

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Michael Thomas Everett, 58

Michael Thomas Everett, a senior heavy equipment operator with Lowndes County and long time resident of Berrien County, GA, died unexpectedly on July 9, 2017 at the age of 58 at his home.

Mike was born in Miami, Florida on December 29, 1958 to Hermon J. Everett and Mary C. Everett both deceased and is survived by his loving Step-Mother Nora N. Everett.

Mike, also known as Mr. Mike to many of his close friends and coworkers, was an avid race car fan, loved cooking, and enjoyed tending to his many gardens. He also loved music and often played guitar with family and friends. He was a magnet for all dogs taking great care of any that showed up on his doorstep. Mike was a very kind and generous man who will be deeply missed by his family, close neighbors, friends, coworkers and all who knew him. There is no service scheduled at this time.

Charles Rowe, 57

Charles Rowe, 57, of Nashville, died Tuesday July 11, 2017 in Tift Regional Medical Center. He was born August 23, 1959 in Myrtle Beach, SC to Rudolph Felton Rowe and Mildred Beryl Fildes Rowe. He was a painter and of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his daughter: Jessica (Rocky) Stone of Alabama; father and mother: Buck and Beryl Rowe of Nashville; 2 sisters: Diane Watson of Nashville and Janice (Bruce) Roberts of Adel; 2 brothers: Richard (Frances) Rowe of Nashville and Michael Rowe of Panama City Beach, FL; granddaughter: Kymber Stone; 2 nieces: Nicole Rowe and Mary-Ann Rowe; 2 nephews: Grisha Roberts and Misha Roberts.

Funeral services were held Friday July 14, 2017 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of Lovein Funeral Home with the Rev. Mickey Lindsey officiating. Interment followed in Rowetown Cemetery. Visitation was Friday one hour prior to the service. Lovein Funeral Home in Nashville handled the arrangements.

Jeanette Sirmans, 78

Jeanette Sirmans, 78, of Ray City passed away July 15, 2017 in Archbold Medical Center in Thomasville, GA after a brief illness. She was born on May 8, 1939 to the late Shelton J. & Armittie (Lancaster) Skinner. She was Holiness by faith.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Sirmans, daughter, Cynthia Jeanette Sirmans, 2 brothers and J.W. Skinner & J.C. Skinner.

Survivors Include: 2 Sons & Daughters-in-law, Joey & Angie Sirmans, Ray City, Clyde "Bo" & Amy Sirmans, Valdosta; Sister: Doris Cumbus, Valdosta; 3 Brothers & Sister-inlaw: Shelton "Slim" Skinner, Jr., Pearson, Ronnie & Jessie Skinner, Ray City, Bobby Skinner, Valdosta and a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 in the Lakeland Chapel of Music Funeral Services with a private burial held in New Ramah Cemetery, Ray City, GA.

The family received friends from 9 a.m. until service time on Tuesday. Sympathy may be expressed online at www.musicfuneralservices.com. The Sirmans family is being cared for by the professional and caring staff of Music Funeral Services in Lakeland.

Grief/Caregiver Support Group meetings

The local Grief/Caregiver Support Group will be meeting the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Meetings will take place at 5 p.m. in the Lakeland Drug Company Meeting Room, 42 W. Main St.

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My name is Legion

The Bible says, "For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many" (Mk.5:8,9).

In our text we have the story about The Maniac or Demoniac of Gadara.

This man, for whom no name is given, was demon possessed, or another way of saying it, he was full of devils. The leader of this possession was named Legion because there were many in this man. A legion can be up to 6,000. This man was possessed by those angelic beings that with Satan had rebelled against God and were confined to earth or bound in hell, until their "time" of judgment at the Great White Throne (Rev.20:10-15).

The fact that this man was possessed by up to 6,000 demons, which are spiritual beings, tells us that spirits do not take up space. If they did, that many individual, personal beings, couldn't dwell in this man.

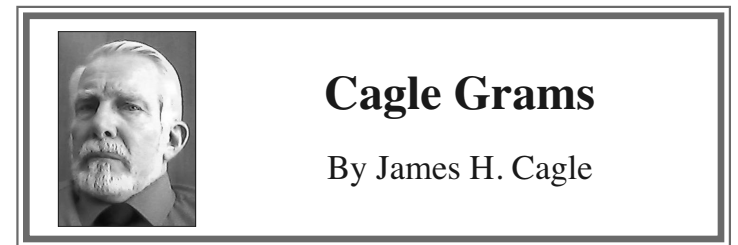
One of the things that proved he was demon possessed, was his living or "dwelling among the tombs"; among the dead (Mk.5:2,3). He wasn't driven by the citizens into the tombs, but by the demons that possessed him. The demons had usurped his will and drove him to a place they preferred which was in the grave yard.

It would be worth noting that today there's an infatuation with grave yards and the dead and departed spirits and communicating with them. One way of becoming demon possessed is opening the door into that evil dimension which God strictly forbade us to enter (Deut.18:9).

Another thing that proved he was demon possessed was his supernatural strength (Mk.5:3,4; Acts 19:15,16). He could break chains, and had done so on as many occasions as the citizens bound him. But he couldn't break the chains the demons enslaved him with.

Man cannot naturally break chains because he hasn't naturally the strength to break steel. But demons have supernatural strength and they can exert their strength through a human being and break steel chains. Because of the violent nature of the demons that possessed him, the man was violent to those around him.

And yet another thing that proved this man was demon possessed was he could not be tamed (vs.4). To make him tame would mean to get him to become rational, reasonable, and log-



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ical. They couldn't harness his physical powers or his mental powers for they were both given over to the devil. No psychiatrist could help him.

Another proof that this man was demon possessed was his self-mutilation. He roamed the mountains and tombs, "cutting himself with stones" (vs.5). He was dead set on destroying himself. Today people are dead set on destroying themselves with drugs, and mutilating their bodies by covering them with tattoos.

This demon possessed man was also naked, he "ware (wore) no clothes" (Lk.8:27). Even so today people are wearing less and less clothes.

When the man came to Jesus he didn't speak, but the demon did, and asked that Jesus not torment them or send them out of country (vs.7,10). When Jesus spoke He didn't speak at first to the man, but directly to the demons in the man (vs.8,9,13).

When Jesus healed this man he sat with the others that were crowded around Jesus' feet, with clothes on, and in his right mind (vs.15). He was conscious of himself and aware of his surroundings for the first time in a very long time. He was himself again by the mighty touch of God.

Jesus spoke to the man personally the first time after the demons had been cast out, and told him to go and share his story with others (vs.19).

Do I believe unsaved people can be possessed with demons or devils today? Absolutely. But they can be delivered by renouncing their allegiance to Satan and their involvement in occult craft and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone and His shed blood for their salvation.

As Christian influence has waned because of the worldly state of the church there's increasing evidence of demonic activity. As America turns from God and more people worship Satan, there will be more evidence of demonic activity in our country. May God send us revival.

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