

A Mission Statement



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January 1st is one of my favorite days of the year. Like a kid on Christmas Eve, I am giddy with expectation: a new year; a clean slate. New adventures and experiences lie in wait as we step into a new decade!

I'm nothing if not reflective at this time of the year. I'm pondering the last 12 months, analyzing and grading myself while making plans-big and small-for the next 12.

At the beginning of 2019, I was reading something profound that encouraged me to make a mission statement or creed for the year. Being quite obedient, I immediately pulled out a pen and began to write on the back of a bulletin I had

stuck in my Bible. With much thought and prayer I tweaked it until it was just right for me. We all have a purpose, right? We know that God has a plan for us, right? Then realistically, this is a completely practical exercise. What are we working toward besides just a payday? What is our goal when we get up each morning?

These were the words I penned: "To make Jesus known through words-spoken and typed-and love. To encourage others, especially women, to trust Him, study His Word and to live for Him. To follow God's leading-no regrets."

Making a written mission statement has served me well. I have pulled it out and read it

aloud often-for my ears only. It has reminded me to stay on task and to press on. On overwhelming days, it has redirected my focus. On painful mornings, it has helped me keep my eyes on the prize.

I challenge you to get paper and pen, or use the NOTES in your cell phone, and make a mission statement for yourself. Each creed will be different for each person is different. What I write this year will differ from the me of years ago. My age is not the same, so my priorities are not the same, my outlook not the same.

At the beginning of Voices of the Faithful (a year of devotions written by international missionaries), Beth Moore re-

minds us that God is all about new starts, new beginnings. There is a new start every year. There is a new beginning every month: 12. We have a new start every week: 52, and one every day: 366 (2020 is a leap year). Did you ever think of it like that? I hadn't!

Knowing all that, I sit here with blank paper in hand for my mission statement of 2020, excited!

Was it New Year's Day when Paul wrote Philippians 3:13-14? "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Sounds like it to me!

Community News

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336
Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to <News@EstillTribune.Com>

Thursday, January 9th at 5:00pm

Estill Ag. Development Council

The Estill County Agriculture Development Council will meet Thursday, January 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m. at

the Estill County Extension office. Meetings are open to the public. Call 723-4557 for details.

Wednesdays, now at 5:30pm

Beginner Yoga at Marcum-Wallace

Beginner Yoga class at Marcum & Wallace Hospital is held in the Mercy Room each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30

p.m. with instructor Laritza Gomez. The cost is one non-perishable food item for Helping Hands Outreach Ministry.

Thursday, January 9th at 5:30pm

Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna will meet Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 5:30 a.m. at Steam Engine Pizza. New members are welcome.

Kiwanis clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child and one community at a time. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located.

Saturday, January 11th - 8am-1pm

Estill Community Blood Drive

Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) is inviting generous donors to help local patients by giving at the Estill County Community Blood Drive on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of First Christian Church, 270 Main Street in Irvine. As a thank you, donors will receive a fun KBC hoodie to keep them warm this winter.

however, frequently decrease due to school cancellations, weather-related travel issues and cold and flu season.

The need for blood and blood donors doesn't slow down during the winter. Cancer treatments, premature births, car accidents, diseases and surgeries continue. Blood donations,

Blood donors must be at least 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, found at ky-bloodcenter.org.

Walk-ins are welcome. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

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Tuesday, January 14th at 5:30pm

Estill Democrat Woman's Club

Estill County Democrat Woman's Club will meet on Tuesday, January 14th and the second Tuesday of each

month at the Estill County Golf Club from 5:30-7 p.m.

Come, join us. Together we can make a difference.

Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm

Estill DAV Chapter 94 to Meet

DAV Chapter 94 will be meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14th and the second Tuesday of each month at Estill County Senior Citizens Center, off Stacy Lane.

If you are a veteran with 10 percent or more service connection, you are welcome.

Call 1-606-663-2504 for more information.

We are veterans and we would appreciate your attendance. Veterans from surrounding counties are also welcome.

Thursday, January 16th at 3:00pm

Four Seasons Garden Club

"Planting to Feed Animals in Winter" will be the topic of the Four Seasons Garden Club's program on Thursday, January 16. The club will meet at the Estill County Extension Office at 3 p.m.

Eric Baker, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, will present the program which is open to the public and free of charge.

The Four Seasons Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and invites anyone interested to join.

For more information contact Francine Bonny, club president.

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Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30pm

Estill County Lions Club

The Estill County Lions Club will meet Tuesday, January 21st and on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Irvine First Christian Church meeting room on

Main Street at 6:30 p.m. Estill County Lions Club is part of Lions Club International, with 1.35 million members in 205 countries around the world.

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Estill Arts Council to Meet

The monthly meeting of the Estill Arts Council will be held at the Estill County Public Library meeting room at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21st.

We will be reviewing the data from our Yuletide Arts and Crafts Show and planning for Spring events.

All current and prospective members are invited to attend.

