

## Just Cheer



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Lexi\* stood at the door. Clearly, she had somewhere else to be. Hair pulled back tightly in a bun, cheerleading uniform crisp, hands on hips

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I passed Lexi in the doorway and was impressed by her appearance. Also, the look on her face showed she meant business and was ready to get to whatever game she was headed to. "You look fabulous," I gushed. She thanked me, still tapping her foot.

There was something I needed to know from this eight-year-old. "Lexi, what do you do when you have to go out and cheer, and you just don't feel like it?" It was a fair question. Lots of things can fight against being upbeat and perky. Sometimes the team

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She pondered my question for a serious minute, then spoke words I hope I won't ever forget. With hands still on hips, she proclaimed dramatically, "You just go out there and cheer!"

Preach it, little sister! We need more cheerleaders these days, don't you think? Cheerleaders encourage you to keep going. They push you to press on when you feel like giv-

ing up. They remind you that someone is in your corner! Even when they're tired, distracted or their hair is pulled too tight!

As followers of Christ, we are also called to be cheerleaders, OK-encouragers. First Thessalonians 5:11 spells it out: "Encourage one another and build each other up..."

Numerous times in the book of Acts, we read that Barnabas was a great cheerleader. (His nickname was "son of encouragement.") He had a knack for stepping in and lifting people's spirits when they needed it most. I want to be like that!

My mom was an awesome cheerleader, too. While she didn't wield pom poms, she

held in her hands a cell phone and a laptop, using social media in the very best way. Just hours before she went to heaven, she was on Facebook offering encouragement and prayers for her FB friends.

Life can be hard. REALLY hard. It seems that the year 2020 is trying to do us in! Many around us are feeling pressure and despair. God can use us to cheer them on—not with just our words, but with HIS Word! Is there someone around you who needs your encouragement? I bet there is!

Even if you're not feeling peppy, you can do it! Listen to Lexi, and "just go out there and cheer!"

\*Name used with permission

## OBITUARIES Continued on Page 7

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

### Doris Irene Rose, 68

Doris Irene York Rose, age 68, passed away Tuesday June 2, 2020 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, Kentucky.

She was born September 29, 1951 in Richmond, Indiana to the late Christopher Columbus and Edna Cathleen Wicker York. Doris loved being outside, raising a garden, fishing, walking, Bear Bear, her dog, playing Rook, and enjoyed being around people. She loved her grandchildren and spending time with family. Doris was of the Baptist faith.

Other than her parents Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Don Rose; five brothers, Larry York, John York, Donald York, Ronald York, Mike York; and three sisters, Joyce Robbins, Becky Cope, and Penny Lee York.

Doris is survived by her children: Roger Rose (Karen), Kevin Rose (Donna), both of Berea; Peggy Rose Stout (Clyde) of Somerset, and Chris Rose of Irvine; one brother, Carl "Peanut" York of Lancaster; one sister, Mary Miller of Irvine; four grandchildren, Roger Rose II, Lainie Galloway, Felicia Glover, and Alexis Daniels; two great



Doris Rose

grandchildren, Brylee Anglin and Molly Glover; and special friend, Ronnie Bingham.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m., Saturday June 6, 2020 at Davis and Powell Funeral Home, 616 Chestnut Street, Berea, with Rev. Mark Sarver officiating. There was also a live stream of the service on the webpage [www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com). Burial followed at her home place in Irvine, 649 Rosemont Road. Visitation was 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2020 at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Roger Rose II, Michael Rothermel, Rick Sumpter, Jeff Jenkins, Peanut York, and Todd Jenkins. <[DavisandPowellFuneralHome.com](http://DavisandPowellFuneralHome.com)>

Thursday, June 4, 2020

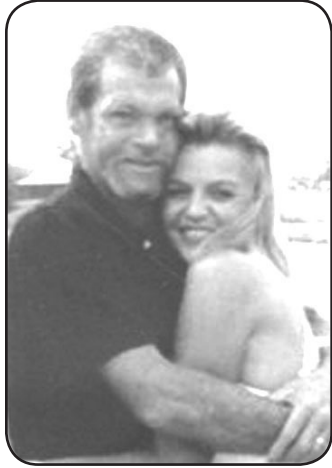
### Alisya Jolene Shouse, 39

Alisya Jolene Shouse, age 39, wife of Tim Shouse, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

She was born August 19, 1980, in Madison County to James Wayne Coffey and Donna Scenters Baker. She was a homemaker and loving mother.

Alisya is also survived by her children: Amber Locker and stepson Timothy Joseph Shouse; her brother, Timothy Wayne Coffey (Rebecca) and Daniel and Ashley Baker; her sister, Marilyn Baker; and her grandchildren: Gene Shouse, Tyler Shouse, and Leo Shouse.

Her wishes were to be cremated and there are no services



Alisya Shouse

scheduled at this time. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Berea handled arrangements.

<[LakesFuneralHome.com](http://LakesFuneralHome.com)>

Sunday, May 17, 2020

### Cebert Wiseman, 80

Cebert Wiseman, age 80, of Winchester Road, Irvine, Kentucky, husband of Lucille Wiseman for 60 years, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Baptist Health Lexington.

