

Why Fear?

By Van Yandell

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go".

Some men fear death! Some fear life. Some fear other men while others fear pain and many fear uncertainty. Fear of disease or fear of poverty may be the summit of the fears of many and fear of the future may bring others to tremble.

Some jump out of airplanes; others face wild animals or poisonous snakes. Why do some appear to have no fear while others allow their fears to destroy their lives? Why will some engage in a business venture while many are content to work for another in the safe haven of a weekly paycheck?

These questions are impossible to answer because every person has a thinking mind, different experiences and separate ancestral proclivities.

Are some fears common sense? Of course! In the early 2020's we feared covid. We took precautions to keep from contracting the virus. Certain actions are engaged in to alleviate our fears while others are out of our control.

Many in the world today fear cancer. That of course is somewhat justified. We can take precautions to quell that fear with a sensible diet, an active lifestyle and having the right ancestors. That ancestral choice is not ours to make but we know from observation, family history seems to be a link.

Guilt can lead to a state of fear. Guilt is said to be the most wasted emotion. For the believer in a crucified and resurrected Christ Jesus, sins are forgiven.

1 John 1: 9 "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." To fear the afterlife is unnecessary because of this absolute promise of our Creator.

In the 23rd Psalm verse 4, David wrote "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for

thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The presence of God in David's life prevented fear.

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

We have scriptural assurance of the unwarranted feeling of fear. God gave us a mind to analyze the sources of our fears and eliminate them.

If any character in the Holy Bible had a reason to fear it was the Apostle Paul. In spite of his certain future of physical pain administered by those opposing the teaching of the Gospel of Christ, Paul trudged on with his God given purpose.

2 Corinthians 11: 24-26 "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep. In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren."

Paul's body must have been a mass of scar tissue having been flogged five times. Because of Paul's encounter with Jesus on the Damascus Road (Acts 9: 3-6), he was of a certainty of the reality of salvation through Christ Jesus.

Paul had no doubts of the reality of Christ's divinity and His power. Can we have that assurance? Of course, we can through faith. Faith is a belief system and among our greatest gifts from God.

Many of us have found our greatest weapon against fear is prayer. When we encounter those (many times superfluous), reasons for fear, prayer is constantly available. God never hides or sleeps!

Over five billion people in our world have not found the solace of life offered by Christ Jesus. Did Jesus fear? Luke 22: 44 "And being in an agony he prayed more

earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." The man Jesus knew fear because of His immediate future (Hebrews 5: 7).

He could have called twelve legions of angels (Matthew 26: 53) and stopped His inevitable future, but He did not. He went, voluntarily, sacrificially to the cross for the sin of all mankind.

We do not face crucifixion as did Jesus. We do not face the flogging whip as did Paul. Our fears seem miniscule in comparison.

If one's greatest fear is death or the process of dying, consider the depth and promise of Revelation 21: 4. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

We have the promise of God written by the Apostle John. That place called Heaven awaits the believer in Christ Jesus (John 14: 1-3).

It surely appears many Christians fear greatly the command of Jesus before ascending (Acts 1: 8-9) and that is to tell others about Him. With our world eroding further into chaos as we watch, the only solution for survival beyond total anarchy is our Jesus.

We must not have fear of our verbal witness of the teachings of the Holy Bible, God's word. Matthew 28: 20 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We are not alone!

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith-based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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Janie Overby

Janie Overby 62, of Sebree passed away on Friday February 27th, 2026 surrounded by her family at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

Janie was a LPN and had worked at Colonial Terrace Nursing Home for 30 years where she lovingly took care of not only her patients but their families as well. She deeply loved and cared for her family and friends and enjoyed cooking for and feeding them.

She was the daughter of the late Bud and Dorothy Shelton Wilson.

She was preceded in death by a brother Russell Wilson.

Survivors include her husband of 29 years Stephen Overby of Sebree; her sisters, Karen Nunn of Henderson, Nancy Nally of Uniontown, Kentucky and Debbie Shockey of Sebree; her brothers, Buddy (Julie) Wilson of Sebree, Mike (Mary) Wilson of Madisonville, Kentucky, Ben (Shirley) Wilson of Princeton, Kentucky, and Bobby Wilson of Corydon, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Riley Caldwell of Sebree and Madison Brown of Madisonville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday March 5th, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon. Pastor Dylan Zahn will officiate.

Burial will be in Shady Grove Cemetery in Poole.

Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. today (Wednesday) and from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Thursday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Eddie Caldwell, Robert Wilson, Justin Scott, Adam Nally, Jake Cleveland and Freddy Golike.

Honorary pallbearers will be Wesley Scott and Madonary Brown.

