Strokes of Courage* about the many angels we have around us. Recently I heard of a multi-talented person in our area who was “completely out of luck and cash! That very day, someone sent him a much needed check to give him a boost to get over the bump in his life! How proud we are of whomever you are! Many thanks for your generosity!

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” That really means the giver gets more thrill from giving than for any ring, car, big house or boat that the one spending the money could buy!

As the new year is here and we are getting ready for Valentines' Day, let's remember the true meaning of love ...

Love is patient and kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly, it does not seek its own way, is not provoked, and does not take into account a wrong suffered. Love does not rejoice in wrongs, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Now abide in faith hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Martha Jane



ABOVE: Handsome brother and lovely sister, Edward Seymour and Claire Seymour Ward.



ABOVE: Hannah Harris, precious daughter of Nancy King, is celebrating her acceptance to Tulane Law School, from NYC to the Boot and Nola!



ABOVE: Shannon McKernan and Mark Kent Anderson having fun in Dallas!



ABOVE: Lynn Jenkins Box and daughter, Laurel Ann, having lunch with Melissa Curry and daughter, Catherine Courtney Curry, granddaughter of our own Courtney and Bob Curry.



ABOVE: Crossroads Garden Club hostesses at the D'Evereaux Home of Sharon West Brown, Sharon T. Brown, Carolyn Rester, and Judy Barron.



RIGHT: Linda Reeves and Linda Graves. LEFT: Judge Wendell and Ashley Manning and family at Notre Dame visiting daughter Margaret, who is studying law.



ABOVE: SMU Freshman Martha Dianne Mills, granddaughter of Dianne and James Davison, and daughter of Catherine and Carter Mills.



ABOVE: Herschel and Lillian Gentry celebrating.

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ABOVE: The gorgeous couple, Christopher and Michelle Jenkins, grandchildren of Betsy Files and Annwood and Darryl Jenkins.

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