



“My enemies will retreat when I call to you for help...” (Psalm 56:9, NLT)

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Judge Grants Continuance in Dillin Trial Held Here Friday, Aug. 6th

The trial Friday in the Beebe Division of the White County District Court against former Beebe Middle School Principal Brandy Dillin and her husband Mickey came to no conclusion due to a “procedural standstill” involving a video which developed audio problems. The Dillins’ attorney, John Walker, of Little Rock, as well as the city’s Attorney Randy Grice requested a continuance of the trial and Judge Chaney Taylor granted the request. No new date has been set.

Allegations against the Dillins’ were that they knowingly hosted a party at their residence on Beech Street in May of 2018 where underage drinking and the use of marijuana took place. They are charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a class A misdemeanor and

violating the city and state’s social hosting policy, a class C misdemeanor.



Brandy Dillin

A continuance of the trial was granted by Taylor from this past June after the newly hired special prosecutor Randy Grice was hired by the city after former city attorney Scott Bles resigned after filing a motion to dismiss charges against the Dillins. Judge Taylor denied the dismissal.

Brandy Dillin is on paid administrative leave from the Beebe School District since her arrest.

A civil suit has been filed against Mayor Mike Robertson and Sheila Johnson. No date has been set for that trial.

Beebe Police Chief Barron Dickson Hands in Resignation; Now Working for Sherwood Police

Beebe Police Chief Barron Dickson gave his letter of resignation to Mayor Mike Robertson on Aug. 23rd and finished his last day as chief on Sunday, Sept. 1st. Dickson was appointed by Mayor Robertson on Oct. 20th, 2018 to fill the post when then-Chief Wayne Ballew re-

tired.

Dickson has stated that he stepped down to spend more time with his wife and new daughter. He will be a patrol officer in Sherwood.

We wish Dickson the best as he takes this new step in his law enforcement career.

Ron Lewis is the Asst. Chief for now.



Barron Dickson

Beebe Volunteer Firemen Hold Training



The Beebe Volunteer Firemen held various fire training activities over the past few weeks. Some of the issues discussed and practiced included:

- o Training Officer Grant Warner conducted an emergency vehicle driving class.
- o District Chief Vaudie McAfee conducted training on protective equipment.
- o District Chief Brian Mills taught a class on the art of reading smoke.
- o Captain Ron Harvey passed his Certified Training Officer course and taught his first class, Intro to Firefighting.
- o All Officers assisted with practical training.



Property City Recently Purchased Being Cleaned Up for Recreational Opportunities

The 24-acres which the city of Beebe recently purchased for \$350,000 on W. Mississippi Street has a 3-4 acre pond which will be cleaned up and stocked by the Ark. Game and Fish in the near future. Fishing tournaments and other recreational activities will be hosted on this site. There will also be room for practice fields for football, baseball and soccer. The voters will have the opportunity to approve/disapprove building a community center here with a basketball court and later an indoor pool complex. These are projects still on the drawing board but will have to be approved by voters before going forward.

Beebe Fall Cleanup
September 23th - October 5th
207 W. Idaho Street

City dumpsters will be open Monday thru Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., during the cleanup.

Free for citizens that live in the city limits
(Please bring water bill as proof of residence)

NO Curbside Pick-Up
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Paint

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For more information, please call 882-6295

July 2019 Permits & Inspections

Building Permits

Date	Name & Address	Type of Bldg.	Const.\$	Fees\$
6/28/19	Paula Spradlin, 1900 Pinewood Cv.	Addition	\$6,700.	\$26.40
7/1/19	Melissa Minchue, 418 S. Main	Accessory	\$4,855	\$48.
7/8/19	Thomas Bell, 137 Beaver Rd./Dugger Rd.	Accessory	\$12,600	\$90.
7/10/19	Sally Benton, 114 Prairie	Accessory	\$3,000	\$12
7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 29 Hwy. 64 W.	Billboard	\$20,000	\$192
7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 39 Hwy. 64 W.	Billboard	\$20,000	\$192
7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 51 Hwy. 64 W.	Billboard	\$20,000	\$192
7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 85 1/2 Hwy. 65 W.	Billboard	\$20,000	\$192
7/19/19	Aqua Blue Pools, 107 Christina Lane	Swimming Pool	\$35,000	\$33.60
7/19/19	Gary Patterson, 149 Meadow Dr.	Accessory	\$3,585.	\$16
7/19/19	Keathley Builders, 1108 N. Main St.	Commercial	\$200,000	\$250
7/22/19	Dodie Nick,, 606 W. Alabama	Accessory	\$2,000	\$20
7/23/19	Chad MartinConst., 1218 S. Fir St.	House	\$120,000	\$203.50
Total for Building Permits \$1,467.50				

Plumbing Inspection

7/9/19	Doug James Plumbing, 103 Bluebird	Sewer Line		\$25
7/9/19	Doug James plumbing, 1402 W. Center St.	Water line		\$25
7/11/19	A State Plumbing, 1900 Dewitt Henry Dr.			\$60
7/23/19	Veterans Plumbing & Rooter, 1703 Taylor Dr.			\$25
7/26/19	Ken's Plumbing, Happy Jacks Place, 1108 N. Main St.			\$60
7/29/19	Speedy G Plumbing, 904 W. Mississippi			\$25
Total Plumbing \$220.				

