

# Focusing on the Box



by Dawn Reed  
E. Ky. Columnist

Elizabeth\* skipped into our office for her orthodontic appointment a little more bubbly than usual. Her

smile was bigger than usual and her eyes were a little brighter than usual, too. Elizabeth has been one of my favorite patients since she was four and smashed her mouth on her scooter. She is almost 13 now.

As she brushed her teeth, she exclaimed through the bubbles, "Dance starts today!" That was the reason for her excitement!

Due to Corona, it has been a season of drought for dancers. Along with everything else, classes were cancelled for hip hoppers, ballerinas and tap dancers. Cold turkey. And it hurt. Very likely they have all carried on at home-I mean who can stop a dancer?! Yet, they have not been allowed to dance TOGETHERRRR. Until today!

I had questions. Did they have to wear masks? Did they have to stay six feet apart? Yes on both. Elizabeth told me matter-of-factly that the instructor had taped off boxes on the floor-six feet apart-for them to dance in. Everyone had their own square where their

dance bag would be waiting. The more she talked, the more enthusiastic she became. She had missed this for OVER THREE MONTHS!

After her visit, we walked outside to give her mom an update on her teeth then chatted about dance resuming. I asked about the box and she laughed. "It's about four feet wide or maybe six."

"Ohhhh," I said. That made a big difference.

When I had tried to picture the dance box, it was tiny. In my mind, my feet were together and I only moved my arms. In real life, it was much bigger allowing more movement. I was focusing on the box, not the dancing.

Unfortunately in my lifetime, I have focused too much on "the box". When my heart has wanted to soar, my feet were often concreted in my comfort zone, where I felt safe. The fear of failure limited my moves, keeping me from stepping out of the box into new territory.

The Bible is full of out-of-the-box stories I can learn from. Fishermen (Peter, Andrew, James, and John) got out of the boat and became fishers of men. Matthew/Levi left a lucrative but unfulfilling life as a tax collector and joined them. Moses went from prince to fugitive to shepherd to leader of the Israelites. David moved from being a shepherd to being a king. Rahab courageously escaped a life of prostitution beginning a new life with new people, ultimately becoming the great-great-grandmother of a king. Shew and Ptl!

Isaiah 43:18-19 encourages me to stretch my boundaries: "But the Lord says, 'Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do...'"

With God's help, I can step outside the box and be used in sometimes unexpected ways!

Now that I think of it, David was a big time dancer, too (2 Samuel 6:14)!

\*name changed

# OBITUARIES

Printed free as a public service. Contact the funeral home to have an obituary included. Photos included at no charge. Local obituary Lines -- Lewis (723-8558) & Toler (723-4242) Contact the Estill County Tribune at (606) 723-5012 to have any out-of-county obituaries placed in this newspaper.

Obituaries Continued from Page 6

Thursday, June 25, 2020

## Howard "Doug" Isaacs, 75



Howard "Doug" Isaacs, 75, widower of Peggy Cetrain Downey Isaacs, passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at his son Levi's home, in Winchester, Kentucky.

He was born in Irvine, Kentucky, on March 14, 1945, to the late Delbert and Anna Coyle Isaacs. In Mr. Isaacs' earlier years he served in the United States military. From there he became the founder of Isaacs Roofing and Sheet Metal. For years, his sons Delbert and Levi worked alongside him until he retired, passing his legacy on to them. Mr. Isaacs was a Jehovah's Witness and spent many years teaching others about the Bible.

Survivors include three children, Danisha Isaacs, Levi Isaacs (Emmy), and Ciara Hagedorn (Brad); eight grandchildren, Kaycee, Colin, Terra, Brylee, Cole, Jake, Dylan, and Oliver; two great grandchildren, Marlee and Raylan; three sisters, Lucille Rice, Sue Dickerson, and Charlene Douglas; several



Howard Isaacs

extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Delbert Isaacs.

The family will have the Zoom memorial service on Saturday, July 4th, at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to receive a link to attend the memorial service, please call 859-229-7385.

Scobee Funeral Home of Winchester is in charge of arrangements.

<ScobeeFuneralHome.com>

Visit Our Website At <EstillTribune.Com>

### seeds of Hope



Martin Luther, who is recognized for his work in reforming the church, had one deep desire that drove him every day of his life: he wanted everyone to have a copy of the Bible and a song book in their own language. He had an unswerving belief that people needed God to speak to them directly through His Word and the songs they sang during times of worship at home. This was not a new idea, but one that had its beginnings in the earliest worship of the Lord.

