



## Monday Matters

### October 22, 2012

#### **A Social Media Sensation**

All week long whenever I had a few spare moments I contemplated what should be included in this week's Monday Matters. At the beginning of the week a song had come to me that would go great with a story, but I had no story. Even by Friday morning as I woke up, still had no story, just a song. A few hours later a news story crossed the screen of my computer - ***Social Media Sensation dies at the age of 13***. It sparked my interest so I dug further to find out more about this "social media sensation".

His name was Lane Goodwin from a small town in western Kentucky. In 2010 he was diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer. He had completed chemotherapy treatments late that year, but had a relapse in the summer of 2011.

The Associated Press stated that the "Thumbs-up for Lane" campaign was started as a way to encourage the boy and his family. It spread worldwide on social media. According to a family member, "Lane believed that the awareness this movement brought for childhood cancers would lead to a cure. Lane's legacy will live on as we move forward with this commitment we made to him to find a cure." Lane drew 366,000 Fans to his Facebook page.

But what really peeked my interest about Lane was in a number of articles it mentions his Christian faith and his beautiful smile. Ernie Brown, Lane's favorite celebrity, after meeting him a few weeks ago, said, "People really looked up to him. He sure made his



#### ***In That Great Gettin' Up Mornin'***

**Gaither Vocal Band**  
(Amazing acoustical sound in a  
very unusual location)

#### **Quote of the Week**

I'm looking forward to Heaven.  
Though it's still a mystery to me.  
But I believe in His promises,  
And it's a place I long to see.  
Why not join me on the journey?  
There's no cost for the fare is free.  
When Jesus redeemed us on the  
cross,  
He paid the price for you and me.  
~~ Emily McAdams ~~

mark in the world and he'll never be forgotten."



Lane's mother said, "God has done amazing things over the past few weeks. We have had so many messages about others becoming closer to God and about parents loving their children more." On October 17, 2012 at 7:53 pm his mom said, "Our sweet Lane gained his Angel wings. Our hearts are broken but God has performed a World Wide Miracle through Lane over the past few weeks."

Because of Lane's life and example, each of us can learn that when difficult times come we should take a moment to re-look at our perspective on that situation. We don't need to put our life on hold. Lane sure didn't. His goal by being a "social media sensation" was to find a cure for childhood cancer. He left his mark on the world with a smile and his Christian faith regardless of the problems he faced. On Lane's Facebook page is a poem that includes these words:

So, please try not to ache for me.  
We'll meet again one day,  
Beyond the dark and stormy sky,  
A rainbow lights the way.

While Lane's parent, brother, relatives and friends mourn this young child's passing, they know that he is in a better place. It certainly appears he knew where he was going. He knew there was a better day coming and that was good news. The song, the one that's been playing in my mind all week is "**In That Great Getting Up Morning**". It talks about this better day when the chariot comes to take us away.

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