

# Lost and found

Recently I was upstairs in our home straightening up the "playroom."

The entire room is filled with toys, puzzles, books, balls, cars, trucks, dinosaurs and such.

Our 3 year old grandson keeps his things there. Whenever he comes over he heads upstairs for the fun and games to begin.

As you might imagine, it is easy for that room to be strewn with various things from our fun-filled sessions of playing with trucks, tractors, baseball, and football and even from wrestling!

After putting everything in its proper place, I decided to vacuum the floor as well. The occasional pieces of Gold Fish crackers, Teddy Grahams and Cheetos were my clue that the carpet could stand a good cleaning!

As I began to vacuum, I noticed a very small shiny object nestled in the carpet. I picked it up and discovered a small silver

and turquoise pendant. I placed it in my pocket and finished my task at hand.

Later when my wife arrived home, I presented the jewelry item and asked if she recognized it. Her response was surprising to say the least. She was excited to see her "lost pendant" had been found. She stated she had lost it weeks earlier and had searched to find it but to no avail. She wanted to know how I had found it.

My response, "Vacuum the floor!" What had been important to her had become lost. Despite her best attempts, she had not been able to locate it.

I learned an important lesson that day. We can find that which

is lost if we will simply go about our daily activities, do the necessary things in life and be observant.

God will allow us to find those seemingly lost or hidden little gems that we have been searching for.

As we complete the Advent season and enter into a New Year, I challenge you to discover the priceless gems of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and most importantly, Jesus.

All of these can be discovered in our everyday lives if we are willing to do the needed things and trust God to help us discover and reclaim what we previously thought had been lost. Have a very blessed and happy New Year.

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JAY RIVENBARK  
Be  
Still

# A clean slate!

It's that time of year: reflection, rethinking, regrouping! The Christmas decor will hang there for a few more days and then we will pack it up, turn the calendar on a brand new year and we will be off and running. Seems like this happens rather frequently in these 50's I'm living in! But hey... I'm like everyone else; lookin' for a clean slate and a fresh start.

I remember my wife teaching school many years ago. She did as many do at the end of the day. She would ask for volunteers to raise their little hands and signify a willingness to clean the chalk board. I'm not even sure those things exist in our classrooms anymore.

Kids would raise their hands

and one would be selected to grab the sponge, wet it down and start wiping. From left to right all the markings, all the instruction, all the names that were placed on the warning list were all eliminated.

The green board glistened with the shine from the water sponge. It was all clean!

The next day they would all start with a clean slate!

This turning of the calendar is a lot like that. We each look at a new year as if the old mark-

ings and the things we failed to achieve are all given a new platform for effort and achievement.

God is graceful! He is the God of a second chance and a third and a fourth...

Well, you get it! The Scripture speaks of His long-suffering. Be encouraged! It's the time to clean the slate, set new goals, and do the best you can. You have a clean slate!

*Dr. Wallace Phillips is Sr. Pastor at Carpenter's Shop International Church in Ahoskie. Join them for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. at 903 South CC Road in Ahoskie, or join them on the web at csicministries.com for a livestream event.*



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This is  
the day

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."*

LUKE 10:23,24

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ur in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What was the act of God in making the heavens and the earth bringing forth life? *Confirmation, Calvary, Creation, Communion*
3. How many books of the Bible (KJV) begin with the letter "E"? *0, 2, 5, 6*
4. What's a person who has changed from one religion to another? *Zealot, Convert, Mediator, Pillar*
5. From 2 Timothy 1, who was Timothy's devout grandmother? *Dorcas, Lydia, Lois, Hannah*
6. In biblical times, a "daric" was a Persian ...? *Gold coin, Headwear, Sailing ship, Well*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Creation; 3) 6 (Ecclesiastes, Ephesians, Esther, Exodus, Ezekiel, Ezra); 4) Convert; 5) Lois; 6) Gold coin

Wilson Casey's 2018 Golf Trivia box calendar is available in stores and online at RSVP.com.

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# Special Events

Church announcements are published each week in the Bertie Ledger-Advance. The deadline to submit news items for this listing is 10 a.m. each Monday. Submissions may be emailed to [twhite@ncweeklies.com](mailto:twhite@ncweeklies.com).

## Jan. 7

*Diaconate Ministry Service*

**LEWISTON WOODVILLE** - The annual Diaconate Ministry Service is set for 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor-elect Samuel K. Shaw III will deliver the message.

All Diaconate Ministries of the region are encouraged to attend.

Pastor-elect Shaw and the congregation invite the public to attend.

## Jan. 13

*Evening Prayer*

**ROXOBEL** - Evening Prayer will be observed at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Light refreshments will be served following the service. The church is located at 206 West Church St. in Roxobel.

The Rev. Canon Sonny Browne and congregation invite the public to attend.

## Ongoing

*Women's Ministry*

**WINDSOR** - The Women's Ministry meets from 6-8 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Cedar Landing Missionary Baptist Church.

The meetings include fun activities, free food, door prizes and lots of love.

The congregation invites the public to attend.

*Battleground for Success*

**WINTON** - Pastor Keith Urquhart will host a Facebook broadcast from 7-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

The educational presentation "Battleground for Success" will be for school-aged students, parents and business-minded people.

*Help needed*

**WILLIAMSTON** - New Fellowship Church and Project Feed The 5000 is asking for help with donations of pet food for older adults who have pets as their only family member.

For information on how to donate bagged or canned dog/cat food, call 252-792-7191.

*Women Praying*

**WILLIAMSTON** - Prayer is being made for Williamston.

All women are welcome to come and pray any time between noon and 2 p.m. at Word of Truth Fellowship, 1003 Washington St., Williamston.

For more information, call 252-792-0678.

*Food Pantry*

**WILLIAMSTON** - The Food Pantry at the Bible Way Apostolic Church is open from 8-10 a.m. The church is located at Sycamore and Center streets in Williamston.

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