

A Revealing Or A Warning?

By Van Yandell
Isaiah 46: 9-10 “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”
If you wanted to convince someone of the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, would it be logical to “beat that person over the head with a Bible” until they confessed and repented?
Of course we all know the answer to that question. Coercing someone into believing may get a required verbal response but would that person really believe?
I well remember an older cousin and hunting/fishing buddy. When I was a teenager in the 1960’s he made a very astute observation. “If I paid you a million dollars to believe something, you may say you believe it, but would you really?”
What is true belief? Faith gives us a belief method that is required for eternal salvation (Ephesians 2: 8). Faith is believing in something we cannot prove. How much evidence would be required to establish proof?
What can we actually prove? Can you prove you’ll be alive one minute from now? Can you prove your vehicle will start the next time you turn the key or push the button? So many of life’s concepts are based on faith and trust that we do not think about.
As we consider the world events of the last few weeks, we find the parallel of Bible prophesy and those events to be beyond coincidence.
Matthew 24: 7 “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines,

and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”
Earthquakes in diverse places? Being from the (almost) center of the US, I would definitely classify the earthquake off the coast of Russia between Russia and Alaska as a diverse place.
Luke 21: 25 “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;” The resulting tsunami from the 8.7 magnitude earthquake under the sea would surely qualify for this verse from Luke.
The situation in Gaza at this time definitely fits the “famine” condition as stated by Jesus in Matthew 24: 7. Mass starvation is an accelerated state of existence for the Gazans and is now being classified as a human disaster.
Gaza is at the forefront of news outlets and it is being used as a political punching bag. This in itself is a verification of the divisions in humanity as stated by Jesus (Mark 3: 25). Gaza is not the only place on earth where famine conditions exist.
Of course we do not know exactly what Jesus was referring to as “pestilences” but it could be anything from an insect infestation to the Covid 19 virus.
The world is also experiencing a large number of active volcanos at this time. Geologists tell us that volcanos and earthquakes are directly connected. Several mountains in the northwestern United States are rumbling and some believe eruptions are a possibility in the near future.
The Yellowstone caldera is constantly in motion and scientists believe that an eruption could be devastating to

many of the lower 48 states.
Currently there are 45 active erupting volcanos worldwide. In 2024 there were 74 confirmed eruptions and 32 of those were new eruptions. As we clearly see, movements in the earth’s crust are fulfilling Bible prophesy.
Predictions of God in both the Old and New Testament have already happened and history has recorded many of those events. Jesus told His disciples of the destruction of the second Jerusalem Temple.
Luke 21: 6 “As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” Jesus of course (John 1: 1) knew the future and the temple was destroyed by the Romans 37 years after Jesus spoke those words.
Ezekiel 36: 24 predicted the re-establishment of the Nation of Israel. In 1948, 2700 years later, that happened. History tells us that Israel is the only nation on earth that has fallen from its original status as a nation and then re-emerged as an economic, political and military power.
Several wars are active on earth at this time. Jesus said in Matthew 24: 6 these would be. “And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass.”
The U.S. is not at this time engaged in an international conflict but the wars on the home front are ongoing and in many ways, more devastating to the nation.
We are engaged in a political civil war in America. The country has not seen a level of demonstrated hatred (Matthew 24: 9) since the American Civil War.

America is engaged in a war on crime, a war on drugs and a war on diversity. How much can a nation stand before we turn to God for deliverance? Will these wars ever end? Only God knows and with a population turning to non-Godly beliefs, that’s not likely to be soon (1 Timothy 4: 1).
These are only a few of the prophesies we are currently witnessing. Revelation 13 points out several conditions that perfectly parallel today’s economic and political conditions in the world.

How many more will be manifested in our near future? It is time for America to wake up and realize that God is in control and He punishes those that do not obey Him.
Genesis 3: 15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” God told Satan 6000 years ago there would come a Savior of the world and He would “bruise thy head.”
And that is exactly what Jesus did when He walked out of the tomb, resurrected and alive.

Satan was crushed forever for those that believe.
We must wake up America! The future appears to be now and it is not a pretty picture. We cannot deny that the Bible paints a picture of the world today.
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CHILD FIND FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED OF SPECIAL EDUCATION OR 504 SERVICES

Child Find
The Union County Public School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Union County Public School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Union County Public School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request three (3) years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Union County Public School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 150%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The Union County Public School District has an ongoing “Child Find” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's “Child Find” system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Union County Public School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Union County PublicSchool District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Union County Public School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Union County Public School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 270 or send the information to:

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of theUnion County Public School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 270-389-2742 or send the information to:

Director of Special Education/Section 504 Coordinator
Amy Turner
Union County Public Schools
4500 US 60 W
Morganfield, KY 42437
amy.turner@union.kyschools.us

“Child Find” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Union County Public School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and “Child Find” activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Michelle Hall
Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel and Alternative Services
Union County Public Schools
4500 US 60 W
Morganfield, KY 42437
270-389-1694
michelle.hall@union.kyschools.us

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Union County Public School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone number listed above for Union County Public Schools

Bricks For Union County's Walk Of Honor Available

Although the Union County Walk of Honor and memorial was dedicated during a ceremony at Breckinridge Museum last fall, bricks honoring the men and women who served in the US Armed Forces continue to be available for purchase.
The commemorative bricks provide a lasting memorial for family and loved ones who have served their country during both peacetime and wartime.
George Blakeley who has been an instrumental participant in the Walk of Honor project in Union County, reminds the public that bricks are still available for sale and will be placed along side those that were laid in 2024.
If you or someone you know would like to purchase an engraved brick, forms are available at the Breckinridge Museum. If you have questions concerning the project, leave your name and number with the museum personnel and a member of one of the local VFWs or American Legion will

give you a call.
The last date to order a brick to be placed in the Walk of Honor this year is September 13.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The City of Sturgis, Kentucky is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of full-time Fire Chief. This is a skilled work position involving the protection of life and property and the administration, supervision, command, and technical oversight of the city fire department. The duties of this position are performed under the general supervision of the Mayor.

Applicants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and possess a valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent supplemented by ten (10) years of experience as a firefighter, (experience in a command position is preferred), and, certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or the ability to obtain EMT certification within 12 months of the date of hire. Applicants must also possess excellent organizational, administrative, and oral and written communication skills with a strong attention to detail. Knowledge of methods of firefighting and fire prevention is essential, as well as, knowledge regarding the use of departmental equipment including vehicles, radio, office equipment, fire/EMS equipment, and apparatus. The ability to analyze situations and act quickly and efficiently under highly stressful situations is essential. The successful candidate must meet the physical ability requirements as may be required from time to time by the state fire commission for similarly situated firefighters, and must live within a five (5) mile radius of the City of Sturgis.

This position is a salaried position and starting salary will be commensurate with the experience and qualifications of the individual. It is anticipated the work hours will be from 7 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, with additional hours as required without additional compensation. The position qualifies for full employee benefits, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, state retirement, vacation and other paid time of pursuant to the city's policies. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 106 W Sixth Street, Sturgis, Kentucky, and must be submitted to the City Clerk on or before August 18, 2025, for consideration.