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Something Special with Martha Jane Anderson

From Billy Graham's Book, *Hope for Each Day*, is the following poem:

Therefore I live for today — certain of finding at sunrise guidance and strength for the way. Power for each moment of weakness, hope for each moment of pain, comfort for every sorrow, Sunshine and joy after rain. — Anonymous

Winning quarterback Nick Foles' remarkable rise to the pinnacle of football earned him two trophies on Sunday night. The story is that Coach Doug Pederson talked Nick out of becoming a pastor until after his football career is over.



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

Writes NFL.com's Jeremy Bergman: "The Philadelphia Eagles quarterback, who was considering walking away from professional football just last offseason to preach the good news, won the Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player award after leading Philly past the New England Patriots, 41-33, in Super Bowl LII.

"Foles' miraculous underdog story reached its conclusion at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, where the journeyman quarterback threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns and even caught a score in the upset win.

"The first quarterback to lead the Eagles to a Super Bowl title, Foles made history in more ways than one, also becoming the first player to throw and catch a touchdown in the same game in Super Bowl history."

What a game and what a great story of a man who believes in the Christ! Many thanks to Juli Kemp!

Forgive me for talking about the Drop Out Project, DOP, but it involves three young band members who have big Monroe connections and their manager, Jefferson Manning, who is Judge Wendell and Ashley Manning's son. Last summer, Jefferson had a collegiate internship in California in which he learned how to connect bands with the right audience for their music. Late this past September our grandson, John Lewis, drummer; Dr. Mike, Jackie and Pat Bailey's grandson, Beau Bailey, vocalist; and Mitchell Webb, guitarist, Robin and Mike Webb's son, were playing around in Baton Rouge when Jefferson got them their first gig! They were not certain that they were ready but they took the invitation anyway!

Saturday night last, they were the fifth and last band to perform at the House of Blues in NOLA. The DOP group won the Battle of the Bands. Next is a trip to Ole Miss, some sorority and fraternity gigs at LSU, and then on to the big city to perform and get some change at the House of Blues. We are so excited for them but we are hoping they complete their degrees at LSU first!

Dianne Walters was honored by the Bridge Group for her Gold Masters designation with a fabulous Mardi Gras Party to signify 2,500 bridge points! Michele Brown did a grand job implementing a Mardi Gras theme at the Bridge House with Jody Johnston, the best dressed! The favorite food was Margaret Lauve's Onion Soufflé from *Cooking in High Cotton* and Amy Johnson's great chocolate sheet cake ... just the best ever!

The best local cake we tasted was from St. Paschal's Senior High via Dianne and Mike Cage. Just great and reminded us that Purple represents justice, Green stands for faith and Gold signifies power!

"Our lives maybe uncertain, but for followers of Christ, eternity is not." Billy Graham

Martha Jane



LEFT: Friends celebrating the birthday of Sharon West Brown. Judy Moore, Ellen Huey, and Kathy Schendle.



RIGHT: Kay McDonald, Sharon West Brown, birthday girl, Sue McGinn and Kay McCue McDonald.



RIGHT: The lovely Annetta Hill in whose beautiful home we were celebrating are Beverly Sivils and Kay McCue McDonald who hosted the birthday party!



ABOVE: Porter Peltier and our Annie Stinson.



RIGHT: Lynn Jenkins Box, Darryl, Annwood and Lee Jenkins at his home celebrating Pop's 80th and still looking good!



LEFT: Lovely daughter and Mom duo of Ellie and Kellie Jackson.



ABOVE: Kit Kelley presenting the Gold Life Masters Award to Dianne Walters at the Mardis Gras Party in her honor!



ABOVE: Bridge Honoree with hostess and decoration chairman and friend, Michele Brown.



ABOVE: Jody Biedenbarn Johnston at Dianne Walters' Gold Bridge Life Masters Award Master.

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RIGHT: Analeise Reeves Thomas with precious baby girl, Austin Adair Thomas

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ABOVE: Heather and Dianne Walters at her Mardis Gras Party at the Bridge House.

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