

OBITUARIES

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Monday, December 14, 2020

Billy Don Stamper, 80

Billy Don Stamper, age 80, of Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Monday, December 14, 2020 at his residence.

Born March 19, 1940 in Estill County, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Alex and Haynes Miller Stamper. Billy was a fiddle maker; he loved Bluegrass music and playing with his buddies. He was also famous for "Billy's Waltz" that he had published. Even though he loved Bluegrass music he loved his wife and her cooking more.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Stamper.

Billy is survived by sons, John Stamper (Patsy) and

Billy D. Stamper Jr. (Carnie), all of Estill County; one daughter, Delores Pearson of Estill County; one sister, Margarette Dunn (Billy) of Estill County; and two grandchildren, Alex Lynn Stamper and September Dawn Stamper.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Larry Neal were held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at Lewis-Abner Funeral Home. Public visitations began at 11:00 a.m., Friday, at the funeral home until time of service. Burial was in the Campbell Cemetery with Sam Miller, Aubrey Miller, Jimmy Miller and Jason Dunn serving as active pallbearers.

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by Dawn Reed
Eastern Ky. Columnist

Mary didn't plan on changing the world that day. But God had other plans. He sent a shocking, larger than life messenger with good news (Luke 1). The virgin the prophets had spoken of was HER! God wanted to use her in a great way . . . if she was willing.

It wouldn't be easy. People would talk. Folks would think she was immoral or crazy. She might not have support from her family. But, placed in the Master's Hands, her life would make a difference.

Mary had a choice to be used by God. She was young and poor, probably not an obvious candidate to those around her, yet she chose to believe the unfathomable words of the angel Gabriel. At that moment, she surrendered her whole self to be used in

Surrendering to God

God's plan for the salvation of the world.

Her five word response tells us what she was made of, even at her young age: "I am the Lord's servant." Whew! Lord, help me be more like Mary!

Two important notes to remember from Gabe: (1) Do not be afraid; and (2) Nothing is impossible with God.

Joseph had a choice to be a key player in the birth of the Savior. At first, he was troubled about the news Mary shared. Too much to grasp or believe, he was determined to divorce her privately. Before that could come about, an angel spoke to him in a dream telling him that everything was just as Mary had said (Matthew 1). Though he didn't have all the answers and had no clue what lay ahead, Joseph chose to believe the words of the angel. He trusted that God was at work and surrendered to His will.

God's plan often differs from our own. Difficulties may come, but He will direct our paths (Proverbs 3:6) and give us courage and strength along the way (Joshua 1:9)!

The Christmas story holds wonderful examples of surrendering to God-

• Mary surrendered her heart

and life.

• Joseph surrendered his future. It wasn't what he had dreamed of at all!

• The shepherds surrendered their time. Leaving work, they took their personal time to look for the newborn King. Do we give of our free time to seek Him out?

• The wise men surrendered their gifts-gold, frankincense and myrrh-to be used as needed. What gifts has God given us? Are we using them for His glory?

• Jesus surrendered His seat in heaven to become a baby. The He surrendered Himself to be crucified, becoming the sacrifice for our sin.

If we surrender our lives to God, if we truly let go, He can use us as instruments in His Hands. What would that look like? Where would that take us?

As we approach a new year, let's purpose in our hearts to be fully surrendered to God's will and perfect plan. The year 2020 has stripped away everything we have known as normal. What do we have to lose?

Lord, help me to daily surrender my life to Your plan! No matter what the day or the future holds, use me as an instrument in Your Hands!

Saturday, December 12, 2020

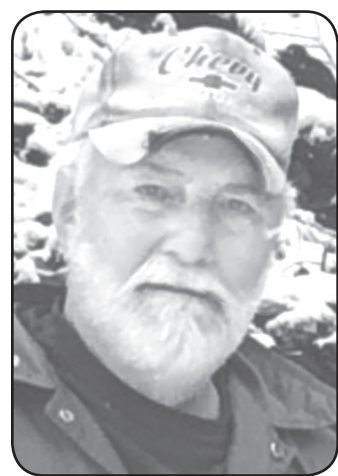
John Russell Turpin, 75

John Russell "Johnny" Turpin, 75, of Waco, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, December 12, 2020 at his home.

Mr. Turpin, the son of Charles and Nora Hatton Turpin, was born in Madison County on October 12, 1945. He was a farmer and enjoyed street rods and car shows. He had been attending the House of Prayer in Irvine.

