

I'm Elizabeth!



by Dawn Reed
E. Ky. Columnist

A young lady in her 20's sat down beside me at church Sunday morning just before

the service started. I always sit on the front pew (it helps me pay attention). She sat with me because seats were scarce. Her husband sat behind us.

This lovely lady is new to church. She had worn a crocheted hat that was pulled down over her golden locks. She leaned to me and whispered, "Is it OK that I have this on in church?" and pointed to her head. I nodded, "You're a girl, so you can wear a hat," I whispered back. My friend let out her breath, relieved. She liked my earrings and added, "I just love you!" We quietly giggled. I already love her, too!

As we refocused on the service, I thought about the

difference in our ages. I'm decades older. That's when it hit me... I'm Elizabeth!

In Luke 1, when the angel Gabriel informed Mary that she would be giving birth to the Son of God, he included the fact that her much older relative Elizabeth would also be having a child. She would have somebody to share this experience with! They both had miraculous pregnancies. They both were probably the talk of the town. They could do this together, sharing stories, aches, emotions, hopes and fears. I love that part!

When I think of it, that's just like God. So often in life, He brings just the right person at just the right time to encourage you, teach you something,

or comfort you with stories of their life experiences. That's certainly been true for me.

I used to be "Mary"; I was the younger one. I've had lots of "Elizabeths" in my life; of course, there was my mom, but some were pastor's wives and other ladies in the church. One Elizabeth in particular was a major player when my kids were small. (Her real name is Phyllis.) She taught me to make baked pies, crafts and a whole lot more. She taught me so much by example. She was my role model as a mother and I still think she's one of the best ever!

When I was younger... I was Mary. But now I'm older... and now I'm Elizabeth! So God has a plan for me to be

the one to encourage, to mentor and help younger ladies along their way. Holy smokes! How did that happen?!

I want to-really, I do! I want to be a blessing to the younger women in my life. I want to help them love God first, teach them how to make biscuits and gravy, cornbread and pies, tell them they'll survive their children's childhoods, encourage them to love their husbands and all kinds of other stuff!

I hope you've been blessed with at least one Elizabeth in your lifetime. Whether or not, I just wonder: is there someone younger than you that God wants you to take under your wing... someone for YOU to "Elizabeth"?

Church News

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Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm

Living Nativity at Rice Station

Rice Station Christian Church will present their live nativity on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

Saturday, December 14th - 11am-1pm

Kids' Gifts for their Caregivers

South Irvine Baptist Church, 1215 South Irvine Road, will be hosting Kid-Shop on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. where "Kids will love to give gifts!"

home and put under their tree. There will also be an ornament station.

There will be soups and sandwiches for everyone, and everyone is invited to come and participate.

KidShop is where you can take kids to pick out a gift for their caregivers. Volunteers will help them wrap their choices to take

You can come anytime between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. EVERYTHING IS FREE!

If you have questions, call (606) 723-8298.

Saturday, December 21st at 5:30pm

Rice Station Christmas Dinner

Rice Station Christian Church invites everyone to their Annual Community Christmas Dinner on Satur-

day, December 21, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, December 21st at 6:00pm

Annual Christmas Play at Pine Hill

Pine Hill Baptist Church, 75 Barnes Mountain Road at Doe Creek, will be having their annual Christmas play on Saturday, December 21,

2019, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The play is called, "The Definition of Christmas." Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday, December 22nd at 11:00am

Christmas Cantada at Providence

You are invited to Providence Baptist Church at 1150 Winston Road in Irvine, on Sunday, December 22nd, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. as they

present their Christmas cantada, "Sing Gloria." Come, join us as we celebrated the journey to Advent. Everyone is welcome.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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PSALM 85:7-8

Show us your **unfailing love**, LORD, and **grant us your salvation**. I will **listen** to **what God** the **LORD** says; he **promises peace** to his **people**, his **faithful servants**—but **let** them **not turn** to **folly**.

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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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A soldier wrote his dad from a combat zone in a war-torn country. In the upper left hand corner under his name he wrote, "Not Here for Very Long."

