

# BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)



- 71. If someone sins against us what should we do?
- 72. Who said that his iniquities were more than the hairs of his head?
- 73. "Pride goeth before destruction." What follows that?
- 74. Should those who give full-time service to the Lord refrain from marriage?
- 75. Should gospel preachers be paid for their work?
- 76. Should gospel preachers work for their pay?
- 77. Who was "full of good works and almsdeeds"?
- 78. What man in the New Testament sold his goods and gave the money?
- 79. Who in the New Testament claimed to have given their money but lied?
- 80. Who said: "Woe unto me, if I preach no the gospel"?

## Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions

- 61. **Yes.** Matthew 5:21-28.
- 62. **Their doctrine.** Matthew 6:6,12.
- 63. **Yes.** 1 Timothy 5:8.
- 64. **Christ.** Matthew 11:19.
- 65. **Herod.** Matthew 14:2.
- 66. **Righteousness.** Proverbs 14:34.
- 67. **No.** 1Corinthians 6:1-6.
- 68. **"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him".** Matthew 17:5
- 69. **No.** Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38.
- 70. **Got to him.** Matthew 5:23-24.

*Were you able to answer them all?*

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Sunday Bible Study	23
Sunday AM Worship	34
Sunday PM Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Study	32
Daily Bible Readers	5
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Building Fund	\$80,410

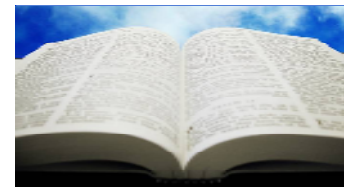
#### Today's Sermons

Morning: "If...Then Christ Died In Vain!" (Galatians 2:21)

Evening: "Studies in Revelation (Chapter 14)

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# Back to the Bible

#### Minister:

Tim Canup

#### Times of Services:

##### Sunday

Bible

Study:.....10:00am

AM Worship:.....11:00am

PM Worship:.....6:00pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

##### Radio Program

Sunday:.....9:35am

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### WHERE WILL THIS CONGREGATION BE TEN YEARS FROM NOW?

By Roger D. Campbell

When I ask this question, obviously I am not talking about where the church is going to meet for services. We do not anticipate West Jefferson moving to a new location, though that is not totally impossible. What we have in mind in this study is spiritual status. If this old world is still standing, what will West Jefferson be like a decade from now?

Every congregation goes through changes. Take a photo of all the people in attendance at our services this morning, and I can guarantee you that, if ten years from today someone pulls out that photograph and compares the people in it with those who are attending at W J then (in the future), there will most assuredly be some who are no longer around, and some who are newcomers since the picture was taken. We are not suggesting that all changes are bad, nor are we proposing that every change is a good one. But, you can mark it down: in any given ten-year period of time, any local church will go through some noticeable changes. There is no way to avoid it.

If there is still a West Jefferson a decade from now, and we all certainly pray that there will be, will it be strong spiritually, or weak and wavering? Will it be a vibrant, active group of Christians, or will it be a somber bunch of folks that mope into services and quietly leave with no spirit and no vigor to do anything for the Master until the next public service rolls around? Will the W J be growing, or will it be withering on the vine? None of us is a prophet of God. None has a crystal ball that can reveal the future to us. However, there are some matters that will surely play a big part in determining what West Jefferson will be like ten years down the road. Let us take a brief look.

Continued Inside

## Those Needing Our Prayers:

*“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).*



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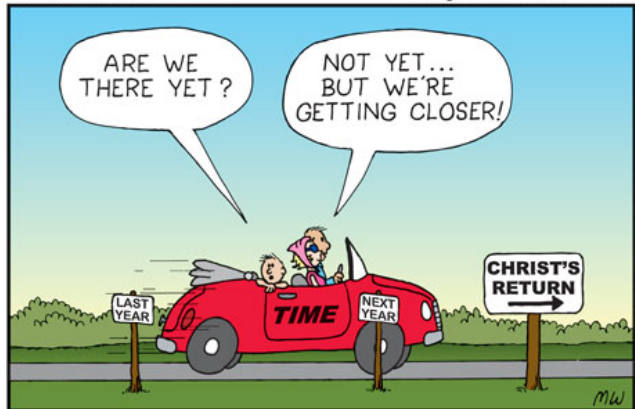
### Announcements