Online condolences can be made at www.townsendfuneralhomeinc.com Paid

Deaths And Funerals

Frances Shoulders

Ella Frances Shioulders, 89, of Providence died at her residence on Saturday, February 28.

Frances was a member of Harmony Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and going on bus trips. She also enjoyed flowers, gardening, and canning vegetables from her garden.

She had worked at the Enro Shirt Factory and J. C. Penney in Madisonville, Kentucky.

She was the daughter of the late Charles Kurtz and Alyc B. McElroy Rakestraw.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Shoulders; a son, Cliff Shoulders; a brother, Charles Kurtz; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

She is survived by her grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Patty Hogan of Manitou, Kentucky, Betta Stevens of Hanson, Kentucky, and



Sadie Tudor of Madisonville; a daughter-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 7, 1:00 P.M. at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon. Bro. Jimmie Riley and the Rev. Kerry Smith will officiate.

Burial will be in Townsend Cemetery in Dixon.

Visitation will be 11:00 A.M. to service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 412, Sebree, KY 42455.

Online condolences can be made at www.townsendfuneralhomeinc.com.

GRADD Senior Menu Listed For March

Green River Area Development District has announced the senior nutrition menu for the month of March.

March 4-grilled chicken, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, ambrosia salad, hamburger bun, sour cream, margarine

March 5-turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pumpkin bars, dinner roll and margarine

March 6-breaded fish, oven browned potatoes, coleslaw, hamburger bun, tartar

sauce March 9-BBQ chicken, roasted potatoes, cooked cabbage, pears, dinner roll, margarine

March 10-meatloaf, mashed potatoes, lima beans, fruited gelatin, dinner roll, margarine, ketchup

March 11—chicken pot pie, broccoli, chocolate pudding, fresh orange, dinner roll

March 12-pork chop, greens, mashed potatoes, banana, white gravy, dinner roll, margarine

March 13-tomato

soup, tuna salad, carrot raisin salad, macaroni salad, chocolate chip cookie, wheat bread

Monday, March 16-chicken taco salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, graham crackers, cinnamon apple-sauce

Tuesday, March 17-cheeseburger, roasted potatoes, carrots, baked beans, peaches, hamburger bun, lettuce, onion

Wednesday, March 18-honey glazed pork chop, baked potato, brussels sprouts, apple

sliced, dinner roll, margarine

Thursday, March 19-chicken salad, broccoli raisin salad, 3 bean salad, red grapes, wheat bread

Friday, March 20-breaded fish, scalloped potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, dinner roll, tartar sauce

Monday, March 23-breaded chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, chocolate pudding, dinner roll, margarine

Tuesday, March 24-pizza casserole, California blend, ambrosia salad, breadstick

Wednesday, March 25- cheeseburger, peas and pearl onions, baked potato, chips, clementine, hamburger bun, lettuce/onion

Thursday, March 26-roasted pork, sweet potatoes, lima beans, apple cobbler, cake, dinner roll

Friday, March 27-chunky vegetable soup, broccoli/cauliflower salad, sugar cookie, vanilla yogurt, banana

Monday, March 30-breaded chicken, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, pears, dinner roll, margarine

Tuesday, March 31-tuna salad, baked potato soup, apple cinnamon roll, cobbler, oyster cracker, wheat bread



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Use Unexpected Downtime To Prepare For What's Next

Q: My company downsized, and my job was terminated. I've been job hunting for a month. I'm aggravated and frustrated waiting for a call telling me I've got a job. What should I do in my waiting time?

A: Waiting can be maddening, but sometimes God has something in those gap times for us that we can't receive any other way. Let's not waste our waiting. Instead, let's learn to use it well. Here are some suggestions:

* Readjust our priorities. Is what our lives have been focused on primary concerns? Is God in the center of our lives? Has our work overshadowed our relationship with our mates and our children? Making top dollar

may not be the best course ahead for our lives and families.

* Focus on worship and continual prayer. Don't fixate on our delays. Instead, draw closer to God through gathering with others to worship God and adore Jesus. Use our extra time to pray for guidance and patience. Worship and prayer prepare us for what's next.

* Trust God's leading. He knows best and will give us what we need at the right time. We can be confident that He's working to align circumstances for His glory and our good. The Bible urges us to "trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Prov. 3:5, 6).

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to KRS 424, the Webster County Water District's budget, financial statements, and most recent audit reports may be examined by the public at the District's office at 478 U.S. Highway 41A S, Dixon, Kentucky.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense), Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), Cutleaf Teasel (Dipsacus laciniatus) Nodding thistle (Carduus nutans), Common teasel (Dipsacus fullonum), Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum), Marehail (Coryza canadensis), Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii), Multiflora Rose (Rose multiflora) Japanese knotweed, (Polygonum cuspidatum), Spotted Knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) and Kudzu (Pueraria montana).
Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages