

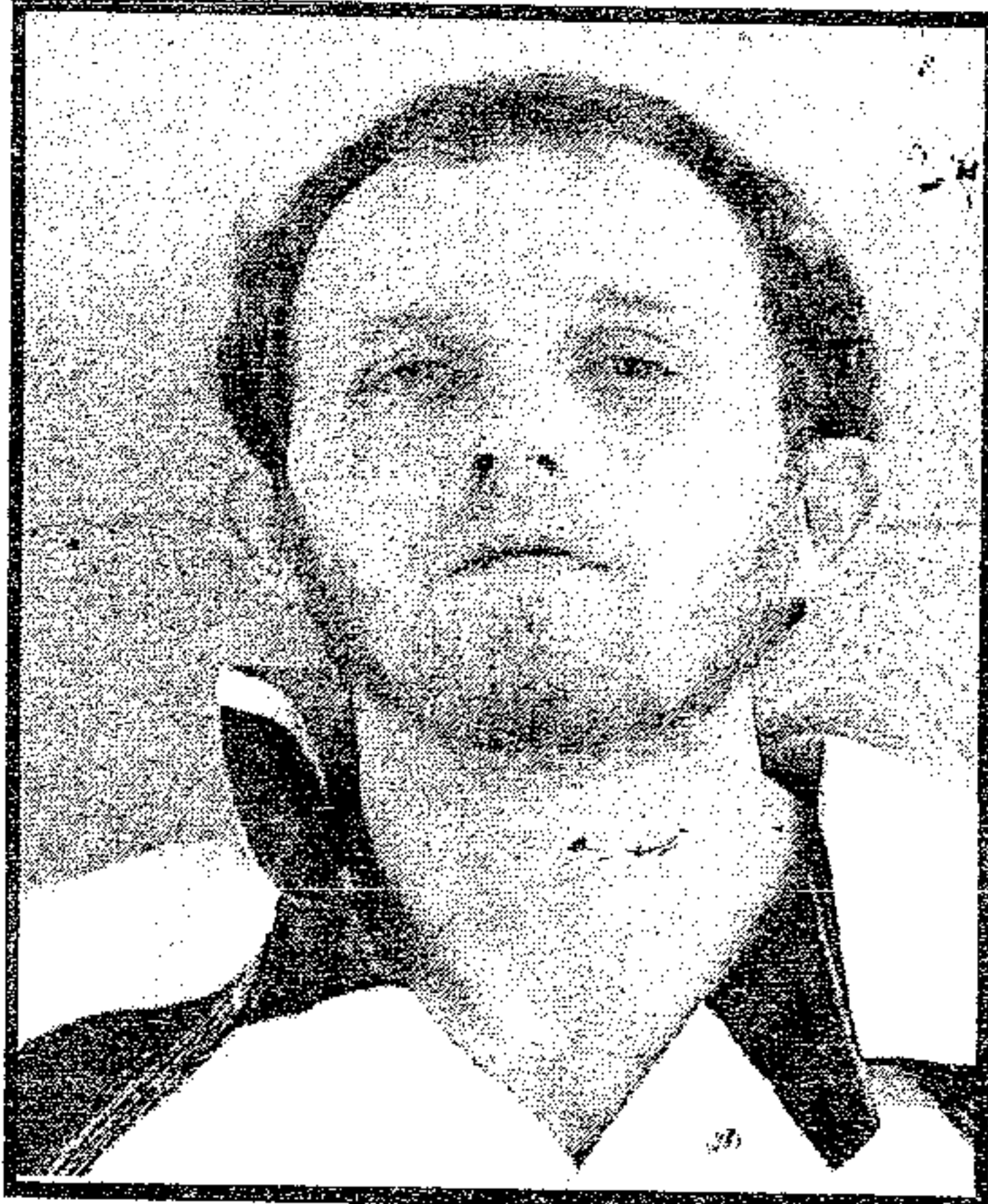
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Monday, March 19, 2012

Man charged after shooting arrows and throwing knife near infant

A Lenoir City man was taken into custody after he reportedly was shooting arrows in the house and even was reported to be throwing a knife at the floor near a child playing in a playpen. The man was reported to have been drinking and became agitated and then went on a rampage.

Kirt Edward Estep, 26, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with domes-
(see Domestic pg. 4)



Kirk Edward Estep

Ldn man charged in Wilburn's theft

A Loudon man has been apprehended following a theft from Wilburn's Hardware in Lenoir City. The man is reported to have stolen some items and when he was confronted by an employee the man fled the scene.