Electric Inspections

7/11/19	Melburn Bradley, 3124 Hwy. 31 S.			\$50
7/18/19	Six Electric, 1900 W. Dewitt Henry Dr.			\$60
7/26/19	Burns Electric, Happy Jacks Place, 1108 N. Main St.			\$60
7/30/19	Leyon Hames, 515 W. Cypress			\$25
7/31/19	King Electric, 107 Christina Ln.			\$50
Total Electric \$245.				

H/A Inspections

6/28/19	Yingling Heat & Air, 802 W. College St.			\$50
7/10/19	Roberson Heat & Air, 836 S. Apple Housing Authority, 8 units			\$165
7/16/19	Epic Mechanical Services, 106 E. Georgia St.			\$50
7/17/19	Mason Heat & Air, 816 N. Beech			\$60
7/25/19	Middleton Inc., 1003 N. Fir St.			\$50
7/31/19	Darrell Pharris, 609 W. Center St.			\$50
H/A Total \$425.				

Other

7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 29 Hwy. 64 West (Billboard)			\$10.
7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 39 Hwy 64 West (Billboard)			\$10
7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 51 Hwy. 64 West (Billboard)			\$10
7/15/19	Vision Outdoor Media, 85 1/2 Hwy. 64 West (Billboard)			\$10
7/19/19	Keathley Builders, 1108 N. Main St. (footing, slab, framing & C/O)			\$175.
7/19/19	Keathley Builders, 1108 N. Main St. (Act 474 surcharge tax)			\$100.
7/23/19	Chad Martin Const., 1218 S. Fir St. (footing, slab, framing & C/O)			\$175.
7/22/19	Whitlow Engineering Services, (rezone application)			\$300
7/22/19	Whitlow Engineering Services, final plats for Beech Meadows, Terrace Meadows and Hidden Valley Estates			\$49.
Other total \$839.				

Total for July 2019 \$3,196.50

Mayor Proclaims Sept. 16th as American Legion Day in Beebe! Community Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 on September 16th as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the American Legion has become a preeminent community-service organization which now numbers more than 2.5 million members -- men and women -- in over 14,000 American Legion posts worldwide working a variety of programs that support the four pillars and benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the American Legion are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 observance of American Legion Day provides an opportunity to recognize Legionnaires in our community for their many contributions to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Robertson, Mayor of the City of Beebe, Arkansas do hereby proclaim September 16, 2019, as

THE AMERICAN LEGION DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty third day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Mike Robertson

Mike Robertson, Mayor
City of Beebe, Arkansas

WICKED to Return to Little Rock's Robinson Performance Hall, Jan. 1-19, 2020

Tickets on Sale Mon., Sept. 23rd at 10 a.m.

BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ AND WINNIE HOLZMAN
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY GREGORY MAGUIRE

LITTLE ROCK – WICKED, Arkansas' most popular musical, will return to Little Rock's Robinson Performance Hall January 1-19, 2020. Tickets for the return engagement go on sale Monday, September 23rd at 10am.

To purchase tickets, visit Ticketmaster.com, call 501.244.8800 or visit the Robinson Performance Hall Box Office. Ticket prices start at \$33 plus applicable fees.

The Broadway sensation WICKED looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin, who is smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked."

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State Capitol Week in Review

From Sen. Jonathan Dismang



September 6, 2019

LITTLE ROCK – The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences received a grant of \$4.6 million to boost its program to encourage primary care physicians to practice in rural areas.

UAMS, the state's main medical school, has eight regional campuses around the state. They will partner with the UAMS College of Medicine and its Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. The dean of the college noted the importance of retaining primary care physicians in rural areas, saying "Arkansas still has one of the worst physician shortages in the nation and we're among the states projected as most likely to have serious primary care shortages by 2025."

The rural population is relatively older, and therefore has a higher demand for medical services.

With the grant money, the college will recruit more medical students from under-served areas because they are considered more likely to return to their hometowns to practice medicine. The college will increase the number of clinical sites available to teach medical students, and increase training and faculty opportunities at those sites.

The grant will be used also to strengthen relations with Community Health Centers, the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Philander Smith College in Little Rock, which are historically black colleges.

The state Health Department considers 50 of the 75 counties in Arkansas as meeting the definition of an under-served area, due to the lack of health professionals available to serve the population. More than 500,000 people, or a sixth of the states' total population, live in those areas.

