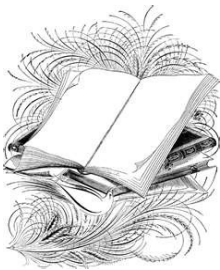


If the "Coca-Cola family" wakes up every morning thinking about how they are going to get the world's 5.6 billion people to slake their first that day with Coke, then certainly as individual Christians we can rise every morning with the thought in our hearts and minds that we must take the gospel to at least one soul that day.

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### **Is Your Name Written There?**

By David A Sargent

Think about the various places where your name is written and why it is recorded there .

As a matter of historical record and identity, your name is written on a birth certificate.

To report the grades that you have earned while in school, your name is written on a report card.

As a means of identification and license to drive, your name is written on a driver's license.

To show your commitment to your spouse for the rest of your life, your name is written on a marriage license.

To mortgage a home or finance a car, your name is written on a contract.

To note the beginning and the end of your earthly existence, your name will

eventually be written on a tombstone!

But hopefully this is not the last place your name will appear!

There is another place in which you will want to make absolutely certain that your name is recorded. Having your name written in this particular document is the most important record of all. If your name is written in this book, you will be rewarded eternally!

The Book of which I speak is what the Bible calls the "book of life" (see Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12,15; 21:27; 22:19). This book will be opened on the day that Jesus Christ will judge every person of every nation (Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:31; Revelation 20:11-15). Those whose names are written in the Book of Life will inherit eternal bliss in the heavenly city where "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21:27).

How can I be sure that my name is written in the Book of Life?

The Apostle Paul informs us that only the names of "Christians" are recorded in the Book of Life (Philippians 4:3), for Christians are those whose sins have been washed away by the blood of the "Lamb" - Jesus Christ! To become a Christian, one must believe

that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 16:31), repent of sin (Acts 17:30), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized in the name of Christ for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). To those Christians who remain faithful throughout their lives, Jesus has promised: "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels" (Revelation 3:5).

Throughout the course of life, your name will be recorded in many different places on this earth. But the most important question is: Is your name written in heaven — in the Lamb's Book of Life?

### **God Has Power To Help And To Overthrow**

By Neal Pollard

Amaziah was a pretty good king. He made things right in the kingdom and acted according to the law of Moses. Then, the time came when Esau's descendants opposed Judah. Amaziah responded by trying to hire soldiers from Israel. An unnamed prophet warned against this, in part by reasoning, "...God has power to help and to overthrow" (2 Chron. 25:8). God was able to give Amaziah so much more than wicked Israel's army (verse 10). Throughout the divided kingdom period, the repeated idea communicated to both nations (Israel and Judah) is that the battle belongs to the Lord.

What blessed assurance for us to know that God's promise is the same today.

He has the power to help and to overthrow in our lives. The answer is not in drugs and alcohol, material things, illicit relationships, perversion, or the like. We are going to face a variety of challenges and adversities so long as we live. Each time, God has power to help and to overthrow. When we struggle, God has power to help and to overthrow. When we hurt, God has power to help and to overthrow. When we fail, God has power to help and to overthrow. When we set goals, God has power to help and to overthrow. When we are confused, God has power to help and to overthrow.

Amaziah eventually rejected this truth and turned elsewhere for help (verses 14ff). This led to his demise. Let us overcome the temptation to turn from God and seek for help in some other place.



### **What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

Hear.....Romans 10:13-17  
Believe....Mark 16:16; Acts 16:30,31  
Repent.....Acts 17:30,31; Acts 2:38  
Confess....Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37  
Be Baptized...1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16;  
Galatians 3:27; Acts 2:38  
Live Faithfully.....Revelation 2:10



TURN, TURN, TURN  
Ladies Day  
October 8, 8:30-1:00  
West Side  
Church of Christ  
"Percolating Petitions:  
Brewing a Strong  
Prayer Life"

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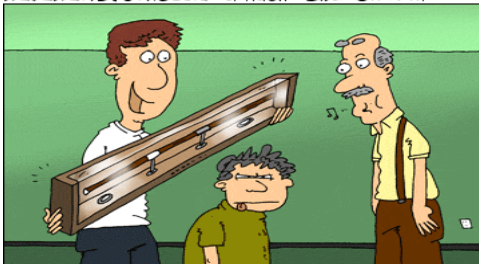
Attention Ladies!!! If you are interested in going to the Ladies Day at West Side Church of Christ and need a ride, please see or call Cathy Durham (304) 920-9984. Cathy has room for 3 more people. Cathy will be leaving the building at 7:00 am as it takes about 1 hr and 15 minutes to get there. We had the privilege of having some of the West Side ladies attend our Ladies Day, so if you can please try to attend theirs.