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged the man and was able to locate the stolen items at a Knoxville Pawn Shop.

Steven Shawn Bowen, 33, Willington Manner, Loudon,
(see Wilburns pg. 3)



Steven Shawn Bowen

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoe



As Christians, would you say that we put too much trust and responsibility in the church as a whole to spread the gospel, of Jesus Christ to others? Do you believe the best way to win lost souls to Jesus is through large scale programs such as vacation bible schools, televised Sunday services, conferences headlining famous speakers, C.D. distribution or some other grand scale event that will draw the masses to the Lord?

Do you believe that when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior and join a church, that our only responsibility is to show up on Sunday, drop our "extra" money in the offering plate and maybe occasionally

invite someone to church so they can hear

the preacher sharing the gospel?

It's true that these questions are meant to challenge your individual commitment to Jesus today but I also want us to answer such questions using God's word as our guide. Stay with me....

Jesus had a ministry on earth that lasted about three and a half years. In such a short time, Jesus wanted the world to know that He was (and still is) the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus needed the people of that day, as well as the people today

(see TGN pg. 6)

Barred Thief Returns

Robin Teresa Evans, 'aka' Cooper, Martin, Sabo, 45, Southern Street, Tellico Plains, was charged with theft under \$500 and criminal trespassing.

According to reports, Ms. Evans was observed by loss prevention Monday, as she removed a Shark Vacuum Cleaner and a Hamilton Beach Cof-

(see Barred pg. 3)

Butler and Burley bust 2

Robert Andrew Yelverton, 22, Steekee Road, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked license.

Matthew Brock Underwood, 19, Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with violation of pro-

(see LCPD pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

Obituaries

None Reported

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Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Take it easy today. Things are looking up, but that should be seen as a chance to relax and recharge, instead of time to regroup and launch bold new projects. That time is coming soon.

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Wilburns

was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the affidavit, filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD, on or about March 12th, 2012, Steven S. Bowen went to Wilburn's Hardware at 109 West Broadway in Lenoir City. While there, Mr. Bowen put two impact wrenches in his pants. When confronted by an employee, Bowen took off running from the business passing all points of sale. The wrenches were found pawned at West Side Pawn in Knoxville. The total amount of the theft was \$96.49 Detective Sartin made the arrest Wednesday, at the jail.

Barred

feemaker, shoes and some health and beauty aids from the shelves at Walmart. She did however purchase some Coke and had a pair of boots she brought in to return. Ms. Evans passed all points of sale and was apprehended in the grocery vestibule with \$358.61 worth of merchandise. She had previously been banned from Walmart properties on July 23rd, 2011. Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD, responded and made the arrest.

Police beat

Andrea Lee Miller, 34, North Nopone Road, Decatur was charged with violation of probation out

of General Sessions Court. Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

Michael Shane Boyd, 36, West Second Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation out of General Sessions Court. Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest.