Legislators working on health care recently heard a presentation from officials at UAMS and the Arkansas Hospital Association. There are 23 counties in Arkansas that do not have a local hospital and there are 39 counties with only one hospital.

Of the 105 hospitals in Arkansas, 17 are at the highest level of financial risk. The number used to be 18 until the hospital in DeQueen, which was on the list, closed.

Twenty-five counties and cities levy a tax to support their local hospital.

"Getting to a doctor is a huge challenge in rural areas," the chancellor of UAMS told legislators.

Rural areas are in need of more trained nurses, especially in specialty fields such as critical care and labor and delivery. The shortage is expected to worsen because about a third of nurses are older than 50, and many will retire within the next decade.

One reason for the nursing shortage is a lack of faculty at nursing colleges. In 2017, according to the Arkansas Center for Nursing, 3,905 nursing students were accepted into one of the 56 nursing programs in the state while 1,954 were turned away because of a lack of faculty or clinical space.

Of the 949 faculty at nursing programs, 614 were older than 50 in 2017. Many are expected to retire within 10 or 15 years. They will be more difficult to replace because in general, faculty must have a master's or a doctoral degree.

The number of male nurses has gone up, but only slightly. In 1960, only 2 percent of nurses were male and today the ratio is 13 percent.

From State Representative Jim Wooten



In the United States, someone dies by suicide every 11.1 minutes. In Arkansas, someone dies by suicide, on average, every 14 hours.

Suicide is not inevitable for anyone. By starting the conversation, providing support, and directing help to those who need it, we can prevent suicides and save lives.

The second week of September has been declared Suicide Prevention Awareness Week. Suicide prevention is a priority for our nation and our state.

In 2017, the legislature passed Act 811 which mandated that calls made from Arkansas to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline be operated by the Arkansas Department of Health. This has allowed callers in crises to be able to speak to someone who has a strong understanding of resources available nearby.

In the 2019 Regular Session, the legislature passed Act 551 which requires the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs to examine veteran issues within Arkansas, including the occurrence of suicide among the veteran population in Arkansas. The act

also requires the committees to file a written report with Legislative Council by December 1, 2020.

This General Assembly also passed Act 962 which creates the offense of encouraging the suicide of another person and makes the offense a Class D felony.

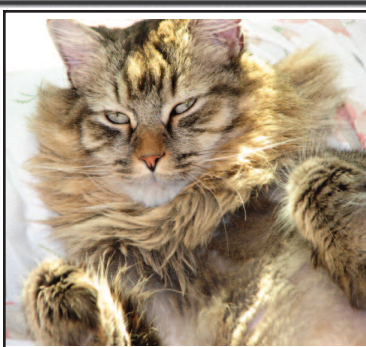
In the United States, the prevalence of suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts is more than double among young adults aged 18-25 than it is among adults 26 years and older. In Arkansas, suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 15-34 years of age. An important component for the suicide prevention program is improving continuity of care and follow-up for youth identified at risk. That is why the suicide prevention program in our state is implementing integrated networks of care for community populations to ensure that follow-up care and evidence-based treatments are in place.

If you are in crisis now, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Veterans can access the Veteran Crises line by calling the number and pressing 1.

Anyone can also text the crisis line by sending TALK to 741741, or chat online at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/.

What's Left?

By Lee McLane
Editor/Publisher
In Memory of my sweet Simba - who passed away 9-5-19.



Simba a year ago.



Simba - about three years ago.



Simba when he was about four years old. He was part Maine Coon cat.

After nineteen years of having my Simba with me - he passed away last Thursday morning around 11:30. I had been up with him all night Wednesday night trying to keep him comfortable and he seemed pretty content Thursday morning. I would check on him about every five minutes as I did my other cat chores and he was comfortable. Then, I went back to check on him and he was gone. I was so surprised. I really thought he might last another day or so but I did know that he was about to end his time here on earth. He was very peaceful looking and didn't look like he had struggled as he slipped away. That was a blessing. He was so big - 27 lbs. and diabetic and had asthma/bronchitis. So, he had lots of stuff working against him. I hope he and Herman are having fun up in kitty heaven. It is so hard to lose them both within two weeks of each other.

When I got Simba he was just a kitten. Christian, my son, had come to the office on a Friday night to pick up something - which is very unusual - and he called me and said that someone had dropped a kitten off at the office and it was trying to get in the front door. That was very unusual. I told him to just bring him home and I'd try to find a home for him. But, when I saw him, he was so cute, I decided to keep him. And immediately, when my cat, Squeak, saw him, she

adopted him as her kitten - even though he was as big as she was. She would grab him by the nape of the neck and drag him under the bed and clean him. He would look at me as if to say, "Help!" But he loved Squeak and they formed a close bond over the next few years. Unfortunately, Squeak died of a heart condition when she was about 8 years old - so she wasn't with Simba but about 5 years.

If you think you are not a cat person, I believe it is because you have never had a cat that you have bonded with. Cats, like dogs, all have different personalities. So, maybe, you might like to try to give a cat a home. I believe you will fall in love if you give it a chance.

