



He can do the impossible

The kingdom of heaven. Its citizens are drunk on wonder.

Consider the case of Sarai. She is in her golden years, but God promises her a son. She gets excited. She visits the maternity shop and buys a few dresses. She plans her shower and remodels her tent ... but no son. She eats a few birthday cakes and blows out a lot of candles ... still no son. She goes through a decade of wall calendars ... still no son.

So Sarai decides to take matters into her own hands. ("Maybe God needs me to take care of this one.")

She convinces Abram that time is running out. ("Face it, Abe, you ain't getting any younger, either.") She commands her maid, Hagar, to go into Abram's tent and see

if he needs anything. ("And I mean 'anything!'") Hagar goes in a maid. She comes out a mom. And the problems begin.

Hagar is haughty. Sarai is jealous. Abram is dizzy from the dilemma. And God calls the baby boy a "wild donkey"—an appropriate name for one born out of stubbornness and destined to kick his way into history.

It isn't the cozy family Sarai expected. And it isn't a topic Abram and Sarai bring up very often at dinner. From "Lived Loved: Experiencing God's Presence in Every Day Life."

Finally, fourteen years later, when Abram is pushing a century of years and Sarai ninety ... when Abram has stopped listening to Sarai's advice, and Sarai has

stopped giving it ... when the wallpaper in the nursery is faded and the baby furniture is several seasons out of date ... when the topic of the promised child brings sighs and tears and long looks into a silent sky ... God pays them a visit and tells them they had better select a name for their new son.

Abram and Sarai have the same response: laughter. They laugh partly because it is too good to happen and partly because it might. They laugh because they have given up hope, and hope born anew is always funny before it is real.

They laugh at the lunacy of it all.

They laugh because that is what you do when someone says he can do the impossible. They laugh a little at God, and a lot with God—for God is laughing, too. Then, with the smile still on his face, he gets busy doing what he does best—the unbelievable.

He changes a few things—beginning with their names. Abram, the father of one, will now be Abraham, the

father of a multitude. Sarai, the barren one, will now be Sarah, the mother.

But their names aren't the only things God changes. He changes their minds. He changes their faith. He changes the number of their tax deductions. He changes the way they define the word impossible.

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*Lexington man

(Continued from page 1.) driver of the vehicle.

Antheontre Thurmond, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene, after being struck near Durant Smoke Shop, formerly Hoover's.

According to Johnson, witnesses said Thurmond was walking in the middle of the road before he was hit.

Johnson said the driver, reportedly from Durant, remained on the scene and appeared "shaken up" by the incident.

Johnson said the results of the Thurmond's autopsy and the toxicology report from the driver are still pending; the results will determine if charges will be filed.

"The driver reported she was going 40 mph, the speed limit through there is 35 mph," Johnson said. "We are working on getting video (surveillance) from local businesses."

case #19-0053, Byrekus Washington, Ct. I murder, Ct. II & III aggravated assault; case #20-011, Kendrick Hodges, Sr., aggravated assault domestic violence; case #20-0002, Fredrick Fisher, aggravated assault domestic violence; and case #20-0023, Scott James, aggravated assault domestic violence.

On Thursday, October 22, cases to be heard are: case #20-0005, Demarquis Williams, murder; case #20-0009, DeMarcus D. Waters, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, felony fleeing; and case #20-0022, Chukeel Parks, possession of contraband in correctional facility.

On Friday, October 23, there will be arraignments.

#17-0104, Wilson Jones, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II credit card fraud, habitual offender; case #20-0004, Javontae Jefferson, armed robbery; case #20-0004, Leonard Black, armed robbery; case #20-0038, Sean Alexander, aggravated assault; case #20-0038, Johnny Myles, aggravated assault; case #20-0038, Daniel Nelson, aggravated assault; case #20-0038, Kyle Yancy, aggravated assault; case #20-0038, Reginald Armstead, aggravated assault; and case #20-0043, Robert Chambers, Ct. I felony fleeing, Ct. II aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, Ct. III possession of a controlled substance with intent.

On Tuesday, October 13, drug court will be held.

On Wednesday, October 14, cases to be heard are: case #20-0006, Willie R. Lewis, murder; case #20-0010, Jackie Washington, felony child abuse; and case #20-0028, Rodney Crawford, grand larceny.

On Thursday, October 15, cases to be heard are: case #20-0030, Zamarcus Smith, Ct. I murder, Ct. II attempted murder, Ct. III aggravated assault, Ct. IV shooting into a motor vehicle; case #20-0007, Reginald Randle, aggravated assault domestic violence; case #20-0027, Orlando Cicero, Jr., attempted escape; and case #20-0027, Steven Groves, attempted escape.

