

**IN AND AROUND
LEXINGTON
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When We Miss the Target

Read the first verse of Matthew's gospel. Jesus knew David's ways. He witnessed the adultery, winced at the murders, and grieved at the dishonesty. But David's failures didn't change Jesus' relation to David. The initial verse of the first chapter of the first gospel calls Christ "the son of David" (Matt. 1:1 KJV). The title contains no disclaimers, explanations, or asterisks. I'd have added a footnote: "This connection in no way offers tacit approval to David's behavior." No such words appear. David

blew it. Jesus knew it. But he claimed David anyway. He did for David what my father did for my brother and me. Back in our elementary school days, my brother received a BB gun for Christmas. We immediately set up a firing range in the backyard and spent the afternoon shooting at an archery target. Growing bored with the ease of hitting the circle, my brother sent me to fetch a hand mirror. He placed the gun backward on his shoulder, spotted the archery bull's-eye in the mirror, and did his best Buffalo Bill imitation. But he missed the target. He also missed the storehouse behind the target and the fence behind the storehouse. We had no idea where the BB pellet flew.

Our neighbor across the alley knew, however. He soon appeared at the back fence, asking who had shot the BB gun and who was going to pay for his sliding-glass door. At this point I disowned my brother. I changed my last name and claimed to be a holiday visitor from Canada. My father was more noble than I. Hearing the noise, he appeared in the backyard, freshly rested from his Christmas Day nap, and talked with the neighbor. Among his words were these: "Yes, they are my children." "Yes, I'll pay for their mistakes." Christ says the same about you. He knows you miss the target. He knows you can't pay for your mistakes. But he can. "God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins" (Rom. 3:25 NLT). Since he was sinless, he could. Since he loves you, he did. "This is real love. It is not

that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins" (1 John 4:10 NLT). He became one of us to redeem all of us. "Jesus, who makes people holy, and those who are made holy are from the same family. So he is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters" (Heb. 2:11 NCV). He wasn't ashamed of David. He isn't ashamed of you. He calls you brother; he calls you sister. The question is, do you call him Savior? From *Facing Your Giants*. Copyright (J Countryman, 2006) Max Lucado. Listen to UpWords with Max Lucado at OnePlace.com. *UpWords, with Max Lucado is a popular daily Bible devotion. This Max Lucado devotional offers wisdom and insight for applying Biblical truths to the ups and downs of everyday life. Reading daily devotions provides strength and encouragement in your daily walk with Jesus Christ. Used by permission.*

I went home for the Memorial Day weekend. I went to my home church, Pleasant Grove M.B. Church. They had a Homecoming-Memorial Day program. I did the topic on homecoming/Memorial Day and Rev. Darius Pernel from Grenada did the sermon. The pastor, Rev. Larry Hervey showed a film displaying all the deceased members pictured on the memorial wall.

Hester. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jennifer Young Wallace, Ph.D CAEP, professor of education leadership at Jackson State University. She grew up in Cruger. She is the daughter of Sonny and Mattie Young. After the keynote speaker, lunch was served. Then candidates running for public office were allowed to speak. Many door prizes were given. Two of the prizes were TVs. Doris Whitehead and one of her sisters won the TVs.

Wednesday, May 29, two senior citizens galas were held; one in Lexington and the other in Winona. Both galas were well attended. Holmes County TRIAD in partnership with Mallory community Health Center gave the senior citizens of Holmes County a luncheon along with TRIAD. The purpose of TRIAD (The Right Information And Direction) was given by Mattie Young of Cruger. Holmes County Sheriff's Captain Sam Chambers gave the crime update. Robert Seals spoke for Crime Stoppers. The memorial tribute was given by Sheriff Willie March. During the tribute, fourteen deceased members were named. A musical selection was presented by the Trinity M.B. Church's praise team. Then a solo was done by Mr. John

Some senior citizens from Holmes County attended the over 60 gala in Winona. It was similar to the TRIAD luncheon. Wilton Neal sang gospel songs. Winona site singers sang songs. Door prizes were given three times. Everybody at the gala got a door prize. Most of the prizes were gift cards. The Grenada site dancers and the Winona site dancers, both groups over 60, performed. The oldest man and the oldest woman were crowned as king and queen. Ninety-eight-year-old Eula McGee was the oldest woman and 100-year-old Mr. Gunn was the oldest man.

In last week's column, about the Rose Hill District Association, I was referring to the lax (not attending)

2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Centerville Community Water Association
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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. Our water source is from wells drawing from the Middle Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the Centerville Community Water Association have received moderate rankings in terms of susceptibility to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact W.E. Warren at 662.967.2901. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please join us at the annual meeting held on the second Tuesday of February at 7:00 PM at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, West, MS.

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2018. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2018, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

TEST RESULTS									
Contaminant	Violatio n YN	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACLMRDL	Unit Measure- ment	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination	
Inorganic Contaminants									
10. Barium	N	2015*	.0723	.024 - .0723	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
13. Chromium	N	2015*	1.2	.9 - 1.2	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits	
14. Copper	N	2015/17*	.2	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
17. Lead	N	2015/17*	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	
19. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	2018	.09	No Range	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Disinfection By-Products									
81. HAA5	N	2018	4	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection.	
82. THM1 [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2014*	5.49	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.	
Chlorine	N	2018	1.2	.12 - 1.5	mg/l	0	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes	

* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2018. As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected however the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. In an effort to ensure systems complete all monitoring requirements, MSDH now notifies systems of any missing samples prior to the end of the compliance period.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1.800.426.4791.

churches. We want them to return to Rose Hill District. One name was crossed up. The vice moderator is Rev. Leroy Gibson not Wilson. To get your news in this column call 662-834-1489.

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