I will miss Simba so much! It has been very difficult to get used to the emptiness of not having Herman there and now not having Simba there. I still talk to him - and Herman - as I get ready for bed each night.

I still have the half bobcat, Lil' Darlin' and my other cat, Tigger - or T-Bell or Little T - as I call him. They are both much younger and have fun playing with each other.

I will have to come up with another picture for my column here - but I may have to wait a few weeks.

Go to your happy place!

See you next week!



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by R.B. Thieme, Jr.

A catalog of available tapes and publications will be provided upon request by contacting R.B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 5139 West Alabama, Houston, TX 77056

Before you begin your Bible study, be sure that, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you have named your known sins privately to God (1 John 1:9). You will then be in fellowship with God, under the control of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and ready to learn doctrine from the Word of God.

If you are an unbeliever, the issue is not naming your sins. The issue is faith in Christ:

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:36)

Divine Good VS. Human Good

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Appendix

The Difference Between Human Good and Sin

You see, somewhere along the line you are going to know you are under the control of the old sin nature, because you will commit a personal sin. Then, when you confess that personal sin, you are forgiven the personal sin which you specify, as well as any sins you may unknowingly have committed in the meantime. You are now filled with the Spirit and no longer operating under human good. No matter what you do while filled with the Spirit - whether it's only giving a cup of cold water in the Lord's name, or whether it's praying and witnessing - it falls into the category of divine good.

Human Good A Satanic Concept

Since Satan was the first sinner and his sin was negative volition (Isa. 14:12-14), there is an obvious conflict in the realm of good versus evil. However, many believers, as well as unbelievers, cherish the illusion that only those things which are regarded as evil by society originate from the devil. There is also a conflict of good versus good - that is, Divine Good versus Satanic Good. Dr. L.S. Chafer points this out in his theology:

“It is not the reason of man, but the revelation of God, which points out that governments, morals, education, art commercialism, vast enterprises and organizations, and much of religious activity are included in the ‘cosmos diabolicus.’; That is, the system which Satan has constructed includes all the good which he can incorporate

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- Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

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into it and be consistent in the thing he aims to accomplish. A serious question arises whether the presence of gross evil in the world is due to Satan's intention to have it so, or whether it indicates Satan's inability to execute all he has designed. The probability is great that Satan's ambition has led him to undertake more than any creature could ever administer. Revelation declares that the whole 'cosmos system' must be annihilated - not its evil alone, but all that is in it, both good and bad.”

Hence, the great conflict between God and Satan is not only good versus evil, but good versus good. Satanic doctrine is promoted through such agencies as the social gospel, socialism, world peace, internationalism, economic panaceas, doing good in the name of good, and other man-made plans which seek to improve human environment without providing man eternal relationship with God.

Satan's power is described in 2 Thessalonians 2:9 as “dunamis” (Greek) power (dynamic or inherent power):

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power (“dunamis”) and signs (miracles) and lying wonders (eg., speaking in tongues).

One of the greatest “dunamis” powers is in the field of thought. Satan's power of thought is religion (false doctrine - 1 Tim. 4:1).

But since all people cannot be reached through religion, he has other dynamic systems, one of which is the field of politics. This isn't to imply that politics are all Satanic. His system goes in for panaceas. Remember, he has a fantastic plan which has been in operation since he took over the world. Satan is trying to bring order out of chaos; he is trying to create perfect environment.

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When the devil came into the newly created Garden, he saw perfect environment, and he didn't like it. Furthermore, he saw that an inferior creature had been given the perfect environment which he formerly possessed. In his jealousy, he formulated a plan whereby he might remove man and woman from this perfect environment. After succeeding, he fully expected another “tohu wa bohu” - an earth waste and void (Gen. 1:2). But upon discovering that it was not God's plan to take man off the earth, he made up his mind to “show God” - to set up his own perfect environment on the earth. This is the plan he has been working on ever since.

Satan would like to establish a Millennial reign, with himself as ruler. He would like to beat Jesus Christ to the jump- to get there first! To do this, Satan must get the world straightened out. Consequently, a tremendous area of good deeds, social action, and many similar panaceas and solutions to man's problems are Satanic in nature.

Jesus “twitted” Satan now and then. Knowing Satan would like to stop war, He said (in effect), “There will be wars and rumors of wars until I come. War is very embarrassing to Satan in view of his attempt to institute perfect environment on the earth. Satan would like to eliminate poverty; but Jesus said, “The poor ye have always with you.” Satan is in the “do-good” business! therefore, we need to be extremely careful to line up with Biblical principles and not with Satanic dynamics.

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Obituaries

Brenda Carol Goff Haley

Brenda Carol Goff Haley, 69 of Beebe, AR went to heaven on September 04, 2019.

Brenda was born on August 27, 1950 in Beebe, Arkansas, to Romie and Nell Goff.

