

Vesteen Holliman, age 86, Irvine, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

It has been a year since you left us, Mom. It proves to us that God takes the best. On this Earth you lived and served God so faithfully. By God's words you taught us from the cradle to the grave. The Holy Bible and God's words you lived by, set an example for all of us kids to follow while your lifetime was on Earth. By God's mercy and grace you raised seven boys and one daughter, teaching us love, joy and peace, and Christian values we live by.



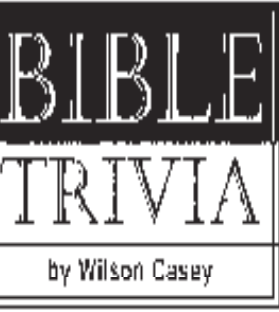
You said God's "Golden Rules" will stand the testament of time. The Bible was each of our road maps to follow in our lifetime. Mom, the prettiest flowers that ever bloom in our hearts, they're blooming still for you. Each memory we had with you we them cherish today even more now. We can never honor you enough for all you have done for each of your children. We miss you daily.

I look out at the blue sky, the sun set over the mountains, green valleys, where flowers bloom. Every day things we see and do make us think of you. A crystal vase, a piece of lace, quilts, old black and white photographs, pictures of your mom and dad, hanging on the wall. The old family Bible, her favorite flower, songs of Zion; the old Regular Baptist church hymnal book you sung to us from so many times down through the years.

Her church was her life and her children. She loved going back home to the mountains she called home. She loved getting family together. She cooked a big dinner to take to Horse Point Cemetery for Decoration where they've got a place there in a shed where they eat at the foot of the hill. Then, they sat and talked for a couple of hours or so. Eat and caught up on all family. They come from Tennessee, Florida, Ohio, all over, to meet there and gather, then decorated graves to be an all-day thing. We celebrated all family members passed on, memories we had of them, treasures of life. She said that was it was all about, honor, respect, love and family. She said, "Children, we don't know who will not be with us next year." An empty chair, an empty plate. She said that a part of life. We all have to live and die. It's not how we start in life, it's where we end up in eternity. Give roses to someone while they're living by showing love and kindness. She says God will bless you, Child. Now, we must carry on without you, Mom, still doing good work, you've done. The dinner won't be the same, but, oh, what stories we will sit and tell about our beloved mother, cherished memories our mother taught us, her children, to each of them has special stories to tell, the years of her life legacy, she passed down to all of them. Our mom was a veracious woman. The Bible speaks of veracious women names being more precious than rare rubies. A godly woman, she lived every day like the Bible told her to.

Her life was a testament to us and all of the world. What I loved most about my mother was her life she lived daily in front of her children. We take time out to honor our mother; we love and respect her Christian values most of all. What she taught us is a testament in its own. This year has been rough and hard on all us children. We lost so much but, oh, what Heaven gained. We were truly blessed to have such a loving mother. I can almost hear Mom singing with the angels. She said, "It's not good-bye, I'm just sleeping, waiting for us all to have that great homecoming day in Heaven." Mother will be waiting with Jesus to welcome my children in Heaven on God's golden shores, singing with the angels. Mom taught us if we live right for God, Heaven is waiting. So, we know we'll see Mom again.

Rest in peace, Mother, your beloved children, Danny, Bill, Vernia, Lee, Mike, Phillip, Johnny, Dwayne, and preceded in death by one son, Ernest R. Jr.



1. Is the book of 2 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Song of Solomon 8, what is so powerful that many waters cannot quench it? Hope, Love, Salvation, Peace
3. Thorns and what else grew from the ground that God cursed

after Adam and Eve's sins? Vines, Ivy, Thistles, Weeds

4. According to Paul, in hardships Christians are "more than" what? Friends, Conquerors, Warriors, Innkeepers

5. From Luke 19, what town was home to Zacchaeus? Jericho, Tarsus, Thessalonica, Corinth

6. How many sons did Isaac have? 2, 4, 6, 8

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Counterfeit Baptisms

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When we study ancient religions, we find that most of them hold initiation meetings, and baptisms in many forms were used to recognize a new convert. Even our Lord Jesus Christ walked from Nazareth unto a place in the Jordan River to seek water baptism being conducted by his cousin, John, near a place where the river was conducive to hold baptisms. We find this story in **Matthew 3:13-17**. This context reveals that Jesus desired John to perform the act of baptism upon him, but John forbid him, saying, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" Here we see John acknowledging the superlative authority of Jesus, the Son of God, without one sin to his charge. In **1 Peter 2:21-22**, Peter says Jesus, "also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." So then, why was Jesus baptized? Here our Lord said unto John, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."