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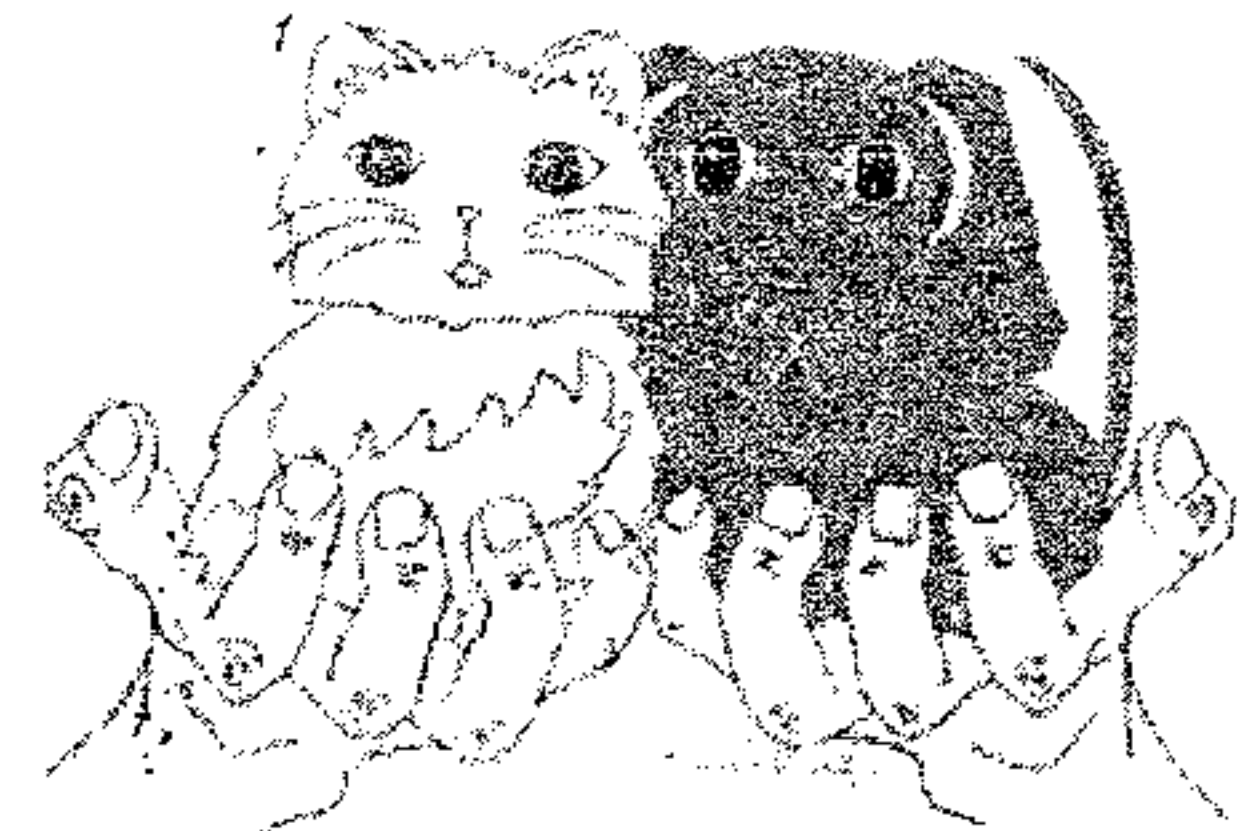


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According to reports, Thursday, at approximately 12:13 am, Officer Emily Lawson, LCPD, responded to Browder Hollow Road in reference to Kirt Estep causing a disturbance.

The officer was advised before arriving on the scene, Kirt was in a physical altercation with his cousin. The complainant met the officer on the porch and advised the two men were fighting inside. Officer Lawson met the victim first and ordered him to the ground, he complied,

and then she and Officer B. Brown, LCPD, searched the residence in an effort to locate Mr. Estep.

According to family members on the scene, Mr. Estep fled the house through a window. The victim and complainant advised they were residing at the residence with Mr. Estep, who is the victim's cousin. Estep had been drinking and became agitated. He began shooting arrows from a recurve bow into the wall of his bedroom and walking through the house with the bow drawn. The officer noted an arrow sticking out of the bedroom wall. After

that, Estep proceeded to repeatedly throw his knife and stick it into the floor. Being that he was doing it in close proximity to the victim's one year old son who was in a playpen, the victim told him to stop. Mr. Estep got further upset and threw and destroyed things throughout the house.

The victim discussed calling the police with his uncle who was also in the residence and Mr. Estep told him he would "break his f@#&ing face" if he called the police and then tried to get the victim to go onto the porch to fight him.

The victim took his

son and the complainant into his uncle's bedroom and held the door shut in an effort to escape Mr. Estep. Estep forced the door open and came at the victim and the two fought. Mr. Estep was determined to be the primary aggressor.

Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO, responded to the scene with his partner K9 Denero and began a track of Estep through the wooded area behind the residence. He was successfully located and taken into custody as a result of the track by K9 Denero. Estep was transported to the Loudon County Jail

by Officer J. Dishner, LCPD, and the bow and arrows were seized for safekeeping. The knife in question could not be located.

Police beat

Stephen Edwin Stokes, 42, Thompson Bridge Road, Maryville was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Angi M. Martin, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

Derek Allen Sheldon, 21, Malone Road, Loudon was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest at the jail.



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According to reports, Tuesday, around 8:25 pm, Officer B. Burley,

LCPD, responded to a traffic stop on Crisp Road. Investigator J. Butler, LCPD had a 2005 KIA stopped for speeding. A check of

Mr. Yelverton's license status came back revoked for failure to report an accident. Mr. Yelverton was placed under arrest and trans-

ported to the Loudon County Jail. After running the passenger, Mr. Underwood's name through NCIC it was revealed he had two active warrants out of Loudon County. He was also placed under arrest.

