

## TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

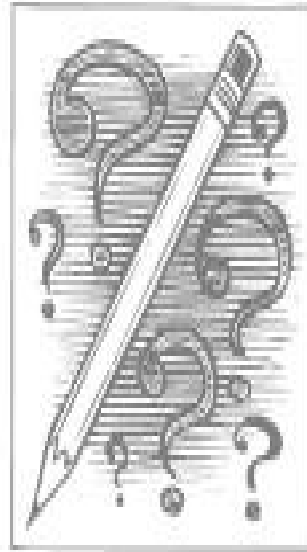
Answer the questions below with the scripture where it can be found. The answers will appear in the following bulletin.

97. What noted Hebrew had a magic cup for divination?

98. Who prayed for rain?

99. Who prayed that it might not rain?

100. What city was built with two human sacrifices?



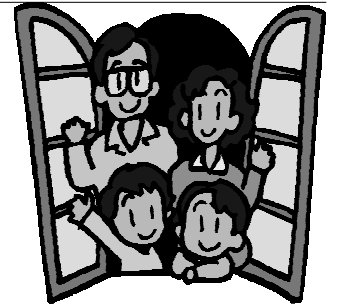
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

# WEST SIDE WINDOW

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## IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE

By Steve Higginbotham

When I was a child, my parents taught me to say this prayer. Did yours do the same? You know, the often memorized child's prayer that goes like this...

“Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take.”

The possibility of dying before you wake is filled with implications. The main point however is, “Have you made preparation for such an eventuality?” Are you prepared to die? Is your eternity secure? Good questions. Especially at a time of day when you slow down, have time to look back over your day, and evaluate your standing before God. What if you died before you awakened, would all be well? Probably, all of us would do well to ask ourselves that same question, but that question is not what I want you to focus upon at the moment.

I'd rather like to ask if you've made preparation for the eventuality that you “wake up?” It's one thing to be ready to “die in Christ,” it's another to be prepared to “live for Christ.” What preparation have you made if you don't die before you wake? How have you planned and prepared to spend your time, talents, and energy in service to God?

If you should awaken before you die, how will you use tomorrow? What plans have you made? Do your plans involve the kingdom of God? Would one be able to examine your plans and determine that you are a disciple of Jesus?

If you should awaken before you die, and you are greeted with another day, what will you do with your time. Do you have specific plans to share the gospel? Do you have specific plans to render service in the name of Jesus to someone in need? Do you have a specific prospect for whom you are praying and trying to reach? Have you given thought to ways you can better serve and strengthen your local church?

Friends, I really don't think one can be fully prepared to “die in Christ” until one has prepared to “live in Christ.” In fact, in order to be prepared to die in Christ, one must have lived in Christ.

So back to the question, “What would happen to you if you died before you awakened?” But beyond the question is the equally important question, “What if you awaken before you die?”

“If you should die before you wake,  
I pray the Lord your soul to take.  
But if you should wake before you die,  
then what...?”

### 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, Finance  
Jim Witty, 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  
NOVEMBER 22  
MORNING WORSHIP**

Song Leader: Dwayne Odle  
Opening Prayer: Danny Odle  
Scripture Reading: Jim Clark  
(Phil. 2:19-30)  
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds  
Sermon Topic: "God Knows You"  
Announcements: Larry Taylor  
Closing Prayer: Sam Arnold

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

West Side- Assist: Larry Terrell  
Prayer: John Schock  
East Side- Prayer: Kendall Clark  
Assist: Blade Taylor

**EVENING WORSHIP**

Song Leader: Dwayne Odle  
Opening Prayer: Mark Stewart  
Scripture Reading: Clayton Parker  
(Phil. 3:1-11)  
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds  
Sermon Topic: "All for Christ"  
Communion Table: Don Allison  
Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin

**PULPIT PREVIEW FOR  
NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

AM: "Pressing Toward the Goal"  
(Phil. 3:12-16)  
PM: "Heaven Is Our Home"  
(Phil. 3:17-21)

**NOVEMBER**

**GREETERS:**  
**East Door:** Kathy, Skylar, &  
Jessica  
**Front Door + Ushers:**  
Jay Kellow & Clayton Parker  
**COMMUNION:**  
**Prep:** Lowell & Charlene Huffman  
**Clean-up:** Cindy, Nancy, Margaret  
Goodman  
**BUILDING CLEANING:** Danny &  
Joan and Kendall & Jane

