

# OBITUARIES

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Friday, November 27, 2020

## Teresa Sparks, 59

Teresa Sparks, age 59, of Irvine, Kentucky, wife of David Sparks passed away Friday, November 27, 2020.

She was born May 12, 1961 in Hazard, Kentucky, to Custer and Glenda Walker. She was a housewife.

Mrs. Sparks is survived by her husband, David Sparks of Irvine; a daughter, Anna Combs of Berea; two grandchildren, Brady and Bryson Peters; one brother, Clayton Walker; and a sister, Tammi Fields.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Custer and Glenda Walker; and two sisters, Deborah and Cleo Walker.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon, Wednes-



Teresa Sparks

day, December 2, 2020 at the Grayson Funeral Home Chapel in Irvine. Friends may visit Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. 'till time of the service.

<GraysonFuneral.net>

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## Laverne Tharpe, 89

Laverne Tharpe, age 89, widow of Eugene Tharpe, of Stanton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, November 27, 2020 at Baptist Health Lexington.

Born in Irvine, Kentucky on May 8, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Jessie Mountz McKinney and the late Eunice Wells McKinney. She was former head cook at Powell County Middle School and attended Vaughns Mill First Church of God and Hatton Creek Community Church.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was also preceded in death by her daughter, MaDonna Rose Tharpe Bowen; three brothers: David Anderson McKinney, Ferrell Ray McKinney and Kendall McKinney; and five sisters: Mildred Estes, Thelma Bishop, Wilma Bishop, Irene Olinger and Beulah Ann McKinney.

Laverne is survived by her daughter, Brenda Smith (Bill); her grandson, Steven L. Bowen, II (Stephanie); her great grandchild, Kedir Bowen; and four sisters: Eldoria "Dody" Johnson, Kathlene Rogers (Jearl), Janet Flippo, and Berniece



Laverne Tharpe

Wills.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. John Combs will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Hearne Funeral Home, Inc., 125 West College Avenue, Stanton. Visitation began at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 1st at the funeral home. Burial will be in Tharpe Cemetery with Steven Bowen, II, Steven Bowen, Kedir Bowen, J. L. Bowen and Bradley Derickson serving as active pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers are David Thorpe, Dan Thorpe, Elish Bishop, Cash Bishop, Tom Tharp, Ronnie Tharp and Larry Taulbee.

<HearneFuneralHome.com>

Thursday, November 26, 2020

## James Michael Yarber Sr., 69

James Michael Yarber Sr., age 69, passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at his residence in Irvine, Kentucky, after a short illness.

He was born April 4, 1951 in Oneida, Clay County, Kentucky. He was an employee of Aramark Landscaping.

Mr. Yarber is survived by his wife, Victoria Yarber; two sons: Earl Yarber and James Yarber Jr.; two daughters: Jamie Himes and Marsha Sparks; four brothers: Donnie Yarber, David Yarber, Shelby Yarber and

Lester Yarber; four sisters: Faye Rogers, Mary Callahan, Khristine Pittman and Wanda Richmond; 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Graveside services officiated by Bro. Mike Creech were held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, November 29, 2020 at Yarber Cemetery in Owsley County.

Pallbearers were James Yarber Jr., Lee Shaw, Jacob Buck, Earl Yarber, Travis McKee and Trevor McKee. Arrangements by Lewis-Abner Home For Funerals.

<LewisFH.com>

# News Update concerning the activities at the Church of Christ at West Irvine

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher  
**Cornerstone Church of Christ**  
 70 Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine

This has been for all, a year of great difficulty in regards to actions of life, both physically and spiritually. Many are at the present suffering from the effects of the Corona virus that has permeated our nation. When will it be contained? Only the Lord knows. Some have asked me, 'Do you suppose the Lord is using this to bring some back to their senses?' All I know is this, 'Our Lord did not cause this pandemic; man did!' But, even at that, it can be a useful thing in reminding people that we are living in perilous times that Paul says would be upon the earth during the last days, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."<sup>2</sup> Timothy 3:1 Just read it and see what it says!

