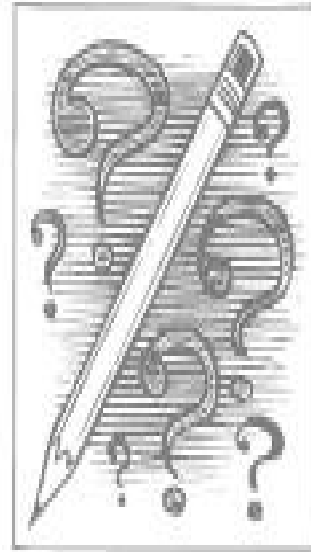


TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Answer the questions below with the scripture where it can be found. The answers will appear in the following bulletin.

71. What king made a speech and was immediately “eaten of worms”?
72. What sorcerer was struck with blindness?
73. What two men walked on water?
74. Who held a conversation with a donkey?
75. What king’s knees knocked together for fright?



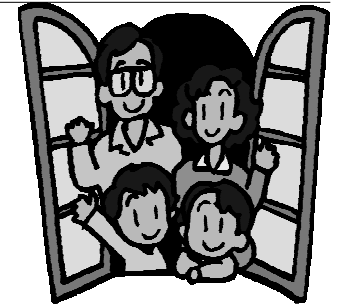
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

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TERMINAL VELOCITY

By Bret Carter, Editor, Rocky Mountain Christian

All the timesaving devices have failed us. The microwave, the washer, the dryer, and the snow blower have all let us down. Even though all of these things were designed to give us more time to relax, we are busier than ever. Something went wrong.

Our days are stuffed. We wake up every day to face a packed schedule. Even those of us who are not morning people propel ourselves through the shower into our clothes and down the avenue.

Past futurists imagined a 21st Century much different than our present situation. Benjamin Franklin predicted that we would saunter through four-hour workweeks. Nixon was less optimistic and imagined a four-day workweek. In the 1960's the Senate was told that by the year 2000, we would work a mere 14 hours per week. Once again, we have shown a knack for having no clue about the future. Fourteen hours per day is much closer to the mark. Here in the future, we have freely embraced a routine that is barely rivaled by the nightmare hours of the Industrial Revolution.

To make this an even sadder story, we must admit that in most cases, we are not working to put food on the table. We are working to put cable on the TV and SUVs in the driveway and I-pods in our ears. We glumly accuse our jobs for our hardship as if we have no choice, convincing even ourselves that it is all about necessity. But we passed by necessity a long time ago.

We know it already. This is no profound newflash. We are too busy. We are flying through life at the speed of hype. And as we hurdle along, we feel somewhat justified in letting certain things slip away.

Speed creates the illusion of significance. When you're zipping from one event to the next, Blackberry in hand and Bluetooth jammed in your ear, it's easy to feel as if everything you do is as vital as the decisions of an air traffic controller. Whether you are riding the cutting edge of corporate technology or simply juggling a series of ventures to the post office and the grocery store, it's easy to gobble up the days like candy. Just because you deal with CEOs doesn't make you any more susceptible to overwork than those who deal with ABCs. All of us are prime candidates for being busied to death.

This is why a Christian can't afford to get swept away by the spinning of the world. He survives by keeping a clear head. It's no surprise that our enemy might intentionally keep us skimming along so fast that even our relationship with God remains superficial. Our devotion to God can be reduced to a blur of hymns and sermons, resulting in a religion that has all the distinction of a drive through. The possible grim consequences of abbreviating ourselves down to trite interactions make it difficult to LOL (laugh out loud, MG).

So stop.

Maybe it's time to meditate. By the way, God invented meditation, not the cliché mystical man on the mountain. The pop-religions derived from the Far East offer a meditation that strives to produce an empty mind. But this is a counterfeit of the original. Meditation was designed by our Father to focus and fill the mind.

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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &
Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman,
Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Education and
Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon
The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
Andrey Kostine
David Dixon

WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER 11 MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
Opening Prayer: Don Gaw
Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Desire to Grow"
(I Peter 2:1-5)
Announcements: Larry Taylor
Closing Prayer: Gary Reynolds

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Assist: Ralph Zeek
Prayer: Dwayne Odle
East Side- Prayer: Todd Stults
Assist: Jonah Stults

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin
Scripture Reading: Ira Chambers
(I Peter 3:8-12)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Inside Out"
Communion Table: Jim Smith
Closing Prayer: Howard Goodman

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR OCTOBER 18, 2009

AM: "We Don't Run With the
World" (I Peter 4:1-7)
PM: "Love Will Cover a Multitude
of Sins" (I Peter 4:8-11)

OCTOBER

GREETERS:

