

Spring Is My Favorite Season



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Spring is my favorite season. Lush, fresh and fragrant describes the tender, budding green trees. The blooming of forsythia bushes, plum trees and redbuds are definite signs of spring. It's a time of renewal; it's time for Easter.

I was 10 years old and could hardly wait until Easter Sunday. Mom had bought a bolt of buttercup yellow material and white organdy to make my sister and myself matching dresses. All that previous week the Singer treadle sewing machine hummed as Mom frantically measured, cut and sewed our dresses.

I envisioned us parading down the aisle of the little country church in all our finery, something like the triumphant arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. We wore yellow dresses, white gloves, an Easter bonnet (hat), lacy socks and new patent leather shoes. It was a family tradition to wear a new outfit to church for Easter services to celebrate a new beginning.

As Mom and I shopped for accessories, she wasn't sure we could afford to buy an Easter dress and a bonnet too. Strolling down Main Street, Mom and I passed a shop window. I think it was at Central Department Store. There on display was the perfect bonnet. Frills and color made it a fairy tale come true. (I've always loved hats). We purchased the bonnet.

I felt special wearing my new, lacy, white hat with yellow, woven, decorated flowers and sprigs of green leaves on it. It was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. When Mom put it on my head, I felt like a princess. I swirled and reveled in the moment. I kept the hat for years I liked it so much.

After church on Easter Sunday, we headed for our aunt's house to see relatives and have a huge feast with all my cousins, aunts and uncles. After our delicious meal we changed our Easter clothes and the adults hid the Easter eggs in in school-

house yard.

Everyone brought bright colored eggs to hide; we probably had two hundred to hide. The thing was, to find the PRIZE egg. It was gold and contained money.

Once the word was received that all the eggs were hid, we bolted out the front door, down the drive and across the field to the school house yard. You would have thought there was a million dollars hid in the grass. We searched through grass, briars and thickets trying to find the famous prize egg and to collect the most eggs.

It was such a happy time, all my Dad's brothers, and his sister and cousins were all together to fellowship, eat, joke and play games and music. We always had a wonderful time. I miss all of them and those days so much! But, you know we have that blessed hope of being together again someday if we have Jesus.

Christ's resurrection on Easter gives us hope of eternal life. Because of his death on the cross and his resurrection we can be with him in heaven someday if we accept him as our personal Savior, confess our sins and believe in him, we can live forever with him when we die. This week is holy week with Good Friday and Easter is next Sunday the 27th. What a better way to celebrate Easter than to attend church and rejoice in the salvation Christ has given us.

I invite everyone to attend an Easter Sunday Celebration at Calvary Baptist Church, 21 Glory Street, West Irvine, KY. 40336 (606) 723-2416. <cbcirvine.com>

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGGstravaganza

Saturday March 26, at 4 p.m. Join us as we hunt for over 1,000 eggs that are filled with all sorts of goodies!

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast at 7:15
Sunday School at 10:00
Worship Service at 11:00

Sometimes the simple stories are the best. Like the Easter story: Jesus was an innocent man, wrongfully accused. He died on the cross and rose again. But why? Actually, it was for you. This Easter, come explore the Easter story in a new way at Calvary Baptist. It's really an amazing story with a huge impact, we hope you will join us!

"Jesus said unto her (Martha), I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." -- John 11:25 KJV

among the dead? Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful man and be crucified and on the third day rise again.' Come now and see that place where He lay. (Then they remembered His words.)"

"Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead, and lo, He goes before you into Galilee. There, you will see Him as He told you."

Some went away with fear and trembling and said nothing because they were afraid. Others went away quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.

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Some things I know for Sure

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher
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There are many things in our world that are not for certain, but the believer of the Bible is infused with some knowledge that will enable him to discern what is for certain and some things that are not for certain. As a believer in God and Christ we have this book called the Bible, and we can know for certain that it came from God. In **II Timothy 3:16**: "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God.*" So then, this is a book that remains different than all others combined, because it is a Holy book. Men may deny it, ridicule it, not believe it, but still it will remain firm and everlasting. Jesus says in **Matthew 24:35**, "*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*"

There are many things that we can know for certain because of what is written in this book. For instance: how often are we faced with earthly death? But the Bible has said, "that it is appointed unto man once to die." We all know this, but this we are also told at the same place, "*And after this the judgment.*" Both of these we can know for certain. In **Hebrews 6:18**, "*That by two unchangeable things, that it is impossible for God to lie,*" and all them that flee to him for refuge can lay hold upon the hope of eternal life.

Another thing we can know for certain is that our Lord is the way, the truth, and the life, (John 14:6), and He adds that no man cometh unto the father but by me. So just as **John 1:13** says that the new birth does not come by the way of our birth right, nor of the will of the flesh (our ideas) nor by the will of some other men (doctrines contrived by me) but of God! So then concerning our salvation, we have to hear only the Lord and respond according to His word, only then will we live in the after while (**John 5:25**).