She had a great love for her family especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by children Debbie Hardin (Mark); Bryon Haley (Debbie); daughter-in-law Shannon Gardecki (Todd) Grandkids, Michaela Faith (husband Cody Johnson), Sarah Faith, Sam Showmar, Christian Faith, Allen Hardin, Kristopher Hardin (Cami); Jacob Haley (Kristy) Grayson Haley; Great Granddaughter, Harper Hardin

Brothers Charles Goff (Robbie); LeRoy Goff (Carol); Sister, Lorene Poindexter, as well as nieces, nephews, great grandkids, cousins, and her best friend from childhood, Anita Jane Pfaffenberger.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Nelson Haley; sons, Scott and Matthew Faith; parents, Romie and Nell Goff.

Please make donations to St Jude's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105.

Memorial services will be on September 08, 2019 at 2:00 at Roller-Owens, 5509 John F Kennedy Blvd, North Little Rock, AR 72116.

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Andrew Frederick Ball

Andrew Frederick Ball, age 37 of Romance, Arkansas went to be with the Lord, Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 12:33 a.m. He was the best man anyone could ask for. He never met a stranger. Anyone that met him loved him. He fought a long hard battle with brain cancer and sadly lost. But won his wings.

He is survived by his beloved wife Jennifer Ball; four children, Brittany Rupard (Chris), Amber, Emily, Tyler; grandson Curtis; mother Kathy Ball; sister Andrea Cole (Joe); nephew Logan Ball and several aunts, uncles and loving cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father William (Bill) Ball; sister Emily Ann Ball; grandparents Fred and Ella Gail Benton and Leo and Marian Ball.

Andrew has requested that no one wear black to the memorial. He wanted us to come together and celebrate his life on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 11:00am at Union Valley Baptist Church in Beebe, Arkansas. Arrangements have been entrusted to A Natural State Funeral Service in Jacksonville, AR. His online guestbook is available at www.anaturalstatefuneralservice.com

Douglas Franklin George

Douglas Franklin George, age 74, of Heber Springs, passed away September 5, 2019.

Survivors include his wife, Cleta Hines George; one daughter, Debra Givhan (Victor); one brother, Joe George (Donna); three sisters, Carol Blankenship, Maryannette Meadows (John) and Vicki McCarren (Denny); two sisters – in-law, Judy Coffee and Reta Hines; two grandchildren, Jacara and Jayden Givhan and a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 am, Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Heber Springs First Assembly of God Church with Brother Lee Brown officiating.



Real Life

By Pastor Steve Ellison

Ecclesiastes is a book about real life. Technology has changed the way we do everything, but some things have not changed. Human nature has not changed. Truth has not changed. The emotions and dilemmas faced by Solomon 3000 years ago mirror ours very, very closely. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 is a very familiar and much-loved passage by many people. There is a reason why Ecclesiastes 3 speaks to every generation from 1000 BC until the present day. People have not changed.

Solomon, whom the Bible describes as the wisest man who had ever lived, was nearing the end of his life and he had seen it all. Ecclesiastes 3 declares that every activity has its proper time and place under the sun. He doesn't speak to the rightness or wrongness of any of the activities. He doesn't indicate any reasons for any of the activities. He simply declares that they occur. The idea seems to be: don't be surprised by any of them; don't fret over any of them; deal with them; do not allow any one of them to overwhelm you with either joy or discouragement.

Praise God that Solomon did not stop with his declarations in Ecclesiastes 1 and 2, that all of life is meaningless and that wisdom was worthless and that he hated all the fruit of his labor. In Ecclesiastes 3, he follows his assertion that there is a time and a place for everything with a beautiful paragraph, which begins with an explicit question which implies a second and related question. Solomon asks, "What does the worker gain from his toil?" Surely the curse of Genesis 3 was and is in effect. Work was good before the curse and it is still good today; however, the

curse means we will have difficulties in engaging in this good activity. Solomon sees that this is a burden, but declares that even though it is a burden, our merciful God, as a blessing to us, has retained beauty and blessing in all of it.

Solomon now moves on to his larger and more important point. God has also set eternity in our heart, and even though we do not understand it, there is a grand purpose in it. The implied question is this: What good is this setting of eternity in our hearts? Even though there is a "time for everything" there is also an "eternity". Solomon's answer is that even though we cannot fathom eternity or God's eternal actions, we can understand this much: we should will to be happy, to see the good around us, and to do that which is good. Many problems in our modern world would disappear if we would follow that advice. Solomon didn't stop there. He pointed out that this is indeed a gift of God. He gives us these gifts for our benefit, for our pleasure, but ultimately so that you and I will honor, respect, revere, and stand in awe of the Creator.

You have been created for eternity. Just because you will die one day, and you surely will, does not mean that is the end. Death is not the end but a passage. Man knows that truth in the depths of his innermost being. God has revealed it to us. God, who is rich in mercy, intends for that awareness of eternity to lead you to an awareness that He exists. You will live eternally somewhere. It could be with Him or it could be separated from Him. It is up to you. The choice is yours. Seek Him while He may be found.

