

They Should Have Read The Bible

By Van Yandell

In the early 1840’s, a Hungarian doctor named Ignaz Semmelweis made a discovery. A doctor had performed an autopsy. Then he went directly to the delivery room and delivered a baby.

Soon after the delivery, the mother died. Semmelweis determined the doctors hands were covered in a substance that caused the mother’s death and insisted doctors wash their hands often and with a cleansing agent.

He presented evidence their hands were transferring “cadaverous particles,” which we now call bacteria to the mother and baby.

As a result of his assertion and subsequent practice of extensive hand washing by physicians, the death rates of maternity clinics dropped significantly from eighteen percent down to one to two percent.

In 1847 Semmelweis demanded doctors wash their hands in a chlorinated lime solution before being in physical contact with patients.

Had they read the Bible, they would have known God knew, and published in Leviticus, the necessity of washing hands under running water. This simple action could have saved many; written over three-thousand years before their actions of ignorance killed the first mother and baby.

Leviticus 15: 13 “And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.”

Washing hands in running water is now a common practice in operating rooms around the world. Washing in a pot of still water only circulates and redistributes the germs.

Microorganisms were first seen under hand-made microscopes in the 1670’s. Connecting them to diseases did not occur until the 1860’s when numerous experiments proved the connection.

By surgeons knowing to thoroughly wash their hands, many lives were saved that may have otherwise died a horrible death.

The Bible also teaches quarantine which is another disease preventing measure. Leviticus 13: 46 “All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean:

he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.”

We saw quarantine practiced extensively during the covid years. By keeping those with infectious diseases away from the healthy, the spread appeared to be restrained.

Perhaps people prior to the discovery of the Western Hemisphere should have also read the scriptures. People mostly believed before 500 years ago the earth was flat and was stationary in space.

Job 26: 7 “He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.” Obviously, God knew and the writer of Job realized the earth is constantly spinning and in an orbital path around our star (the sun). Those movements keep us in orbit and keep us from falling into the sun.

them out as a tent to dwell in.”

Bible scholars mostly agree Isaiah was written between 800 and 600 BC. God, of course, has the advantage of observing our planet from anywhere including outer space.

A circle can be a flat disc but from a few thousand miles above the earth, it can be observed rotating on an axis thus indicating a sphere.

Prior to a few hundred years ago, many believed the earth was flat and stationary in space. In the third century BC however, Aristotle observed the earths curved shadow on the moon and hypothesized the earth was round and moving.

At the time, many saw him as a lunatic for even suggesting such an absurdity. Conventional wisdom is many times not wisdom at all. Generational handed-down information is also, at times, inaccurate. Always read the scriptures to know what God says.

Prior to the placing of the space telescopes by NASA (Hubble 1990 and James Webb 2021), some astronomers claimed that someday, they would chart and name the stars.

Jeremiah 33: 22a “As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured.” God and Jeremiah told us 2700 years ago there were so many stars they could not be counted; astronomers are now in agreement, that is correct!

With the space telescopes we are now told there are billions of

galaxies, most of those having billions of stars. Counting the stars in the heavens would be like trying to count the grains of sand on all the world’s beaches.

When we come to the understanding that God knows more than we do, then we can come to grip with the truth of the scriptures.

Several have been credited with the statement “If one knows a little about the Bible he is an atheist; if he knows a lot about the Bible he is a believer in God.”

God told us about the currents in the seas (Psalm 8: 8), proper nutrition (Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14), photosynthesis (Genesis 1: 1-3) and many other science related topics.

Whereas we understand God gave us tremendous information thousands of years ago that no man could have known, perhaps we should listen when He tells us about His Christ being the Savior of the world!

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

On the 14th day of September 2026, the Webster County Fiscal Court approved the first reading of an amendment amending the Fee Pooling and Purchase Order Systems Ordinance. The amended ordinance will read: Other than payment of jury meal expenses, the Sheriff and County Clerk shall draw no other checks upon the Fee Accounts except the check to pay over the net income and net fees and approved expenses such as postage and travel/convention expenses of the Fee Accounts to the County Treasurer.

The second reading of this Amended Ordinance will be held September 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting of the Webster County Fiscal Court at 80 N. College St. in Dixon, Kentucky A copy of the Amendment to the Ordinance may be reviewed at the Office of the Webster County Judge/Executive. Any persons who have comments should appear at such time and place to be heard.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Se-bree Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment No. 13 and 4, of permit 917-5027, which was last issued on July 9, 2026. The application covers an area of approximately 129.4 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of US 41 and State HWY 494.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$738,977. 60% of the original bonds receiving Phase I release in the amount of \$443,386.20 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, regrading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and a report for the area has been submitted to the cabinet in accordance with 405 KAR 16:200, Section 8 or 405 KAR 18:200, Section 8. revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation, successful completion of all surface and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan such that the land is capable of supporting the post mining land use of pastureland approved pursuant to 405 KAR 16:210 or 405 KAR 18:220; compliance with requirements of KRS Chapter 350, 405 KAR Chapters 7 through 24, and 405 KAR 10:020 and release of 129.4 acres.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 by October 23rd, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 27th, 2026 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s Madisonville Regional Office, State Office Building, Third Floor, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday October 23rd, 2026.

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Onton Hay Days Is Saturday

A full day of activities is planned for Saturday, September 19, as the community of Onton hosts its annual Hay Days festival.

