

# Wake Up, Get Up, Speak Up!

By Van Yandell

Jonah 1: 5 “Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.”

My uncle once said “I do my best worrying in the middle of the night.” Supposing it runs in the family to make light of unpleasant situations, dealing with memories can be good or bad.

At some point in time, I realized, when I wake up at two am and fully know I’m not going back to sleep, the best recourse is to get up and do something.

Going to the shop it’s easy to find jobs I didn’t finish yesterday or new tasks that cannot wait until daylight. If nothing else, finding a broom, sweeping jobs in a shop are always needed, especially in a wood shop.

At times, turning on the laptop and to start writing seems to be a viable alternative. More articles are written in the early morning hours than in the day time hours.

Whatever one’s forte is in life, there is always something to do! To simply sit and do nothing is not a choice for many of us.

One of my middle of the night actions (or in-actions) is to sit outside

and star gaze. I just came in and told wife Margie, (yes, she’s up too), “I never believed in UFO’s, but I just saw something in the southern sky and have no idea what it could have been.”

It is a perfectly clear night (4 am) and the stars are shining bright; the moon is starting to come up over the eastern horizon and my eyes had adjusted to the darkness.

A bright light appeared and in about two seconds, disappeared. I have no idea what it could have been. The word “unidentified” came to mind and that bright light was certainly unidentified to me.

In my ”UFO disbelieving mind” there is a perfectly logical, earth based reason for the light. But still, the thought is, I do not know what the light was!

There are many questions in life that we simply cannot answer. Like Jonah asleep in “the belly of the ship” we are asleep to many of the conditions and situations all around us. So the thought comes forth, are Christians asleep to the spiritually unaware?

Jonah 1: 6 “So the shipmaster came to Jonah, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.”

The ship’s crew

knew there was a God that controlled the seas (Psalm 8: 8). They cast lots to determine which one of them was the cause of this great tempest in the sea. The lot fell upon Jonah.

Jonah 1: 10 “Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him. Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.”

As the story goes, Jonah was tossed into the sea and was swallowed by a whale (Matthew 12: 40) where he spent three days, was vomited up on a seashore, then did what God had told him to do.

God Jesus gave us a final command before He ascended. Go and tell others about Him! Is that too big an order for us to fulfill? Jonah had a command from God and he tried to run from God.

At this point in our lives, it may not be in the middle of the night but it’s time to wake up. get up and speak up. If there is ever to be any peaceful state in our world, the time is now to tell all people about Jesus.

It certainly appears over the last twenty years our world has been consumed and digested into a state of war, hatred, racial and social unrest, economic disparities and natural disasters escalating the tensions of many.

Some believe the

return of Jesus is soon to happen. I do not share that belief but of course, He “will come as a thief in the night,” meaning, when we least expect Him.

2 Peter 3: 10 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

Perhaps this scripture is not only prophesy but a wake-up call. Must we wake up, get up and speak up? That question is rhetorical because the answer is obvious.

The invasion of the free world by pagan religions and the many under the influence of non-Biblical teachings, we have reached a do-or-die condition.

Scriptural references to false prophets are many. Jesus was so adamant concerning the false teachings, He stated three times in the Olivet discourse (Matthew 24, Mark

13 and Luke 21), to beware of false teachings, “they will deceive many.”

Galatians 1: 8 “But should we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Church, we must wake up, get up and speak up! It’s now or never. Christianity is under attack by the false prophets, radical factions of various beliefs and those that find Christian teachings interfering with their lifestyle.

Jonah 2: 9 “But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.”

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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## Did You Know?

The United States entered the Vietnam War on August 5, 1964, and stopped fighting on May 7, 1975 by order of President Gerald Ford. Millions served in the Vietnam War and many lost their lives while others were wounded.

Estimates of how many Vietnam veterans are still living vary. According to DAV®, an organization that helps war veterans, today there are fewer than 850,000 living Vietnam War veterans.

However, the 2022 American Community Survey estimated 5.44 million living Americans are veterans of the Vietnam War.

These individuals would be 80 years of age and older, comprising a large sector of the senior citizen population.