Music and God's Word have always been a very important ingredient in worship. When there is joy in the hearts of the faithful, praising God is a natural part of life and is always evident in times

of worship. With shame and sorrow the captives of Babylon admitted this in Psalm 137:4. As their captors ridiculed them for it they said, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?" Sin separated them from God and they lost the joy of their salvation. It will do the same to us.

In the Old Testament we find many occasions of God's children coming together to sing and shout and praise the Lord. In Psalm 95:1 the "worship leader" looked at the crowd before him and said let's "sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." That invitation remains open to us today.

When we pause and ponder the grace of God in saving us and becoming our "Rock" - our only source of safety and security in times of trial and temptation, defeat and despair - it's time to lift our voices in worship.

Sower Ministries.org  
244

## Within the Belly of the Earth

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

As a young man, I had the opportunity to sleep in a cave one time. Now generally, I never cared very much about entering a cave because of all the hanging rock and even seeing places where some rocks had fallen before.

So, sleeping in the cave became a necessity because a very high storm was fastly approaching and this seemed to be the only remedy to escape it. And so, we took our sleeping gear and food supply and even the logs burning in the camp fire.

And then, the storm struck, and to my total surprise, not a drop of rain fell nor did the strong winds blow. Even the lightning was powerless against the interior of that cave. Our campfire burned gently all night long, and to my surprise, even the dirt floor was soft as goose down. Well frankly, I never had a better night's sleep than that.

I have thought a lot about that night while sleeping in the belly of the earth; so much so that we used it again a few times. Then, it began to dawn upon me that there must be a powerful message from the Bible here. Then, I remembered how David and his men used caves in fleeing from King Saul and also how that our Lord Jesus himself was down in a cave used as a manger.

Then, my mind led me to think about another time when we will all enter the belly of the earth. This will be, of course, when we die and are buried in the earth. But, just as we die, we only bury the old body of flesh; but the spirit man will live on somewhere else. So, no one ever dies completely.

Just as I was comforted within the cave, we can also be assured that God has a place prepared for all his righteous when they part from this world. It is called Paradise, a beautiful, forested garden. This is the place where Jesus and the repentant thief went to when they died. It is also called death. But Jesus did not go to Heaven immediately after his death, for he allowed not many to touch him, saying, "I am not yet ascended to my Father." (John 20:17)

Then, we read in Luke 16 about two men who died and entered unto the belly of this earth, but where did they go? Lazarus entered into Paradise, of Abraham's bosom, where he was enjoying comfort. But, on the other hand, the rich man found himself in torment of fire. He could even see Lazarus, but alas! There was a great chasm between them which no man could cross over to the other side. Why, he even remembered his five brothers who were still alive on earth and desired Abraham to send Lazarus back to testify unto them. But, even at this, his torment was so great he desired just a drop of water from Lazarus' finger, but, none was forthcoming. No! Never a drop! So, what is the point here? We need to make our calling and election sure, because we are all headed for the belly of the earth, but what compartment you will live in depends upon the kind of life you will have lived here. Then, one day, according to Revelation 20:11-15, Jesus will return to judge us all. And before he does, he will resurrect the dead from Paradise first. Then, he will raise the souls in Hades or torment, along with those in the sea, and we will all give an accounting before the Judgment Seat of Jesus. Why? Because 2 Corinthians 5:10-11 says so. Where will you go when you enter into the bellies of the earth?

Call or visit us soon!  
Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Paul, Peter, John  
4. Which of these cities was destroyed by fire and brimstone? Jericho, Haran, Paphos, Sodom  
5. What charioteer rode to Jezreel to find King Joram? Jehu, Omri, Naboth, Jethro

6. Where did Hagar meet an angel? Prison, River, Wilderness spring, Temple door

Answers on bottom of Page 12

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

1. Is the book of Exodus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Esther 7, who met his death on gallows that he built for another man? Herod, Haman, Jehu, Ezekiel
3. In Matthew 14, who tried to walk on water but began to sink? Thomas,

## Cob Hill Cemetery



### Flower Removal

Please remove all flowers except those on headstones and on shepherd's hooks from the ground at Cob Hill Cemetery before mid-July so that mowing may resume.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

2 KINGS 20:9

Isaiah answered, "This is the LORD's sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?"

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

H A I A S I F R S T  
A T Z C R N O S E B  
A H L W A G R N L D  
G A L H Z I W L A R  
T T F A E S A M E O  
S P E T S H R P H L  
H Y T R S S D A V I  
D E S I M O R P B Z  
O W Z O S F S I H T  
W O D A H S K C A B

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

WWW.SEARCHING-FOR-JESUS.COM

© 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

Jimmie L. Johnson, DMD, PSC  
Family Dentistry  
87 Wildwood Place (off Court St.)  
Irvine, Kentucky  
(606) 723-3213