Events start at 7:00 a.m. with a tractor display in front of the church and the shop across the street. Organizers hope to line both sides of the roadway with tractors.

A pancake breakfast will be held at the fire department from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Registration for the 5K walk/run begins at 7:30 with the event starting at 8:00 a.m.

Visitors at the event

will also enjoy a quilt show scheduled from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. At 9:30 a.m. the baby pageants will begin for children up to ten years of age; registration starts at 9:00.

A corn hole tournament starts at 10:30 and a snack booth will be open at the concession stand near the ball field.

Parade participants should begin lining up at 10:30 with the parade slated for 11:00 p.m.

The kiddie tractor pull is planned for 1:00 p.m. in front of the

fire barn; registration starts at 12:30. Following the kiddie tractor pull, children can spend the afternoon participating in the kiddie country Olympics. Those events are free for children and youth up to 16 years of age.

Everyone is also invited to enjoy Bingo beginning at 1:00 p.m..

At 3:30, the Webster County Line Dancers with Judy’s Line Dancers will perform, and at 4:30 a cake walk will begin.

The car cruise in will begin at 4:00 and continue to 8:00 p.m.

Bro. Ryan and the God Squad will perform at 5:00 p.m. with Instant Zeal Band bringing 70s and 80s classic

rock from 5:30 to 9:00.

Festival goers can also expect to enjoy food, crafts, vendors and game booths that will be open throughout the day. Booth space is available by calling 270-635-0899 or 270-635-5887.

Funds raised during Onton Hay Days are used for local emergencies and to finance the festival.

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Compassionately Help Others and Also Invite Them To Follow Jesus

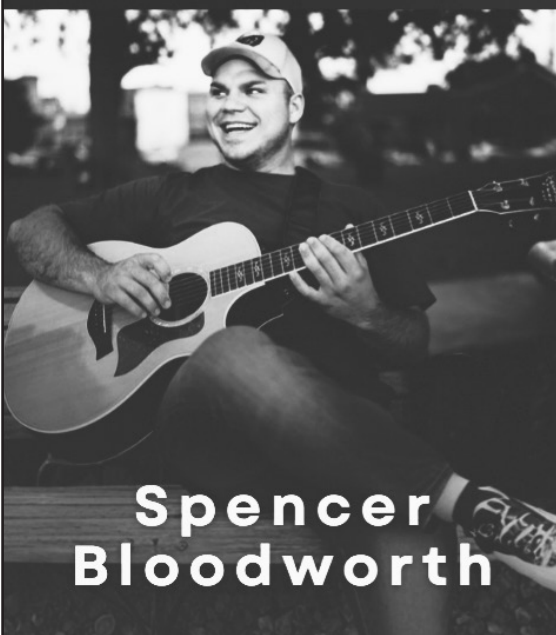
Q: In recent years, I have steadily become more isolated and distant from others. I’ve become increasingly cynical towards them, especially at first contact. I’m more cautious, even suspicious of all requests for help. How can I become more compassionate?

A: Anyone who has read the Gospels knows Jesus physically healed many people during His earthly ministry. As He enters a town, a man with leprosy approached Him and fell before Him begging to be cleaned. Leprosy was a dreaded disease that eats away flesh and causes social isolation. Jesus did the unthinkable—He reached out His hand and touched Him. Jesus declared, “I am willing; be clean” (Lk. 5:13). Out of compassion, He healed him immediately.

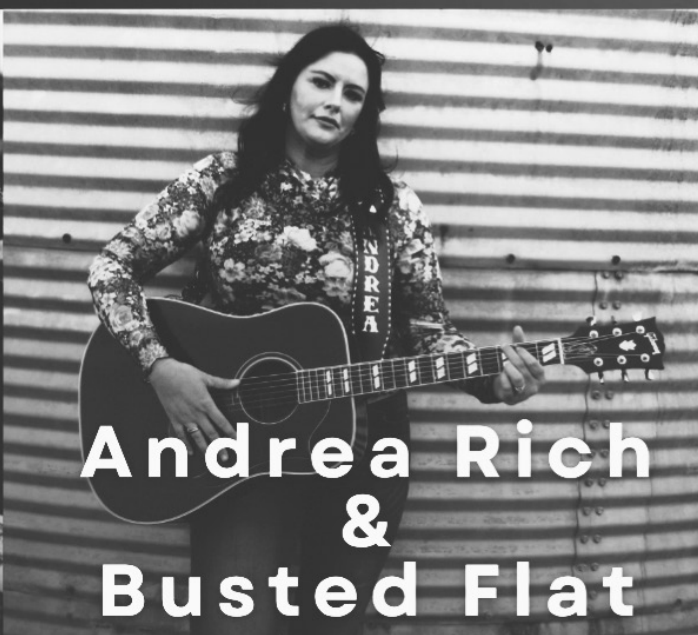
Compassion for others is a sympathetic concern for the sufferings and misfortunes of others. It’s a strong emotion that can move us from apathy to action. Our compassion will increase when we allow God’s love to control our thoughts and actions.

Jesus declared, “I come to seek and to save the lost (Lk. 19:10). Even though He was primarily concerned about people’s spiritual needs, He also saw and met physical needs. Like Jesus, we should strive to meet both physical and spiritual needs. The spiritual disease of sin is terminal. As Christians, we have the cure and we should intentionally share it. As we connect with those needing physical help, let us take the additional step of helping them see their spiritual need and then pointing them to Jesus who will meet their deeper need.

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Free Community Concert

Food trucks will be at the event.

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