On June 8, 1963, Mr. Turpin united in marriage to Brenda Evans Turpin who survives. They recently celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Johnny is also survived by two sons: Bobby Turpin (Brenda) of Waco and John Brent Turpin of Irvine; his daughter, Roxanne Abner (Jeff) of Jackson County; three brothers: Eugene Turpin (Charlotte), James Turpin (Betty) and Forest Turpin; one sister, Katherine Kaylor; three grandchildren: Emma Carson Turpin, Summer Abner, Josh Abner; five great grandchildren: Andrew Marcum, Brennon Willis, Clayton Combs, Lakenzie Noe and Ava Jane Noe; and



Johnny Turpin

several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Turpin was also preceded in death by two brothers, Henry Turpin and Charles Turpin; and two sisters, Christine Gentry and Eva Schoenrock.

The family has chosen private services with burial in the Flatwoods Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Terry Portwood, Ray Dixon, Roy Webb, Josh Abner, Anthony Combs and Jimmy Webb.

The Combs, Parson & Collins Funeral Home of Richmond was in charge of the arrangements.

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Seeds of Hope

"On the first day of each month I carefully walk through every room in my home to make certain that there is nothing that would embarrass Jesus if He were to visit our family," said my friend. "If there is anything anywhere that is not appropriate for His eyes, it certainly is wrong for me to gaze upon it. If there are magazines or books or newspapers that have vile or unclean photos or stories I throw them away immediately. And because of the influence of television - even the news or children's stories or cartoons, we got rid of our television. And many would think we were wise. But when I talk to "them" about Jesus, many of them think I'm weird even without having that 'stuff' corrupt my mind and the minds of my children."

His statements brought back childhood memories of my home in Lorain, Ohio. His attitude was the same as my mother's. I can hear an echo of her voice today: "We're not going to allow Satan to live in this house," she said often. In every room there was an open Bible - readily visible for anyone to see. The walls had pictures of Bible stories and scenes of the way people lived in the days of Jesus. Wherever guests looked, they were reminded of something that had to do with the story of salvation. Of course, we also had family photos. But they were pictures of activities that were related to church events or pictures of us "kids" standing next to missionaries or evangelists.

"Home is where the heart is," someone once said. And if the "heart" belongs to Jesus He will be very visible.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Colossians 3:16

Let the **message** of **Christ dwell** among you **richly** as you **teach** and **admonish** one **another** with all **wisdom** through **psalms**, **hymns**, and **songs** from the **Spirit**, **singing** to **God** with **gratitude** in your **hearts**.

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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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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation

2. From Luke 2:34, who prophesied to Mary that this Christ child is set for the fall and rising again of many? Melchior, Simeon, Cyrenius, Felix

3. What bright phenomenon led the wise men (Magi) to the young Jesus and

Savior? Whirlwind, Star, Rainbow, Rainfall of sparkling gold

4. Where was the young child when the Magi came to visit Him to present gifts? Manger, Under the stars, House, Temple

5. By what method did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? New star, Angel appearance, Walking stranger, Donkey speaking

6. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7

Answers on bottom of Page 8

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

Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic].
by Terry Stickels

In a certain box of candy, the number of caramels is 25 percent of the number of other candies in the box.

What percentage of the entire box is the caramels?

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

- LUKE 1:35

"Angel" by Thomas Derrick (1930)

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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!

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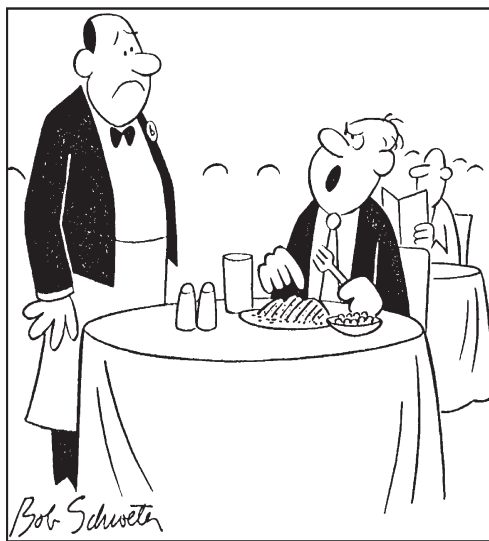
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"About this dish called "Chef's Delight" ... is there anything on the menu called " _____ ' Delight'?"