For more information contact Amy Hughes at amland44@hotmail.com.

Monday, January 27th - 6:30pm

Democratic Executive Committee

The Estill County Democrat Executive Committee will be meeting Monday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Monday of every

month at the Estill County Public Library, 246 Main Street. For additional information you can email Estillcountydemocrats@gmail.

Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm

Cancer Support Group to Meet

A Cancer Support Group will be meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and the last Tuesday of each month for anyone diagnosed with any type of cancer, caregivers and/or anyone interested in learning more about Cancer

resources in our community. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Estill County Public Library meeting room.

Contact Shaula Collier at shaula.collier@gmail.com or call/text 606-643-7736 for more information.

Sunday, February 2nd at 2:00pm

Amvets Post 67 in Clay City

Amvets Post 67, located at 99 Veterans Lane, Clay City holds its meeting monthly, 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Also, everyone is invited

to Post 67 Clay City for Bingo every Monday. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 606-663-0071.

Friday, February 7th at 9:00am

Retired Co. C Guard Breakfast

Attention: All retired and former National Guard members of Charlie Company 1/149th, there will be a breakfast at Cracker Barrel,

in Richmond, on Friday, Feb. 7th, and on the first Friday of each month at 9 a.m.

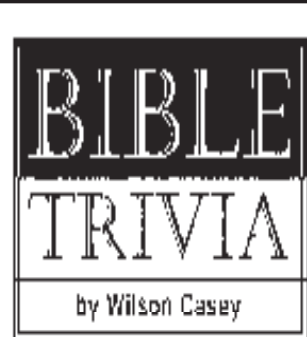
All are invited and welcome. Hope to see you there!

Thursday, February 14th - 10am-1pm

Alzheimers Training Program

A program, "Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers - Early Stage" will take place Thursday, February 14th at the

Madison County Cooperative Extension Office located at 230 Duncannon Lane in Richmond from 10am-1pm.



1. Is the book of Nahum in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Acts 7, who recounts the story of Abraham along with the captivity and freedom of the children of Israel? Paul, Peter, Stephen, Andrew
3. From II Corinthians 3:17, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is ..."? Hope, Liberty, Love, Peace

4. Who went to sleep and fell out the window while Paul preached? Esua, Enid, Eutyclus, Eucyrus

5. In what Macedonian city were Paul and Silas imprisoned? Philippi, Neapolis, Jericho, Jerusalem

6. From Acts 13:6, Barjesus was a ...? Cousin of Jesus, Early priest, Sorcerer, Friend of Mark

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Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in stores and online.

The Father of all Liars

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As we begin this first article for the New Year, let me say, thank you to all our readers. It is with great joy when we hear people say, "I read your column every week." This is our intended purpose in attempting to spread the good news of salvation, hope, and security that our Lord offers to all. So, let me take this opportunity to once again invite many who said they intended to come, to visit with us. But also, many have not kept this promise to themselves. So, why not start this new year off with attending with us, even this next Lord's Day. Let the Lord bless your life; plus, we will be very happy to have you come.

Now, within the title of our article today, we will attempt to explore with the Bible, this terrible characteristic of all men all over the world. The very first example of the results of a lie is found in Genesis 3, where a fallen angel by the name of Lucifer (Satan), being kicked out of Heaven because of pride and rebellion, began his assault upon mankind by convincing Eve to eat of the tree which God had directly specified they should not eat from it. But through his cunning seductful way, he disobeyed and became the first victim of sin. And so, ever since that day, he has and still is seducing the majority of this world to eventually destroy everyone that will listen to him.

In **John 8:44**, Jesus, to the Jews who did not believe that he was the Son of God, said unto them, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

This is a very sad and also a very alarming statement, because it was said to those that claim to be the children of God. So, the Lord saw right through their hypocrisy. Then, also in **Verse 47**, our Lord said unto them, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

Did you ever realize that the all of mankind is in one of the two categories among men. One, you may be in the number of those who really believe and obey the truths of Christ, or you may be one who has never took the time to consider your outcome at the end if you are not one who is an obedient believer. But, you are in one of the two categories.

Again, you may be one in many who have considered the outcome and have given much thought to take your stand for the Lord and his church; you aim to do it, you know you need to do it, but Satan, who never sleeps, will try to convince you not to do it today. Maybe, being middle-age, you may be thinking, well, I have plenty of years left to get right with the Lord. So, I will procrastinate a while longer. How sad! The cemetery is filled with many who made this same choice, made by listening to the father of all liars until death came suddenly and unexpectedly and the time we thought we had left was not to happen. Paul said to the church at Corinth in **2 Corinthians 2:11**, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." So, do not let Satan abuse and use you to do his will for he offers you nothing but death and destruction. Read Revelations 20:10 and also 19:20.

The Apostle Paul wrote in **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. ¹¹Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

This is why we preach, to persuade folks not to lose their lives by putting off what you really know you need to do. **1 Timothy 4:16** says, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

We await and welcome your visit with us, Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local