Police beat

Kenneth Lee Varner, 46, Vincil Street, Lenoir City was charged with DUI second offense, violation of implied consent and speeding.

The report states, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD responded to a call of a possible impaired driver at the Pilot

on Broadway. Dispatch advised a male had possibly struck another vehicle and then walked into the Pilot.

The caller stated the man appeared to be stumbling as he walked and had left the store in a white Chevrolet going in the direction of Highway 321.

Officer Gentry spotted the car in the area of the Dairy Queen building. As he followed the vehicle he paced it at 50 mph in a 30 mph zone and stopped it at Lee High Street. The driver was identified as Kenneth Varner.

Mr. Varner had slurred speech, was unsteady on his feet and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks. He was placed under arrest, read the implied consent advisement and refused to give a blood sample.

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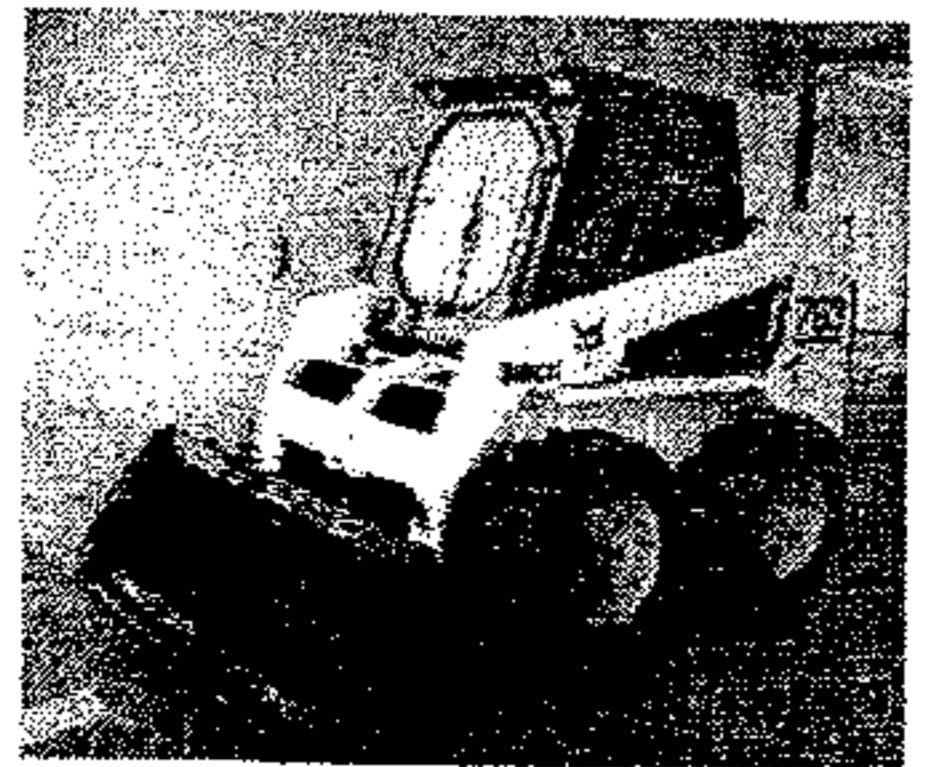
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and all future generations to know that He is the Messiah and that no one can get to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6)

So how did Jesus choose to do this? Did He invest His efforts in the famous kings that everyone would listen to? Did He have large crowds gathered together before he entered a city so He could tell as many as possible? Did Jesus invest His time and efforts in some top religious scholars and educated leaders to further the ministry of eternal salvation through faith in Himself?

Tell ya what, let's go back to the very first days of Jesus' ministry and see how He chose to share His gospel. Let's see WHO He chooses and HOW He chooses to change the world...

Mathew 4:18-22 (NKJV) (18) And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. (19) Then He said to them, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. (20) They immediately left their nets and followed Him. (21) Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and

John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called to them, (22) and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

In Mathew chapter 8 Jesus is just passing by the office of the tax collector and says to Mathew, who is also called Levi, "Follow Me", and Mathew gets up and follows Jesus from that day on.

In Mark chapter 3 Jesus takes those who he had called specifically, as well as others that were with Him, and from them He chose His twelve apostles, and gave them power to preach, to heal and fo

cast out demons.