The Hinton Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting October 2-6, 2011 nightly services will be 7:pm



*Bill & Kim Lively*  
10/04  
*Scott & Brandy Barnes*  
10/09

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(See Proverbs 13:24)  
MY KID IS SPOILED LIKE CRAZY, BUT MY ROD IS IN MINT CONDITION IN ITS ORIGINAL PACKAGING

Prayer List: **Cancer:** Kenneth Dunn; Rhonda Bogus; Rick Campbell; Debbie Boggs; Lowell Crumfield & Barbara Hill; Tammy Hodges; Barbara Francis; Don Hill; Jeff Wiley Hamilton.

**Healthproblems:** Virgil Steele; Donald Rife; Eugene Holdren; Patricia Rotenbury; Steve and Pam Poorman's-daughter; Glenna Dempsey; Marlin Harles; Hazel Farr & JR Farr; Jean Walden; Kara Christian; Gary Durham; Arnold Dempsey; Ken McWilliams; Gene Booth; Wanda Rowe; Diane Haleston; Billy Myers; Zack Holland; Mini Mills; Darlene Myers; Rex "Jimmy" Backus; Dosie Branscome & Katie Hensley. **Strokes:** Richard Clement; Amanda Lance. **Other:** Shelby Lindsey-fibromyalgia; Kenny Asbury-problems with his neck; Kyle Hockenberry-recovering from military injuries; Betty Bailey-not eating; The Brooke family, Ken McWilliams friend Wolf - recovering from eye surgery; Junior Taylor-is not doing well; Darrell Fletcher's Father Franklin Fletcher-aneurysm in his brain; Emma Steele-recovering from knee surgery; Elaine Rocchetti- surgery on broken arm; Travis Durham-back problem; Darla Pitzer-recovering from surgery on her finger. Steve Mullins-heart problem; David Carrico-Leukemia; Gary Durham's mother Lura Durham-dizziness; Ken McWilliams friend Wolfe-son and his wife were involved in a bad car accident; Emilee Begil-Hand foot mouth disease; Christine Asbury-back problems; Shelia Gates-fractured her knee; Samantha Metheny's Grandmother; Connie Hill's mother-has a broken wrist; Robin Hodges; Betty Scott-tests; Brittany Hill- she was 9 weeks pregnant and lost the child; Hazel Anderson-fluid around her heart; Caleb Hill - pneumonia in his left lung, a viral infection and cough; Blake Morris-Eye surgery on Oct 18; Karma Burns -heart surgery; Debra Lagos-issue with her pregnancy; Justin Begil's nephew Payton -meningitis. **Alzheimer's:** Zella England; Mary Lou Thomas, & Leo Hamby. **Nursing home:** Peggy Barie is in the Loving Hands Adult Care; Ethel Pitzer- Country View Assisted Living; **Military:** Zachary McConnell. **Sympathy:** Dr. Lane's grandmother and mother passed away; Paul Noe Family.

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Worship: 10:30 AM  
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Wednesday: 6:PM

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Don Davis  
James Asbury  
Gary Jones

*Attendance:*  
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P.M. Worship - 15  
September 28, 2011  
Wednesday: 17

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### Coca-Cola Versus The Gospel By Unknown

"All of us in the Coca-Cola family wake up each morning knowing that every single one of the world's 5.6 billion people will get thirsty that day ... and we are the ones with the best opportunity to refresh them. Our task is simple: Make Coca-Cola and our other products available, affordable, and acceptable to them, quenching their thirst, and providing them a perfect moment of relaxation. If we do this ... if we make it impossible for these 5.6 billion people to escape Coca-Cola ... then we are assure our future success for many years to come. Doing anything else is not an option." (Robert C. Goizueta, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Coca-Cola, February 17, 1994)\*

Surely the proclamation of the glorious gospel of Christ is of far greater importance than peddling carbonated, caramel-colored, sugar-water.