He was a native of Estill County born July 20, 1939, the son of the late Vernon Wiseman and Mary Alice Walling Wiseman. Cebert was a retired construction worker. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors besides his wife, Lucille, include one son, one daughter; three grandsons, two granddaughters, two great grandsons, two great



Cebert Wiseman

granddaughters, two great grandsons; one brother; and many friends.

Placed by family.

## Awake to Righteousness and Sin Not!

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In 1 Corinthians 15:34, it is written, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."

It seems to me as I have general conversations with others, that the minds of many are beginning to refocus upon the most important things in life. So, maybe the Corona virus has awakened the sleeping consciences of many. If this be the case, then this virus is not all bad.

Just within the past days, someone has undertaken to impose some thought-provoking subjects to consider. Now, if I clearly remember, the announcement went something like this: "Where did we come from?" "Who am I?" "What is my purpose for being here?" and "Is this life all there is?"

When I saw this, I said to my wife, "This is a message that God wants all to consider; and plus, it is a solid context for a great Gospel sermon." So, let us consider these questions for a few minutes.

### Where did we come from?

When we hear from any of the supposed greatest mind sets in our day, we may hear that we at one time lived in another space of time until it all blew up with a big bang, scattering the remnants to this world where within millions of years we became what we are today. Then a more recent genius said by biological increments we evolved from stagnant water or pond scum.

Now Folks, I am a simple man with an average ability of mind, but to even consider just these two suggestions is very close to being a mad scientist. A person who may hold within himself this type of notion is completely void in the thoughts concerning, "What does God say?" So, if this is higher education, then, please leave me out.

So, the answer is very clearly seen within the Book of Genesis, the Almighty God with all power and might, brought this world as we know it into existence in five days. But, upon the sixth day he put man, formed from dirt, infused him with the breath of life, and put him in charge over the whole thing and to bring it under subjection. Genesis 1:1-25 and then verses 26-31 reveal these plain truths. Now, the problem arose in the minds of many when they failed to heed the messages. So, because of unbelief, men are finding themselves in a quandary, still trying to figure out, "where did we come from?"

Now, to the second question, "Who am I?" This could also be said considering, "What am I?" However you would want to approach it. Sadly, the most of this world does not accept "Who or What am I?"

First of all, we are greater in Creation than the rest of this world., created in the image (picture of God) and likeness of God. So, please don't try to hang a monkey's tail on me, saying that my ancestors used to live in a tree. Genesis 2:7 gives all the world this same information. God gave unto man something that the animal kingdom does not have. First, God breathed into man, only one time, the breath of life.

In doing so, many became a living soul that will never die. And, to the female readers, you are the product of the only man to give birth, for out of Adam's flesh did you receive life and breath. Genesis 2:21-25 is the proof. A reading of Acts 17:25-31 reveals that we are the offspring of God. This being so, then God is our only father; not some foreign thing in someone's imagination.

Then, to the third question, "What am I here for?" Part of this answer can be found in Hebrews 2:6-8. It asked, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?" This message adds "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour," and is in charge of all things pertaining to God. So, by some of these things, we see that man is given instructions related to our subjection to him. So, man's purpose is 'to glorifying God while in this fleshly body; plus making ourselves available to carry out his commands.' Romans 15:16 says that we should "with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." And to add, 1 Corinthians 6:20 says that while living in this body of flesh we should "glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." We do this by obeying his commands in salvation and godly living until we pass away in earthly death.

Now, to the last question, "Is this all there is to life?" Are we among many who believe that we are liken unto the proverbial dog, Rover; 'when we are dead, we are dead all over!' So, does something else await every soul that liveth beyond the grave?

Paul assures us in 1 Corinthians 15:22, "for as in Adam all die." Now, most all of mankind understands this, but Paul also said, "even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Then, he goes on to reveal the process. Hebrews 9:27 says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." 2 Corinthians 5:10 declares "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" to give an accounting to all our deeds done while living in this body.

While there is much more proof to substantiate our statement, this should be enough to awaken your conscience to at least consider, "Is this all there is?" So, to all our readers, when we read about the events that will surely take place when Jesus returns, we can see for the true and faithful believers there will be an awesome revealing of his majesty, his glory; and we will also quake before him. But, there is one thing that the true believers will have and this is a hope of acceptance before him.

But, sadly, all without hope will be filled with fear for then they will know that all the time and energy placed upon the attempted achievements of this world, having left God out of your plans, will be to avail! My plea shall remain, do not do it. Acknowledge, obey and be faithful unto death so you won't be among the great crowd that will moan, scream, beg, plea; but it will be too late. Use your life to its purpose to hear the Lord and keep his commandments, for this is the plan God has given to us.

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Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who honored a man by letting him ride the royal steed through city streets? Silas, Hosea, Ahasuerus, Asa
3. From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers?

Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam

4. Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter for a gift? Cana, Gezer, Joppa, Bethel

5. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain

6. Where did Gideon meet an angel? Prison, Field, Oak tree, Well

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



"Remember the good ol' days when we dreamed of owning all the things we're now making payments on?"