Essentials for Increasing Faith

By Roger Campbell



Most people would like to increase their faith. They struggle with problems too difficult to solve and carry burdens too heavy to bear. Sleep eludes them and they are on a continual search for peace of mind.

How can one build faith that stands up in a storm?

I have found the way to have faith for the day is to feed it in the morning. Rising early enough for Bible reading and prayer provides spiritual strength to face the responsibilities of the workplace or the home.

I begin my morning devotions with an enriching time of giving thanks for all the things I used to take for granted: health, family, food in the house, a roof over my head, friends, God's love, freedom, and other blessings that come to mind at the moment. Counting my blessings starts my day in faith. I recommend it.

Following my time of giving thanks, I pray for all that I need, that my family needs and for the hurts and problems of others who have shared their requests for prayer with me. Some wonder if it is proper to ask God for what we want or need, but there is not one verse in the Bible that rebukes us for asking big. On the contrary, Jesus urged His hearers to ask and receive.

I am grateful for those who have come into my life and taught me how to pray in faith. In one church where I was the pastor, the custodians were people of great faith and deep devotion to the Lord. Often this couple would spend time praying with me in my office for the needs of the church and other concerns we shared.

How fervently this husband and wife prayed! And they believed God would answer.

Their faith was contagious and it increased mine. Soon I found

myself becoming bolder in prayer and more likely to expect answers to my prayers.

Great faith is developed by exposure to the Bible. It cannot be pumped up or faked. So time must be taken to read the Scriptures if we wish to increase our faith. To be sure I do this I try to keep two rules each morning: I do not eat anything until I read the Bible and I do not read anything until I read the Bible.

Add Bible reading to your early watch.

The Bible encourages faith. As you read the Bible you will find guarantees of strength, peace, courage, salvation, power, victory and answered prayer. You will read of the exploits of others who have conquered problems through faith. Identifying with these promises and personal triumphs will cause your faith to increase. Expectation will emerge.

What a great way to start the day!

But faith should also be growing all day long. Acting in faith will be vital to faith's development. Like most things, faith grows with exercise. If you want faith to increase, you must start using it. Do something that demands faith.

Whatever you do in faith will add adventure to life. As God honors your faith and answers your prayers, your faith will keep growing.

Faith will move the mountains in your life.

Roger Campbell was an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. An anthology containing over one hundred of his best columns, "Everywhere You Go There's a Zacchaeus Up a Tree," is now available at your local or online bookseller. Contact us at rcministry@ameritech.net or on FACEBOOK @ YOUR-FAITHADVENTURE.COM

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rector Chris Ellis, the program has been in place for 15 years, with the sponsors stepping forward to help strengthen and be a part of Badger Football. Ellis said, "this type of fan commitment takes Badger Football to another level." Each year sponsors contribute \$1000 each to be a part of the program. They have their company names placed on a banner that is displayed at home games and their company name announced over public address system at all home football games each week. The senior high Badgers will kick-off against Lonoke on Friday, September 13, at Lonoke. All Kick-off times for the 2019 season will be 7 o'clock both home and away games.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING
current events through a historical lens
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Electoral College

There has been a lot of talk lately about the Electoral College. If you read social media, you will see many opinions on why it should or should not continue to choose the American president. Those who want to retain the Electoral College tend to focus on the numbers and how several cities have larger populations than some states and if the College is removed, basically a handful of states will choose the next president. One post even claimed that the reason the Founding Fathers instituted the College was to protect the smaller states from the domination of the larger ones. Though I support the Electoral College and agree removing it will hurt smaller states and should remain intact, historically speaking, protecting the small states was not a reason for the Electoral College. Protecting the government was. I have stated before in this column that the purpose of the Constitution was to address the two major fears of the Founding Fathers: too strong central government and too much democracy. I have used many quotes over the years, but with "Hamilton" playing in my city recently it seems appropriate to use his words to explain the need for the College; "The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom

judge or determine right. Give therefore to the first class a distinct, permanent share in the government." If you examine the original Constitution, not the amended one today, you will notice that the "people" are only represented in the federal government by members of the House of Representatives. As for the other two elected positions, Senators were elected by state legislators and the President was elected by the Electoral College. The people had little say in the government, and this was not by accident. The Founders feared a demagogue, a man who had such popular support of the masses that he could turn into an emperor, just as Caesar had done. To guarantee the masses had no say in choosing the president, they were not asked. There was no primary system to choose who the candidates were. Powerful men, like Hamilton and Jefferson, wrote letters to fellow party members pushing for their man. Then a small group of these men met in a caucus and choose who their party supported. As for the election, the Constitution states that each state should choose electors. The number comes from the number of Congressmen and Senators a state has. It does not say how those electors are chosen. For the first