- BEGINNING TODAY – GOSPEL MEETING WITH NELSON BROCKENBOROUGH – HIGHLAND ACRES – STATESVILLE. SINGING TODAY 2:30-3 PM WITH NELSON SPEAKING AT 3 PM.
- TONIGHT – MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING – AFTER EVENING SERVICE
- TONIGHT – LADIES’ BIBLE CLASS – AFTER EVENING SERVICE
- JANUARY 11 – SINGING AT MARGATE HEALTH & REHAB – 6:30 PM

### TIME TRAVELERS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.  
- JAMES 5:8 KJV

### About This Week's Article

The article for this week was first published in **The Reminder** which is the bulletin for the Union Grove Church of Christ in Cleveland, Tennessee where Roger has been the preacher for many years. The words “Union Grove” have been changed to “West Jefferson” to emphasize the importance of the content of this article to each of us. (MM)

**Leadership** - At some point in any worthwhile discussion of a church's future, its leadership has to be addressed. Which direction is the current leadership taking a local church? What plans does the present leadership have for developing/preparing leaders for the future? Like money, leaders do not grow on trees, you know! Who is preparing himself right now to be a shepherd at West Jefferson? Will there be any brothers prepared to step up as deacons between now and the year 2019? Or, are they going to be too busy with other matters? What are our leaders doing to encourage and train Bible class teachers? Study the Book of Nehemiah and see how important leadership is among God's people. Strong leadership is a must!

**Bible Knowledge** - I do not need to conduct a survey or get on the internet to learn what most mature members of the church have already observed. In general, the church is slipping when it comes to Bible knowledge. In days gone by, God's people slipped right into captivity because they did not know the Book! (Hosea 4:6). West Jefferson needs to maintain Bible classes that are *real Bible classes* and not a time to "share our personal experiences" or play games. Let us rekindle the fire for growing in the knowledge and grace of the Christ (2 Peter 3:18). Do that, and the future of West Jefferson can be great! Become ignorant of God's word, though, and stagnation and spiritual corruption are sure to follow.

**Commitment to Sound Doctrine** - The pastors must see to it that the flock is fed properly (1 Peter 5:1-3). The preacher(s) must preach the word of God (2 Timothy 4:2). But, and this is just as important, the membership must be committed to sound doctrine, too! There can be no compromise of truth in order to keep folks happy. Truth saves (John 8:32), while false teaching takes people away from what is right (Titus 1:14). And, wimpy lessons produce wimpy saints whose wimpy faith cannot deal with the fiery darts of Satan (Ephesians 6:16).

**Commitment to Young People** - Let us be clear. A young person is of no more value than one who is "on up in years." Youth do not deserve preferential treatment. That being said, if West Jefferson expects those kids that are now 9-19 years of age to still be a big part of the congregation ten years from now, then we had better be committed to working with them. Bible class teachers and youth ministers (at West Jefferson we call this last group "parents"), we have got to give our young people our ears, our hearts, and our love. We must put in the time to do our best to ground them in the Book. It takes time, yes, lots and lots of time. If we do not make a special effort with our kids, then you can write it down: they will not be at West Jefferson a decade from now.

**Evangelistic Zeal** - Churches whose single attempt to teach the gospel in a year's time is to hang out a sign the week of a gospel meeting - if that is their *only* effort to reach out to the lost, those churches will die. Guaranteed. West Jefferson needs to train seed-sowers! (Luke 8:5,11). We need to prepare our troops to open their mouths to teach the way of the Lord (Acts 8:35) and to be ready to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15). Converts come about only when teaching takes place. Faith comes by what? By hearing (Romans 10:17). We must get ready to teach so people can hear!

**Where will West Jefferson be ten years from now? Only the Lord knows for sure. The five matters that we have noted are big-time factors. Consider them carefully.**