## WC Retired Teachers Meet

The Webster County Retired Teachers met Monday, October 12, at Hidden Hills Wedding and Event Center near Dixon. Sixteen members and three guests, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Webb and Mr. Benny Lile, were present. A buffet lunch was catered by Hidden Hills. Faye Melton was hostess for the meeting and told attendees about the Hidden Hills venue. WCRTA President Nan Laughary opened the meeting. Pauletta Yarbrough led the Pledge to the Flag, and Martilyn Whitsell gave the devotional, “Changes”, using Lamentations 3:22.

Dixon Mayor Terry Webb read a proclamation from the Kentucky Retired Teacher Association declaring the week “Retired Teacher Week”. Benny Lile, co-chair of Legislation on the KRTA Board of Directors, gave members a copy of the 2027 KRTA Legislative Priorities, and explained the need for each.

President Laughary chaired the business session. Treasurer Marilyn Whitsell gave the financial report, and Secretary Geraldine Stone had earlier sent out minutes of the August meeting by e-mail. The Christmas Angel Project was discussed, and it was decided that there would be 5 designated shoppers from WCRTA, but anyone could buy for the project at their own

expense. Janice Gilaspie suggested that WCRTA should add enough to the WCRTA scholarship fund to give a \$1,000. scholarship in addition to the ones that WCRTA administers.

President Laughary

reminded members that the Second District meeting would be at the Country Cupboard in Madisonville on December 10, and that the next WCRTA meeting will be at the First Baptist Church in Sebree on December 14.



## God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

### It's Hard To Be Humble!

Q: I’m a good leader and I get work done on every project I’m asked to do. I’m organized and I stay on task until the job is finished. I don’t understand why I don’t get more accolades and praise for all I do in church.

A: God gives His children the mental ability, talents and energy to serve in and through our local churches. All we are able to do comes to us as a gift from God. All we accomplish is because of Christ. The Bible teaches, “For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn’t receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn’t received it” (1 Corinthians 4:6-7)? We have no room to self-righteously boast of anything. There is no room for ego.

Jesus’s call to each of us is to lay down ego and serve with humility—no matter how gifted we are. When serving Christ, it is not about us; it’s about Him. Whatever our role in God’s kingdom, we should serve faithfully and humbly doing our work as servants of Christ.

Whether we are the pastor of the church or someone who works quietly in the background, we are to work as willing and faithful servants. If you’re not serving within the ministry and mission of your church, it’s time to start. Ask your church leaders to show you where you can serve, then step in and do it with humility.

Amber Peoples  
James Perkins  
David Phillips  
Austin Powell  
Romeo Price  
Joseph Ricketts  
Chavez Walker  
Christian Walker  
Elijah Walker  
Hardin Wither-  
spoon

## Webster County Jailer’s Report

Webster County Jailer Greg Sauls reports that inmates worked a total of 1576 hours between October 11 and October 17, 2026. Hours worked include 168 hours in jail maintenance; 728 hours at the RCC; 64 hours mowing; Union County male inmates worked 200 hours with female inmates working 160 hours; 40 hours for the city of Clay; 24 hours for the city of Dixon; 80 hours for the city of Sebree; 40 hours for recycling; 32 hours for the road department shop and 40 hours for the dog warden.

The total jail population is 179 with 32 county inmates; 36 Union County inmates and 111 state prisoners.

Twenty-three in-

mates attended Moral Recognition Therapy with two graduating; 28 attended Anger Management with two graduating; 14 attended Thinking for Good; 15 attended Untangling Relationships with two graduating. Five inmates attended GED classes.

Incarcerated during the same period were

Paulo Argueta  
Jason Baily  
Joshua Blanchard  
Klint Boggess  
Ryan Henricks  
Holly Howard  
Keaton Howard  
Joseph Hunt  
Jacob Jones  
Shannon Kazee  
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**Bids will be accepted until Friday, October 30 at [www.gov.deals](http://www.gov.deals).**

**For additional information or to place a bid visit [www.gov.deals](http://www.gov.deals).**

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### -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

**AUDIT REPORT FOR WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM C. BRADEN FOR SHERIFF SETTLEMENT FOR 2024 TAXES**

A copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the sheriffs office, and is available for public inspection during normal business hours. Any citizen may obtain from the sheriffs office a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information for his personal use.

Citizens requesting a personal copy of the sheriffs audit will be charged for duplication cost at a rate that shall not exceed twenty-five (\$.25) per page; and copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with K.R.S.424.220 are available to the public at no cost at the business of the officer responsible for preparation of the statement.

### Webster County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce it's time to order



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