several elections the electors were appointed by state legislators. Once chosen, the electors voted for a president by meeting with other electors from their state. Each wrote down two names, at least one not from their state. These ballots were sent to the Senate for counting. Whoever received the most votes became President and the candidate with the second highest votes became VP. This would become problematic with men from different parties serving together so it was remedied by the Twelfth Amendment, where the President and VP are elected separately. As you can see, the people had no say in this process and they would not until the 1820s when more democratic ideas began to spread and some states started to choose their electors by a popular vote. When enough states went to this system, the result was Andrew Jackson, the demagogue the founders feared. The first political convention to pick the President, instead of a caucus, came in the 1830s with the Anti-Masonic Party who ran on stopping government corruption, or "draining the swamp" in modern terms. They saw caucuses as undemocratic and decided to let the people or states choose in an open convention. Shortly after, all

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parties followed suit, fearing they would look undemocratic to the newly empowered masses. Today the system is similar, but much more democratic. Primaries choose the candidates long before the conventions. Electors are now chosen by the people in all states and the electors vote for the popular winner of the state. There are state laws requiring both these changes, but it is interesting that no federal law does. If a state chooses to, it can still

use the old system. There is nothing about protecting smaller states from larger ones. The Founders could not have envisioned the population we have in our cities today or that the city populations would ever grow larger than the rural populations. That did not happen until after 1900. They did not know the U.S. would expand across the Contentment or have such things as low-population fly-over states. There are many good rea-

sons to keep the Electoral College, and those arguments should be made, but make sure you have your history correct if you are going to use the Founders in your reasoning. Dr. James Finck is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and Chair of the Oklahoma Civil War Symposium. Follow Historically Speaking at www.Historicallyspeaking.blog or Facebook at [@jameswfinck](https://www.facebook.com/jameswfinck).

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Award Recipients Announced for ARDOT Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program

LITTLE ROCK (9-9) – The Arkansas Department of Transportation has announced the award recipients for its Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for 2019.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for programs and projects defined as “transportation alternatives” for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized forms of transportation. It was authorized by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. It is a reimbursement-type grant program that provides for an 80 percent federal share and a 20 percent local match from eligible applicants.

Under the TAP program,

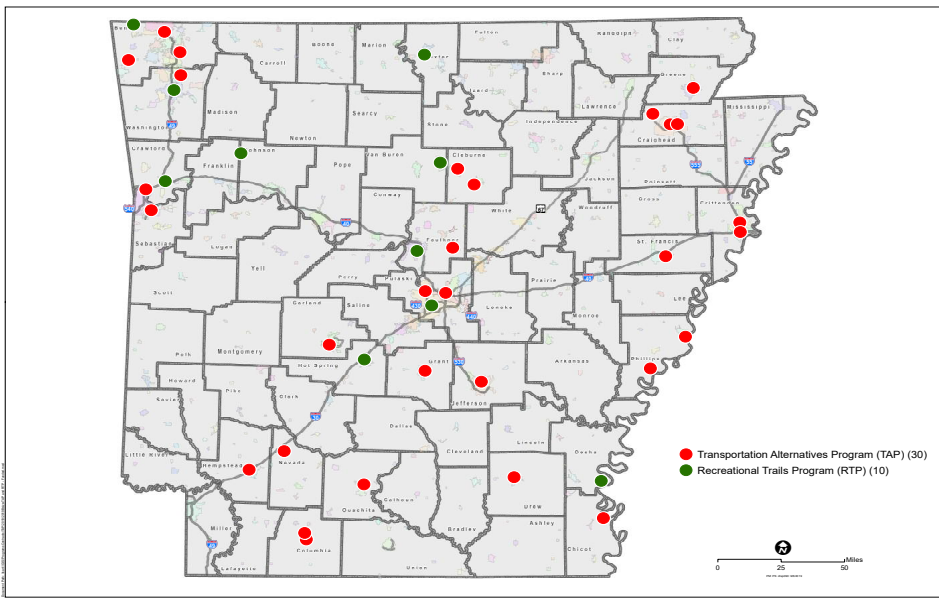
eligible projects can include construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities that include sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure. Conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for pedestrian and bicycle trails is also eligible. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is funded through a portion of TAP funds set aside specifically for recreational trails. These funds are eligible for maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trail-side and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, and construction of new trails.

For 2019, a total of 30 TAP projects for \$8 million and 10 RTP projects for \$1.4

million were awarded.

A few of the larger TAP projects include the Downtown Streetscape in Van Buren, Phase 3 of the Dean’s Trail in Springdale, and 14th Street’s Pedestrian Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad in North Little Rock. RTP projects awarded include two trailheads for Fairfield Bay’s ATV/UTV Trails, additional mountain bike trails for Boyle Park in Little Rock, and trailhead improvements for the Delta Heritage Trail in Arkansas City.

