



Water for Your Soul

Where do you find water for the soul? Jesus gave an answer one October day in Jerusalem. People had

packed the streets for the annual reenactment of the rock-giving-water miracle of Moses. Each morning a

priest filled a golden pitcher with water from the Gihon spring and carried it down a people-lined path to the temple. He did this every day, once a day, for seven days. "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:37-38).

He "stood and shouted" (NLT). The traditional rabbinic teaching posture was sitting and speaking. But Jesus stood up and shouted out. Forget a kind clearing of the throat. God was pounding his gavel on heaven's bench. Christ demanded attention.

He shouted because his time was short. The sand in the neck of his hourglass was down to measurable grains. In six months he'd be dragging a cross through these streets. And the people? The people thirsted. They needed water, not for their throats, but for their hearts. So Jesus invited: Are your insides starting to shrivel? Drink me.

Internalize him. Ingest him. Welcome him into the inner workings of your life. Let Christ be the water of your soul.

Toward this end, I give you this tool: a prayer for the thirsty heart. Carry it just as a cyclist carries a water bottle. The prayer outlines four essential fluids for soul hydration: God's work, God's energy, his lordship, and his love. You'll find the prayer easy to remember. Just think of the word W-E-L-L.

Lord, I come thirsty. I come to drink, to receive. I receive your work on the cross and in your resurrection. My sins are pardoned, and my death is defeated. I receive your energy. Empowered by your Holy Spirit, I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength. I receive your lordship. I belong to you. Nothing comes to me that hasn't passed through you. And I receive your love. Nothing can separate me from your love.

Don't you need regular sips from God's reservoir? I do. I've offered this prayer in countless situations: stressful meetings, dull days, long drives, demanding trips, character-testing decisions. Many times a day I step to the underground spring of God and receive anew his work for my sin and death, the energy of his Spirit, his lordship, and his love.

Drink with me from his bottomless well. You don't have to live with a dehydrat-

MSU Extension Service, MDWFP, and USDA to host virtual pond management workshop

Press Release
The Mississippi State University Extension Service in Pontotoc and Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) is offering a Pond Management workshop on July 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be conducted using the Zoom internet-based video conferencing platform. Speakers will include MDWFP fisheries biologist Dustin Rodgers and Mark Griffith of the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service.

Participants must register in advance for this meeting using the following link.

<https://msstateextension.zoom.us/j/7114540488>

After registration, a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting will be sent.

Zoom is an internet-based meeting program that allows people to participate in meetings and education programs from the safety of their homes. Presenters can use this technology to share information while allowing participants to interact and ask questions.

The requirements to participate in a Zoom meeting include an internet connection, a computer, tablet, or smart phone.

In order to use a smart phone, the Zoom app should be downloaded from the App Store.

To receive more information about joining this

ed heart.

Receive Christ's work on the cross, the energy of his Spirit, his lordship over your life, his unending, unfailing love.

Drink deeply and often. And out of you will flow rivers of living water.

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meeting call the Pontotoc County Extension office at 662-489-3910 or email james.shannon@msstate.edu.

For more information regarding fishing in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com or call us at (601) 432-2212.

Mississippi Lottery Corporation announces June transfer to the state

Press Release

On Monday, July 20, the Mississippi Lottery Corporation (MLC) completed its June transfer of \$10,723,795.84 in net proceeds to the Lottery Proceeds Fund in the Mississippi State Treasury. This brings the total amount deposited to the State for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020, to \$70,730,502.31.

"We have actively sold lottery tickets slightly more than seven months during FY2020," said MLC President Tom Shaheen. "We are very pleased we have been able to return as much as we have to the state. This would not have been possible without the support of our players, retailers and MLC staff. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is already putting several lottery-funded projects in motion. We look forward to continuing our work to raise money for roads, bridges and education."

In accordance with the Alyce G. Clarke Lottery Law, the MLC is required to transfer net proceeds within 20 days following the close of each calendar month.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT ATTENTION PARENTS: You will need to schedule an appointment for your child to receive school immunizations this year, from Tuesday, July 28 through Friday, July 31. Call the Holmes County Health Department to make an appointment, 662-834-3142.

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The West Civic Club met Wednesday, July 15, to discuss the aspects of having or not having their annual festival. Because of the virus' impact on all communities, they decided not to have the festival. However, we are planning some fund raising projects and at this time the plan is to sell T-shirts. More on all of this later. We are disappointed that this will not be possible as we enjoy visiting with all our friends that we only see once a year.

THERE WILL BE NO BIG BLACK RIVER FESTIVAL THIS YEAR.

We are sad to hear of the passing of Ms. Maxine Milam. She was a long time resident of this community.

There is work being done on the building where the civic club meets, some of you know it as the old school building. The drainage ditch on the west side of the building is getting close to being ready for concrete and the people filling in the cracks on the outside of the building are about through. They still have a couple of vents to put in and a few holes to patch.

Again pass the word to friends and family that we will not be having the festival this year. Keep your ears open as to some upcoming fund raisers.



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MARGARET TIDWELL WIGLEY

Margaret Tidwell Wigley, age 93, passed away Friday, July 17, 2020, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS.

A graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, at Forrest Memorial Park in Batesville, MS. Dr. Gary Berry officiated.

Margaret was born on November 21, 1926, to the late Arthur Buck Tidwell and Lillian Fritz Tidwell in Lexington, MS. During her life, she worked as a beautician for many years and retired as an assistant with the South Panola School District. Margaret was a member of Pope Baptist Church. She was a simple, Christian lady who

loved to care for others, including her family who loved her dearly. She was the glue that held them all together.

Those left behind to remember her kind heart include her two daughters, Betty Killebrew and her late husband Johnny of Vicksburg, and Debre Darby and husband Jeff of Courtland; one son Bill Wigley and wife Debbie of Batesville; seven grandchildren, Traci Hoofman (Scott), Kevin Hatton (Shannon), Shane Wigley (Carrie), Kendra O'Conner (Greg), Steven Wigley (Michelle), Jenny Marquez (Adam), and Chad Darby (Megan); and 12 great grandchildren.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, William "W.E." Wigley; two sisters, Clara Robertson and Dorothy Marie Chrestman; and one brother, John Mercer Tidwell.

The pallbearers were Shane Wigley, Steven Wigley, Chad Darby, Cameron Hoofman, Adam Marquez, Kevin Hatton and Greg O'Conner.

MR. JOSEPH TED EVANS
teaching Sunday school at First Baptist, where he was a member and also served as deacon.

Mr. Evans is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Alvin Evans; nephew, David Evans; and cousin, Owen Evans.

Those who remain to cherish his memory are his wife, Nancy Evans; son, Stephen Evans; daughter Laura Evans; nephews, Charles Evans and Joe Evans; sister-in-law, Carolyn Evans; and cousins, Mike Evans, Martha Blair, Sue Hutto, Paul Bowie, Terry Bowie, Judy Evans, Tommy Barrentine and Leebeeth Gilmore.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.riverwoodfamily.com.



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