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Janet Akins**, friend of Debbie Perry and Cindy Taylor  
**Sally Anderson, her mother, and grandmother**  
**Peggy Berry**, friend/co-worker of Jim & Marjorie's son,  
has cancer and is taking chemo.  
**Betty**, Vada's sister.  
**Barbara Blaser**, friend of Lisa  
**Julia Clark**  
**Martina Conaster**, Gail Parker's aunt  
**Marvin and Madeline Kortman**, Debbie's parents  
**Ray Gastineau** is at the Waters of Yorktown for rehab  
**Betty Heaton** is now home  
**Molly Hemmings**, Dorothy's niece  
**Pat Hutson**, 93-yr-old aunt of Cindy, is improving  
**Brandon Lee**  
**Norma Norris**, Grant's grandmother  
**Ryburn Perry**  
**Mike Perry**, Vada & Ralph's neighbor  
**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**  
**Carrie St. John**, Michelle Mann's friend  
**Kay Thomason**, Howard Goodman's sister. Send encour-  
agement to 1219 Kelly Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.  
**Betty Topper**, Leonard's sister, is having complications  
from back surgery  
**George & Ellen Welker**  
**David Witty**  
**Everett & Ann Witty**  
**Shut-Ins:** **Virginia Ashley** - Westminster. **Juanita Brod-  
erick** - 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**-is home. **John  
Welker**—Ft. Benning  
**Sympathy:** Please remember the family of Rick Cox in  
your prayers. His dad **Robert Cox** passed recently. Also  
Francis Grant's son Jerry passed.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

**Nov 22**—Group 2 (Larry & Larry) will meet after evening services. This group is also responsible for making sure the building is secure and lights are out after each service.  
**Nov 24**—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.  
**Nov 24** —Ladies exercise at 9 AM at Debbie's home.  
**Nov 24**—Midweek services will be on Tuesday this week.  
**Dec 6**—Elders will meet at 4:30.  
**Dec 9**—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner at 5:30.  
**Dec 20**—Elders and deacons will meet.  
**Dec 27**—Carry-in lunch and early evening services.  
**Jan 3**—Preacher's Pals be-  
gins at 5:50 PM. All children are welcome.

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE  
WEEK OF  
NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

Sunday Bible Study	81
Sunday Worship am	127
Sunday Worship pm	91
Wednesday Bible Study	92

**NEW ADDRESS!!!**

Grant Kellow's new address is **Sgt. Kellow, Grant A.; 3/24 Weapons Co. 4th Plt.; Unit 43525; FPO AP 96426-3525**

**WRONG WAY  
By Blaine Ross**

Have you ever found yourself driving the wrong direction on a one-way street? A little scary, isn't it? When visiting unfamiliar cities, I try to pay close attention to one-way streets and which direction I'm supposed to go. This past summer, though, I had the uncomfortable experience of driving the wrong way not in an unfamiliar city but in my old hometown of Huntington. Because I was more familiar with the roads and traffic patterns, I wasn't looking out for things like one-way streets. Without realizing what I was doing, I found myself going the wrong way. There was nowhere to turn around, but thankfully, there was no oncoming traffic. So I just continued until I could get back on the right path. For a few seconds, though, I was quite the nervous driver.

In many ways, this situation reflects how we can unknowingly find ourselves going the wrong way with our lives. Everything around us seems familiar, so we put ourselves on spiritual autopilot and let down our guard. Or maybe there is so much traffic and commotion in our lives that we fail to give much thought to God or His will. Before we realize it, though, our lives are off track and heading down a destructive path. Hopefully, we wake up before the head-on collision.

Proverbs 16:25 says "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (ESV). Too many people assume that their lives are going in a right direction, but they have failed to consider God's direction for their lives. This is true for Christians and non-Christians alike. Because God's ways are higher than our ways, we must continually seek his direction for our lives by opening his book and consulting him in prayer. Such a devotional life will put us on the right path and lead us to our ultimate destination.

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Answers from 11/15**

92. What man and his nephew both entertained angels un-  
awares? **Abraham & Lot. Gen. 18:1-22; Gen. 19:1-26;  
Heb. 13:2**
93. What animal saw an angel? **Balaam's donkey. Num. 22:23**
94. Who transferred devils from men to animals? **Jesus. Matt.  
8:31,32**
95. What was Daniel's other name? **Belteshazzar. Dan. 1:7;  
2:26**
96. What ruler of Israel sacrificed his daughter as a burnt offer-  
ing to God? **Jephthah. Judges 11:30-39**

**WANTED**

**Anyone willing to host a Teen Devotion in their home see  
Don Allison.**