East Door: Tena, Cannon, & Tyann
Front Door + Ushers: Jay Kellow
& Forrest
Hurst

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Diane, Joan, Jane

BUILDING CLEANING: Mike &
Debbie and John & Shawna

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margaret Adams, Dorothy's friend.
Janet Akins, Debbie Perry and Cindy Taylor's friend.
Sally Anderson, her mother, and grandmother
Peggy Berry, friend/co-wororder of Jim & Marjorie's son, has cancer and is taking chemo. **Betty,** Vada's sister.
Linda Bigler, Vivian's daughter
Barbara Blaser, friend of Lisa
Ira Chambers
Martina Conaster, Gail Parker's aunt
Tom Davis
Marvin and Madeline Kortman, Debbie's parents
Darius, Bridgette's son had his appendix removed
Christy Disney, friend/co-worker of Delores
Clarence "Bud" Henry, Delores' uncle
Ray Gastineau is at the Waters of Yorktown for rehab.
Don Gaw
Molly Hemmings, Dorothy's niece
Brandon Lee
Dwayne McGunegill, son of a friend of Dorothy
William Meade, Amy Jarrett's dad
Andrea Murphy, Skylar's grandma.
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Ryburn Perry
Mike Perry, Vada & Ralph's neighbor
Connie Reynolds
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Maggie Roberts, Cindy & Nancy's brother's (Scott) wife. Recently diagnosed with breast cancer-undergoing chemo.
Kent Sanders is battling cancer
Herman Spears, Vada & Ralph's neighbor
Vanessa St. John, daughter of friend of Michelle Mann
Travis, friend of Pat Egle.
Kay Thomason, Howard Goodman's sister. Send encouragement to 1219 Kelly Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.
Cindy Traub had carpal tunnel surgery Thursday.
Jessica Walls
George & Ellen Welker
Jerry Wilhoite
David Witty's latest donor failed the last test and cancelled his surgery date of Oct 14. He currently has another possible donor being tested. Keep David and his family in your prayers.
Everett & Ann Witty
Shut-Ins: Virginia Ashley - Westminster. **Juanita Broderick** - The Woodlands. **Christine Daniels**- Elmcroft. **Twyla Monroe** - The Woodlands. **Mary Norris** - The Woodlands
Away in the Military: **Grant Kellow** - Iraq. **Brian Noonkester** - Germany. **Justin Spence**-Iraq.
Sympathy: Baby Alex Fortriede passed away a few weeks ago. Please remember his family in your prayers.
Congratulations!: Greg and Dana Kellow's daughter Jocelyn was married Oct 2. Her husband to be Jeremy Hinkle was baptized before the ceremony!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct 11—Group 1 (Brian) will meet after evening services. This group is also responsible for making sure the building is secure and lights are out after each service.

Oct 11-14—Columbus Avenue invite all to their Challenges to Godly Living series, "Coping with Life's Storms". See bulletin board for details.

Oct 13—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.

Oct 13 & 15—Ladies exercise at 9 AM. **Please note the location has been changed to Debbie's home in Albany.**

Oct 14—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner at 5:30.

Oct 18—Elders and deacons will meet at 4:30.

Oct 25—Carry-in lunch and early evening services.

Oct 31—Set your clocks back one hour.

Nov 1—Elders will meet at 4:30.

Nov 7—East Allen County Youth Rally for grades 6th thru 12th. Cost is \$12 for lunch and T-shirt. See bulletin board for sign up and further details.

Nov 7—Clay City church of Christ Ladies' Day, "Harvest of Blessings".

Nov 11—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner at 5:30.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2009

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TERMINAL VELOCITY (CONTINUED) By Bret Carter

In the short book of Haggai, more than once, God tells His people "consider your ways" (Haggai 1:5; 1:7). Throughout His Word, the expectation seems to be that a person who belongs to God will take the time to think about life. Not a self-serving admiration of his own intellect, but a deep contemplation of the Word. We are told that a man of God will "delight in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night" (Psalm 1:2). The man of God will take the time to think about God's design and providence. "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your doings; I muse on the work of Your hands" (Psalm 143:5). For the man of God, it is a matter of doing more than just penciling in a religious activity or two. It's more than squeezing God into your day timer. "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching" (I Timothy 4:15-16). Meditation is not just a matter of giving you some peace of mind. It's a matter of survival.

But meditation isn't possible for anyone who is always on call, multi-tasking in a hundred directions. Meditation requires stopping. Meditation means closing your day timer and controlling the remote control. Meditation requires losing contact and being out of the loop, if only for five minutes.

Some say that a busy life is only a smoke screen for an empty life. If this kind of pace infiltrates our relationship with God, then we are in danger. Standing, sitting, bowing, singing, sitting in a pew does not a Christian make. A Christian knows how to stop. A Christian can say "no" to the itinerary in order to spend some time alone with God. And because all the things of this vaporous world are seen for what they are: lesser distractions and pursuits whose significance is determined only by what they can contribute to eternity.

Martha was stressed out. She was busy. She was getting things done. There was so much to do and her sister Mary was just sitting there. Can you believe that? Just sitting there. "She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, 'Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me'" (Luke 10:39-40). Martha was getting things done. Martha was making the most of her day. Martha was managing her time. Martha was so busy trying to serve Jesus; she didn't have time to listen to Him.

Jesus did her a favor; He stopped her. "Martha, Martha, the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed-or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her'" (Luke 10:41-42). Martha's List of Things To Do Today was instantly reduced to one item.

This does not mean they didn't eventually eat a meal together. They probably had a very nice dinner. The table probably got cleared. The dishes probably got cleaned and put away (without the time-saving dishwasher). And Martha probably did all the things she was going to do. But maybe she stopped first. Maybe she listened and realized that life is much simpler than it looks. Only one thing matters. And what a shame it would be to let all the other truly little things crowd it out.

It's hard to stop. It's hard to take the time to meditate-to think about what really matters and spend time in prayer and reading your Bible. But it's vital. If you want to make it out of this chaos with your soul intact, it's going to require you to step out of the fray once in a while. You've got a long list of things to do today. But only one of them matters. Just one. There. Doesn't that feel better?