On Friday, October 16, cases to be heard are: case #19-0050, Norman Powell, Jr., Ct. I aggravated assault, Ct. II & Ct. III malicious mischief; case #20-0008, TaJarrvis Haymon, armed robbery, kidnapping, aggravated assault and armed robbery; case #20-0008, Crystal Pernel, armed robbery, kidnapping, aggravated assault and armed robbery; and case #20-0017, Pretzea Love, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II aggravated assault, Ct. III armed robbery, Ct. IV armed robbery, Ct. V possession of firearm by convicted felon, Ct. VI armed robbery, habitual offender; case #20-0017, Damantreas Love, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II aggravated assault, Ct. III armed robbery, Ct. IV armed robbery, Ct. VI armed robbery; case #20-0039, Johnny L. Stokes, Cts. I & II aggravated assault-domestic violence, Ct. III aggravated assault; and case #20-0003, Artavious Brown, Ct. I attempted armed robbery, Ct. II aggravated assault.

On Tuesday, October 20, drug court will be held.

On Wednesday, October 21, cases to be heard are:

On Monday, October 19, cases to be heard are: case #2019-0017, Pretzea Love, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II aggravated assault, Ct. III armed robbery, Ct. IV armed robbery, Ct. V possession of firearm by convicted felon, Ct. VI armed robbery, habitual offender; case #2019-0017, Damantreas Love, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II aggravated assault, Ct. III armed robbery, Ct. IV armed robbery, Ct. VI armed robbery; case #20-0039, Johnny L. Stokes, Cts. I & II aggravated assault-domestic violence, Ct. III aggravated assault; and case #20-0003, Artavious Brown, Ct. I attempted armed robbery, Ct. II aggravated assault.

On Tuesday, October 20, drug court will be held.

On Wednesday, October 21, cases to be heard are:

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(Continued from page 1.) assault domestic violence; case #20-0032, Daniel McBride, aggravated assault domestic violence; case #20-0026, Juan Grant, burglary-breaking and entering of occupied dwelling.

On Tuesday, October 6, appeal cases will be heard.

On Wednesday, October 7, cases to be heard are: case #2019-0119, Good Samaritan Ecumenical Church vs. Boys and Girls Community Learning, et al; case #19-0010, Marshall Howard, armed robbery; case #19-0042, Lloyd Meeks, receiving stolen property, habitual offender; and case #20-0017, Artavious Brown, Ct. I armed robbery, Ct. II attempted murder.

On Thursday, October 8, cases to be heard are: case #2019-0294, Lequita Roby vs. Arthur Davis, et al; case #19-0049, Norman Powell, Jr., aggravated assault; case #19-0049, Montavian Oliver, aggravated assault; case #20-0020, Linda Fisher, Ct. I aggravated assault, Ct. II aggravated assault; and case #20-0041, William Newman, Ct. I aggravated assault-domestic, Ct. II kidnapping.

On Friday, October 9, cases to be heard are: case #2017-0110, Terry Dixon, et al vs. Garius Winston, et al; case #20-0042, Terrance Miller, Ct. I & II aggravated assault; case #19-0044, Richard Haywood, Ct. I possession of firearm by convicted felon, Ct. II possession of controlled substance with intent, habitual offender; and case #20-0018, Ronnie Madison, burglary-occupied dwelling, habitual offender.

On Monday, October 12, cases to be heard are: case



September 24 - Lisa Hooker Huddleston, Luke Eaton, Jessica O'Reilly, Owen McCloskey, Nathan Brown, Jr., Bradlee Cain, Darren Lloyd, Linda Matthews

September 25 - Mary Eubanks, Kelly Killebrew, Deborah Drennan, Rylee Kate Lloyd, Jacob Chadwick, Lilly Jones

September 26 - Mary Hayden Hathcock, Dean Toombs, Tia Johnson, Al Jobe, Parker Belk

September 27 - Wayne Ellis, April McBride, Pat Ellis, Chip Nichols, Anna Howell Nichols, Teresa Falls Bates, Brian Kisded, Emilie Garrett, Patience Bigbee Ables

September 28 - Susan Kuhn Bonner, Jarrett Johnson, Mary Jane Allen, Latoya Horton, Karol Horton, Kathy Horton, Quinten Boyd, Linda Sullivan, Vandalue Redmond Lipsey, Robbie Richardson, Logan Miller

September 29 - Terry Ables, Brian Loflin,

September 30 - Gray Jobe, Jenny Courts McCool, Dustin Boling, Bootsy Hooker, Kaley Rowland Carpenter, Joey Walbert, Anthony Ray Ross, Leroy Gibson, Sam Hudson, Allison Pritchard, Hunter Threadgill, Jim Barnes, Emmett Stroud

September 25 - Logan and Megan McBride, Eddy and Sheryll Murtagh

September 26 - Rob and Nikki Walker, Brandon Chase and Candice Nicole Barber

September 27 - James and Traci Clardy

September 28 - Robert and Randy Montgomery, James Edwin and Dacey Jo Holland, Jr.

September 29 - Matthew and Stephanie Kelly

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Matt Hathcock, Swayze Cheatham, John Greer, Shirley Jobe, Christian Miller, Aaron Steverson

*Arrests made

(Continued from page 1.) charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, armed robbery and aggravated assault with bonds totaling \$355,000.

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