So if I am to understand the Bible correctly; Jesus decided that the first four of His twelve chosen disciples were to be fishermen. Not religious scholars, educated spokesmen or dynamic evangelists, but fishermen! Ordinary, average, everyday

people like you and me were chosen by God's only begotten Son to serve on the front lines of New Testament Christianity? and a tax collector? and seven

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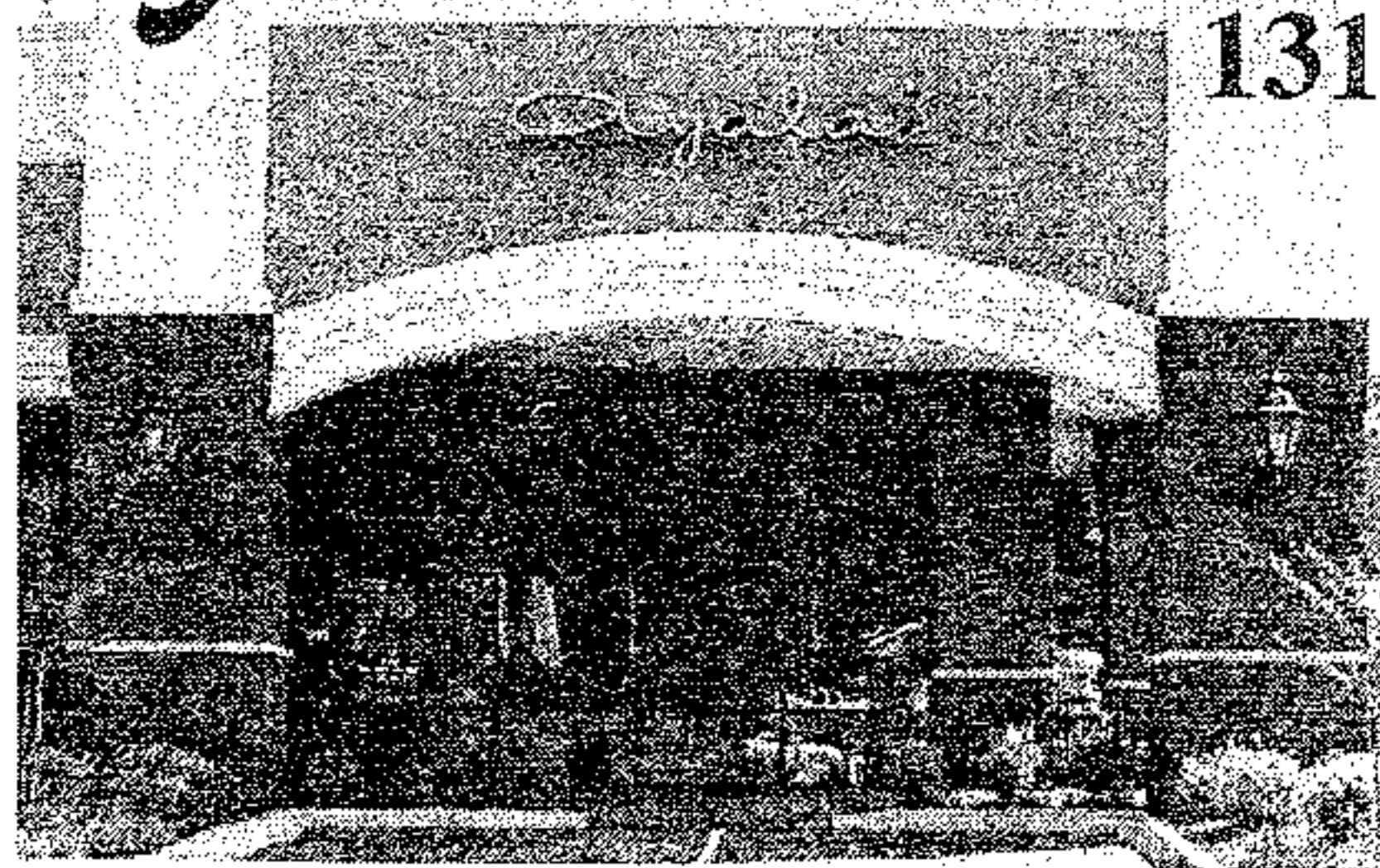
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other folks chosen from a crowd? Wowzers! Was this a good idea? Would it work?

I suppose that if I am writing to you concerning the importance of having Jesus Christ in our lives and how Jesus is still calling everyday folks like you and me to share the gospel then maybe, just maybe, Jesus had a pretty good idea going.

Instead of lots of people building churches and programs, Jesus would rather have individuals building relationships. Jesus spent a large portion of His ministry pouring all that He could into just a few. He then sent those few out to teach a few more,

who would then teach a few more and here we are, over two thousand years later, and there are individuals investing their time into teaching me. I, in turn, want to spend my time teaching someone else..... maybe even you!!