True of the soldier - true of each of us. Life at its longest is very short in light of eternity. Wisely Moses advised us to go to God and ask Him to: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Time has no favorites. We are each given twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and fifty-two weeks a year. It does not matter who we are or what God has called us to do, none of us can add one second of time to our lives once God has called us home. We must guard our time and use it wisely

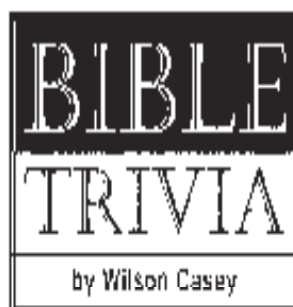
to honor and glorify Him.

Time can be used to influence others - one way or another. It would be interesting to keep a record of our time as an accountant does money - what we spent and how we invested it. We could see what we did with our time and discover whether or not we helped or hindered others, led them closer to God or drove them from Him.

Time gives us opportunities to serve the Lord. Jesus said, "All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned by the One who sent Me and there is little time left before night falls and all our works come to an end."

Time ends with an interview. Each of us will stand before God one day and have an opportunity to review our record with Him. What will matter most is whether or not there will be a day when we surrendered our life to Him.

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Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in stores and online.

Can the Return of Jesus be Far Away?

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The above question should be the most imposing event that is sure to take place, and nearly everyone who knows anything about the Scriptures will say, 'Yes, I believe that he will return.' But then, they may or may not add, 'Well, no man knoweth the day nor hour.' And this is what the Bible says in **Matthew 24:44**, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." And **Verse 36** repeats "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." So, it is he that put this world as we know it into action, and it will be the same at the end of this earth. All activities, both good and evil, will be brought to an end and to the eternal day of judgment. John 5:28-28 declares it to be so. Then Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:8-9 that after the cessation of all earthly activities; then the resurrection; then the judgment. So, with this information, and there is more, why do most do nothing to prepare for it? Perhaps the love for the present world is overshadowing the need to make one's self ready. You know, and the Lord knows.

Now, to make some remarks upon the statement that the God of Heaven alone knows when that day will be. Then we ask, has he not left us without indicating conditions that will be among us. For an example, even the signs placed by the engineers along our highways are indicators that some things lie ahead that we need to be alert to. Stops or sharp curves, or an intersection, etc. My question is, 'would we try to travel any highway and completely ignore the signs placed there for our security?'

So, God, within his world has always given signs or indicators to warn us of impending dangers. For examples, did he warn the people of Noah's day? Yes, he did, 120 years of building and preaching. Again, did Jesus tell the Jews that their day of destruction for the sin of rebellion was soon to come and to point out some events that were for a sign unto them of this reality? Just read Matthew 23:37-39 where our Lord saw the events coming and began to weep with sorrow over their refusal to heed to his advice. Also, a good part of Matthew 24 is given of this event to come upon them.

So, our Lord has given our generation some indicators of his imminent return; first, the promise of his return found in John 14:1-6 and Matthew 16:37. These scriptures are true because Jesus who is all truth said so!

Then, in Acts 1:9-11, the Holy Spirit promised his return. Read for yourselves in 1 Corinthians 15:19-25. These foretell this great event. Then, in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, the revealing from Heaven. But, the greatest of all indicators may be found in 2 Timothy 3:1-7. Here in this passage is found twenty (20) prevailing conditions of this present time, indications of the hearts of the majority of the inhabitants of this planet. If you think not, then you must be living on a different planet than I.

Just to let you know where that I get my information from that forms my beliefs upon a soon return of the Lord, I make my appeal to the original truth of the Bible. First, let us consider our English term, 'Last Days.' First they are used in Acts 1:17 and in John 12:47-48. These have references to the point made in **Galatians 4:4** called the "fulness of the time" (hence the Gospel age). But in 2 Timothy 3:1, here is used the Greek term spoken by the writers is 'husteros,' meaning, 'afterwards.' After what? That the things indicated in 2 Timothy 3:1-7 would be in force. Then, the last days refers to the close of this present age of world conditions. Alarming, isn't it? Then, one of only two places in the New Testament given to his original teaching is to be found in 1 Peter 1:3-5, to be revealed at the closing of the doors upon time and opportunity to get right with God.

My appeal is made to W.E. Vine, one of the most knowledgeable men of this age. My appeal can be found on Page 311 of this. He passed away in 1948, but the world became a better place through the study of his work.

Come, visit with us.
Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

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