Then, to add **John 3:1-13**, Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." It is very clear to the ardent Bible reader that he is making reference unto baptism in water. I want to point out at this time that all baptisms in the Bible were in the form of submersion, that is all the way under water, to assimilate a burial. Jesus in **Matthew 3:16**, "went up straightway out of the water." Then Paul in **Colossians 2:11-12**, illustrates that the circumcision of Christ is "made without hands," saying that the Bible baptism is a burial and a resurrection from the dead through the faith of the operation of God whom raised our Lord from the dead. Even Romans 6:3-4 says that Bible baptism is unto the death of Jesus (at this point we contact his shed blood), and that is a burial.

Now, we can clearly see that baptism has the au-

thority of Heaven vesting upon the commands made to the Apostles after Jesus' resurrection. So, in **Matthew 28:18-19**, our Lord plainly says that "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Goye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The Apostle John says it very well in 1 John 5:15-13. These teach clearly that the authority of Heaven rests upon this truth and that this truth has reached down to earth below. Notice that there are three that bear witness in earth; the spirit (the Word), the water (baptism), and the blood (the cleansing agent). These three agree in one. The conclusion is very easily seen. If we hear, believe, obey the Word, we will be baptized in water, and then we will receive the benefits of the blood. Now, at this time, I want to make mention concerning the purpose of baptism. Mark 16:15-16 says it will save us. Acts 2:38 says it is for the remission (putting away) of sins. This verse also says for unto reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Many are so confused because they do not think very clearly upon what is said here. The Spirit that every baptized believer receives is not the gift to do miracles that was bestowed upon the Apostles at Pentecost; Later, upon Paul the Apostle as well. The Book of Ephesians 1:10-14 reveals what this is all about. The gift is salvation of our souls called the Holy Spirit of Promise. In **Romans 8**, the Apostle clearly states in **verse 9**, "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Now, to close my statements, first, baptism is a burial in enough water to cover the whole person; so a glass, pitcher, face fountain just doesn't meet the commands of Heaven. Secondly, baptism is unto "for the remission of sins," therefore anyone who thinks they were saved before they were baptized are still unsaved. Thirdly, baptism enables us to gain identity with Jesus because we have contacted his shed blood. There is no other way, sayeth the Bible. Read this, contemplate my argument, and call me at 1-859 (local) 369-4165. We will discuss it further. You see, your hope and my hope rest upon its teaching, so we better get it right.

Visit us at Cornerstone, 70 Bond Street at Camp Ave. Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

Library Happenings

Estill Public Library

by Shannon Horn

February 13th, 2019

Hello readers! I am so sorry that I didn't have an article in the paper last week! I was sick and didn't get the opportunity to write an article. But you know what they say, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder". So maybe missing a week will just make you love your library more!

Children's Programming

Baby & Me Storytime
Our baby storytime session has become so much fun. These babies are reaching milestones together and we love celebrating with each other. Just this last week we had one start walking! How cool is that? It is so much fun to cheer them on as they learn new words or when they help clean up. This group is super smart and they make Fridays so much fun for me. This last week after reading our Valentine's themed stories, we played with the giant building blocks. They had a blast and I know now that I will certainly have future LEGO Club members!

Storytime
We have worked our way through letters A,B, and C! We have read about all types of transportation like airplanes, boats and cars and we have even done some experiments with things that go! We made a balloon car on the 6th. The girls were fascinated - and so were the adults! We will be learning about the letter D this week! I also will be reading my new favorite children's book, The Wonky Donkey. If you haven't heard about this book, you should find it on YouTube. You'll get a laugh. Or better yet, stop by Storytime and hear me read it!

LEGO Club
Lesa decided to a Saturday LEGO Club last month and it was a big hit! Even though LEGO Club is usually after school, there are several

kids that can't make it on Thursdays. It became a family event when the parents got involved and began building as well. We don't have a LEGO Saturday on the February calendar, but be on the lookout, we may do one again soon!

Teen Programming

Fandom Fridays
This last week we had a engineering day. That sounds fancy, but the teens were just building with LEGOs. Why would I do that? LEGOs are for kids right? Maybe so, but I'm hoping to eventually get this group of kids on computers to come up with designs and projects. What better way to get them thinking about their builds than with hands-on building? The teens always have a great time together. This group meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 3:30.

Adult Programming

Adult Book Club
Our Adult Book Club has started reading Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. If you would like to read this along with the book club, stop by the library today and get a copy!

Walk Slim
We have a new walking group that is meeting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00. This group is walking indoors until the weather gets warmer. They are using the Walk Slim DVD. If you had a New Year's Resolution to start the year healthier, this may just be for you. If you would like more information, just call the library at (606) 723-3030.

Crafternoon
Wednesday, February 13th we will be making Valentine's Boxes at 1:30. The Crickets will be out as well. If you would like to stop by and make some boxes we will have plenty of decorations out for you to use!

Extra Info
There have been several people that have asked about tax forms. In the past, forms have been sent to the library. However, we didn't receive any this year. We can look them up and print them for you. Each page is 10¢.

We will be closed on February 18th in observance of President's Day.
If you want more info about what is going at the library, check out our Facebook or call (606)723-3030. Until next week!

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