To be notified of future funding cycles for these programs, please subscribe to ARDOT’s Local Public Agency Information at http://www.ardot.gov/program_mgmt/lpa_subscribe.aspx.



Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) 2019 Awarded Projects

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Federal Funding Award
Benton	City of Bella Vista	Mercy Way Corridor Improvements	\$ 340,000
Benton	City of Gentry	South Smith Avenue Sidewalks	\$ 39,000
Benton	City of Rogers	Safe Routes to Schools Right-of-Way Improvements	\$ 340,000
Chicot	Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism	Delta Woodlands Trail Improvements	\$ 195,000
Cleburne	City of Heber Springs	First Security Pedestrian Bridge	\$ 159,000
Cleburne	West Side School District	Rapid Flashing Beacons	\$ 20,000
Columbia	City of Magnolia	High School Drive Sidewalks	\$ 102,000
Columbia	Southern Arkansas University	Campus Sidewalks	\$ 93,000
Craighead	Arkansas State University	Loop Trail, Phase 3	\$ 400,000
Craighead	City of Bono	College Street Sidewalks	\$ 300,000
Craighead	City of Jonesboro	University Heights Link	\$ 316,000
Crawford	City of Van Buren	Downtown Streetscape	\$ 492,000
Crittenden	City of Marion	Military Road Streetscape	\$ 250,000
Crittenden	City of West Memphis	Ten Mile Bayou Trail	\$ 230,000
Drew	City of Monticello	Sidewalks 2019	\$ 150,000
Faulkner	City of Vilonia	Church Street Sidewalks & Main Street Lighting	\$ 500,000
Garland	City of Hot Springs	Sidewalk Access to High School & Junior Academy	\$ 240,000
Grant	City of Sheridan	Walking Path, Phase 1	\$ 160,000
Greene	City of Paragould	8 Mile Creek Multi-Use Trail, Phases 2 & 3	\$ 303,000
Hempstead	City of Hope	Downtown Streetscaping	\$ 460,000
Jefferson	City of Pine Bluff	West Pine Bluff Multi-Use Connector, Phase 1	\$ 384,000
Nevada	City of Prescott	Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 129,000
Ouachita	City of Camden	Adams Avenue Sidewalks	\$ 322,000
Phillips	Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism	Delta Heritage Trail: Elaine - Mellwood	\$ 250,000
Phillips	City of Helena-West Helena	St. Francis National Forest Section of Big River Trail	\$ 250,000
Pulaski	City of North Little Rock	14th Street Pedestrian Bridge	\$ 470,000
Pulaski	Pulaski County	Two Rivers Park Bike Trail Safety Improvements	\$ 330,000
Sebastian	Arkansas Colleges of Health Education	Wellness Lake Trail	\$ 216,000
St. Francis	City of Madison	Jackson Street Sidewalks	\$ 60,000
Washington	City of Springdale	Dean's Trail, Phase 3	\$ 500,000

Beebe School Board Meeting Set for Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m.

Beebe School District Board Room

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| I. Call to Order | D. 1599 Resolution for Employees |
| II. Student Recognition | E. District 504 Coordinator |
| A. Student Leaders | F. Minority Recruitment Plan |
| | G. District Equity Coordinator |
| Beebe Public School Board Meeting Monday, September 16 6:00 p.m. | H. Legal Transfer |
| Beebe School District Board Room | I. Report to the Public |
| | J. Fiscal School Budget 2019-2020 - Dr. Rick Duff |
| B. GT and AP Student Recognition | K. Purchases over \$20,000 |
| III. Approval of Agenda | L. Special Education Surrogate |
| IV. Consent Agenda | M. Out of State Trip Requests |
| A. August Board Meeting Minutes | |
| B. August Financial Report | VI. Informational Items |
| V. Action Items | A. Superintendent Report |
| A. Kiwanis Organization Membership | VII. Personnel |
| B. Act 1120 Employee 5% Salary Increase | VIII. Adjournment |
| C. PPC Administrators Representa- | |

Baxter	City of Mountain Home	McCabe Park Trail System, Phase 2	\$ 164,000
Benton	City of Sulphur Springs	Sulphur Springs Park Trail	\$ 21,000
Crawford	City of Alma	Lake Alma Trails, Phase 1	\$ 158,000
Desha	City of Arkansas City	Delta Heritage Trail Trailhead Improvements	\$ 188,000
Faulkner	City of Conway	Stone Dam Creek Trail, Phase 2	\$ 125,000
Hot Spring	City of Malvern	City Park Walking Trail	\$ 80,000
Johnson	US Forest Service	High Bank River Access Trailhead Improvements	\$ 24,000
Pulaski	City of Little Rock	Boyle Mountain Bike Park Trails	\$ 200,000
Van Buren	City of Fairfield Bay	Fairfield Bay ATV/UTV Trailheads	\$ 270,000
Washington	City of Fayetteville	Wilson Park Trail Bridge Replacement	\$ 170,000

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