Another thing I know for certain is: that baptism in water is our Lord's consummating plan to fulfill all righteousness. In **Matthew 3:15** here our Lord says it so clear that one will have to have help to misunderstand it. Then before He went back to the Father He commanded believers to be baptized (**Matthew 25:18-20**) and the modifier is given in **Acts 2:38**, as the name and the authority for it, saying: "it is for the remission of sin." I am so afraid that many who have undergone some form of baptism have done it under the wrong authority and for the wrong purpose, and may have lost their hope of heaven in doing so.

Another thing that I know for certain is: that even though I believe that Jesus is to come again, I do not know just when that day nor hour will be, but this I do know, that our Lord has told us to watch for the day of his return, and to be ready and prepared for it also (**Matthew 24:42-44**).

So my closing question to all of us is: are we watching (being on guard)? Have we prepared ourselves for His coming? If not when do you aim to begin? I encourage all of you who have not made yourself ready, to do so today!

Call 1-859-369-4165 or visit with us at West Irvine.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, (859) 369-4165

Native Estill Countian Is Now A Licensed Funeral Director

Wayne Combs recently passed the State Board of Embalming and Funeral Directing Exam in Louisville, Kentucky, and is now a licensed funeral director.

He joined and began serving his apprenticeship at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea, in the summer of 2012.

Wayne is a native of Irvine, Kentucky, and a 1988 graduate of Estill County High School, now residing in Berea with his wife Pam Perry Combs and grandchildren Summer and Hunter King.

His diverse background and love of serving people connects him with all walks of life. At the end of the 2011 season Wayne finished his 13th year at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center as an entertainer and continued to write and host the nation's second oldest radio program the Renfro Valley Gatherin' through the 2012 season.

Some of Wayne's other occupational history in-



Wayne Combs

clude: Berea Tourism specialist, Radio DJ, school bus driver, machinist, museum director, audio/video recording and editing and member of the Calvary Heirs Quartet.

He became an ordained minister January 1st, 2012 and served as Associate Pastor for three years at West Side Baptist Church.

LakesFuneralHome looks forward to retaining Wayne as part of their staff and to his career as a funeral director serving Berea community and surrounding areas.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of Matthew in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 34, who was frightened of a man who came down a mountain with a shining face? Laban, Stephen, Aaron, Cornelius
3. At what city's public

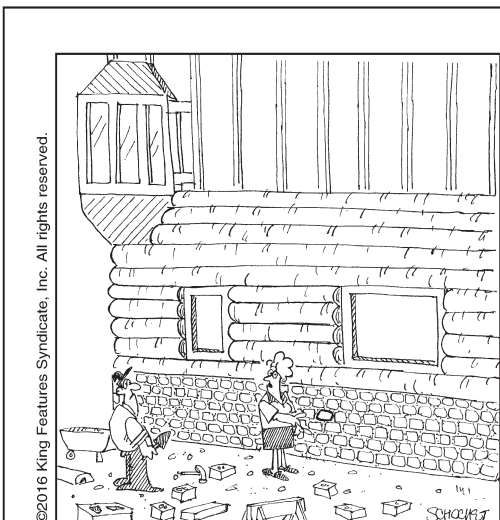
bonfire were books worth 50,000 pieces of silver burned? Ephesus, Derbe, Perga, Lystra

4. From Acts 5, who fell dead after lying about a property deal? Nehemiah, Shimei, Levi, Ananias

5. Who lost all his horse-drawn chariots in a sea? Ornan, Balaam, Pharaoh, Benaiah

6. Where did Lot meet angels? City gate, Field, Temple, Oak tree

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Wilson Casey's mainstream UFO book, "Swamp Gas & High Hopes 101," is now available from TouchPointPress.com



"You did a beautiful job, Henry. But this brick is _____!"

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!

- Creak ARGON
- Trap RECORN
- Rumple NICKLER
- Vast DARBO

TODAY'S WORD

Mountain Mushroom Festival T-Shirts



The 2016 Irvine Mountain Mushroom Festival t-shirts will be for sale in Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut St., until Friday, April 22 at noon. The festival shirts range in size from youth to adult sizes with a mushroom design to celebrate the 26 years of the festival. The sand color t-shirts are short-sleeve. Prices are \$10 for the youth xx-small to adult XL and adults XXL and XXXL are \$12. During the festival the t-shirts will be for sale in the gazebo on Broadway.

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Lo, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it; his appearance was as lightening and his clothes were as white as snow. For fear of him, the guards trembled and became as dead men.
And the angel said to the women, "Be not afraid I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. Why seek the living