This thought or lesson permeated my heart as I listened to a podcast yesterday by one of my favorite teachers and authors while in my car. I was reminded that Angie and I don't have to have a masters in theology to share the gospel. We don't have to be part of a missionary sending agency to travel to other contexts and share our faith in Jesus. We don't have to have the blessing of any organization,

pastor or individual to be useful to Jesus. I was reminded that even though we have sinned against God and others during our life, Jesus can forgive us, and He can use us for His glory.

These fisherman left their jobs, their homes, their families, their way of life and everything comfortable about themselves to follow Jesus. If they had not followed Jesus would I have heard about Jesus all these years later? If I don't share the gospel of Jesus with others can I be held responsible

for any lost souls here in Loudon, or Kingston, or Rockwood, or Lenoir City, or Indiana, or Montana or in Guatemala? Jesus may not expect all of us to leave everything behind to follow Him but He does expect us to be His witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

How about you? Are you a fisher of men? Will you invest in at least one lost person? To use an analogy that is familiar to all of us, "It's time to either fish or cut bait!"

Oh and for the record, I do love Vacation Bible School, I just believe we just need more individual effort too. Visit us at www.the-goodnews-dailyedition.com or share with us at jeffvittatoe@yahoo.com

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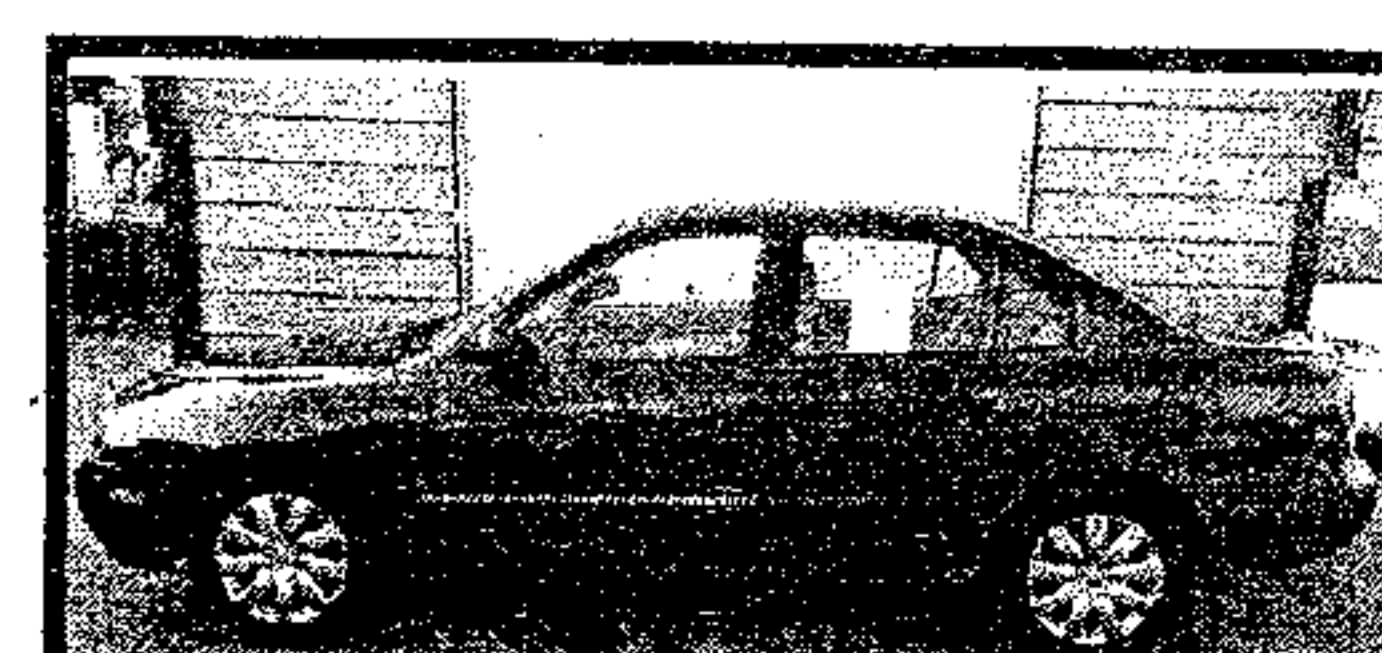
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