And so, such is the case with the congregation here at Bond Street. During the month of May this year, we had to cease worship because of the mandate of the Governor. Then also, at the same time, this preacher was subjected to Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; a disease of cancer to one's glands, which just a few years ago was fatal to all who acquired it. But thanks be to God and the doctors, scientists, etc., all who put together poisons to kill poisons, were successful in curing this deadly disease. I have been reluctant to talk about it publicly, lest I cause anyone have too much sympathy for me. Still, at the present, I am going to have some radiation treatments to ensure that it has not spread to elsewhere in my body.

Thank the Lord that I have been able to continue the writing of this article each week and plan to continue to do so as long as the Lord permits. Again, we are back to holding a worship service once a week at 10:45 on the Lord's Day morning. We abide by the law by wearing masks and have room to practice the social distance required by law. So, if your church is not having a meeting, you are welcome to visit with

us each Lord's day, at present.

Now, to another question. Some have asked 'why did we change the name on the building?' To answer, first of all, our sign has read for the past three years, "The Cornerstone Church of Christ at West Irvine." So, there has been no change in the fact that we still claim to be members of the church that one can read about in the Bible. A short reading of **Matthew 16:13-19**, "upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," and **Romans 16:16** will reveal that this name is correct. "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you."

Then, to add **Ephesians 5:23-32**. It says in **Verse 23** that "Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." **Verse 25** also says that "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." Then **Verse 32** adds, "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.."

So then, why did we add the title, "Cornerstone?" Simply because of what the scriptures also teach in **Ephesians 2:19-22**, Here, ye are called "no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; <sup>20</sup>And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," **Verses 19 & 20** Isaiah 25:16-17 spoke of this in his day and it was fulfilled in Christ. Then in **1 Peter 2:4-10**, here Peter says the church is "chosen of God, and precious." He called it a "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people;" Yes, "the people of God."

So then, our sign reveals what we are and who we follow and also where we are meeting at. I hope this will be helpful to all who may be wondering about it. I hope you will visit with us soon.

Call anytime, 1-859-369-4156.

Sincerely, Bob Casey

# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament and is divided into how many verses? 21, 64, 101, 164
3. Who climbed the Mount of Olives (Mount Olivet) while barefoot and weeping? Moses, David, Abraham, Noah
4. Which New Testa-

ment chapter is known to many as the "Love Chapter"?

1 John 4, Jude 1, James 5, 1 Corinthians 13

5. From 1 Samuel 25:3, what's the name of Abigail's first husband? Aaron, Solomon, Ethan, Nabal

6. What are the two gospels that feature the Lord's Prayer? Matthew/Mark, Luke/John, Matthew/Luke, Mark/John

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"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

# seeds of Hope



A soldier in a combat zone learned that his wife was desperately ill and not expected to live. He applied for an "emergency leave" but was denied. After a sleepless night he decided that he would desert his post and fellow soldiers and go to her bedside. As he was leaving his barracks, he was apprehended and placed in the stockade.

A few weeks later he was ordered to stand trial. After the evidence was presented to the judge and jury, he was found guilty and condemned to death for leaving his post.

"I understand, Sir," he said to the judge "that I left my post and deserted my colors. I deserve the verdict of the court."

Asked the judge, "Do

you have anything more to say?"

"No, your honor," came the reply.

"Well, I do," said the judge. "There is something more to say." And he read the soldier a pardon.

Standing tall and filled with gratitude, he began to weep violently for the mercy the court offered him. In humility he offered his gratitude, and saluted the judge. He was then restored to duty and returned to combat.

Our God is a holy God and cannot look at our sins. And because we have sinned, we deserve to be punished. But because of His great love He offers us a pardon through the death of His Son. It was His Son, who on our behalf, accepted our punishment, rescued us and set us free from the penalty of death. The moment we accept His mercy we are set free from our punishment.

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# Stickeler's Puzzle



Words that have two meanings that are opposite are called "autoantonyms." Examples are continue, cleave, buckle, dust, fast and fix.

How many more words can you find that qualify as autoantonyms?

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# SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Brawl  
 TABLET

Mode  
 HOTMED

Potent  
 TURBOS

Create  
 SIGNED

TODAY'S WORD

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

2 Peter 3:9

The **Lord** is **not** slow in **keeping** his **promise**, as **some** **understand** **slowness**. **Instead** he is **patient** **with** **you**, **not** **wanting** **anyone** to **perish**, but **everyone** to **come** to **repentance**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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"Hard work never hurt anyone, especially our \_\_\_\_\_!"