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So Be It..... A Real Valentine’s Love Story! (Part 1 of 2)

Valentine’s Day on February 14th is a fun time for celebra- tion by showering gifts on those you love and care about. Pop- ular gifts range from flowers, candy, cards, candlelight dinner dates, etc. It is cele- brated by people of all ages. There is the human love we have for each other. BUT there’s God’s love for humans when He demonstrated in love sending His only be- gotten Son Jesus, that we might be saved when we believe on Him. Valentine Burke was a burglar who had spent 20 years of his life behind bars in St. Louis, Missouri. His reputation was as rough as they came. A life of crime had made him a hardened rogue with nothing to lose. He cursed like it was his second lan- guage. One day, as usual, Valentine sat in solitary confinement. Then, someone tossed a newspaper into his cell. Burke picked it up and read the headline: HOW THE JAILER AT PHILIP- PI GOT CAUGHT. Smirking, he settled in to read about an- other jailer’s bad luck. But as he read, something felt...off. This wasn’t the kind of story he was ex- pecting, it wasn’t a crime report. It was D. L. Moody’s ser- mon from the night before. “What kind of nonsense is this?” Valentine muttered to

himself. ‘PAUL and SILAS!’ ‘A GREAT EARTHQUAKE!’ ‘WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?’ Burke stared at the newspaper in disbe- lief. “Are they really printing this kind of stuff?!” he thought. He checked the date. Sure enough, it was that morning’s paper. He cursed and tossed it aside. But something about it nagged him. Even- tually, he picked the paper up again and started reading. Then he read it again. The words wouldn’t leave him alone. Over and over, he went through the sermon. Each time, he felt a convic- tion that cut straight to his soul. “What’s happening to me?” he thought. “I’ve been a burglar for over 20 years, in and out of jail, and I’ve never felt like this before. What does it even mean to be saved?” He paused, running a hand over his face. “I’ve lived like a stray dog, and I’m sick of it. If this God Moody is talking about is real, then I need to find out for myself, even if it kills me.” That night, until long past midnight, Valen- tine wrestled with his past. Every crime, ev- ery wasted year, ev- ery wrong decision he had ever made flood- ed his mind. Now, for the first time since he had been a little boy kneeling beside his



mother, he prayed. In that moment, he felt the presence of God. He was reminded of what Jesus had done on the cross. Jesus had carried every one of his sins and erased them forever. Right there, in his jail cell, Valentine came to faith in Christ. He spent the rest of the night weeping. Soon after that night, something unexpect- ed happened. A legal technicality caused his case to fall apart, and he was set free. Read the rest of the story next week. Amen! SO BE IT (2.12.25) Credit: Bi- ble Enthusiast, IG. JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quick- sand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Ken- tucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHopray- er. Services: 10am Sunday and 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.



Hazard Community and Technical College Faculty & Staff Vacancies

Nursing Instructor (10-month contract) –Teach college level credit courses in the Practical Nursing Diploma and Associate Degree Nursing programs. *Qualifications:* Bachelor’s degree in nursing with at least three years of experience working as a Nurse. Master’s degree in nursing preferred. Some teaching experiences is desired. *Salary:* Commensurate upon credential/experience.

Surgical Technology Program Instructor/Coordinator Provide coordination of and instruct courses within the Surgical Technology program. *Qualifications:* Possess a minimum of an associate degree; and have documented education or experience in instructional methodology, curriculum design and program planning; and Essentials/ Standards. Be a graduate of an education program in surgical technology accredited by a nationally recognized programmatic accreditation agency. Possess a credential in the field of surgical technology through a national certification program that is accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Have a minimum total of five years of experience, either in the operating room scrub role or as an instructor in surgical technology, or a combination of both, within the past ten years. *Salary:* Commensurate upon credential/experience.

Maintenance & Operations Worker (Hazard Campus) Perform grounds maintenance, general custodial duties, basic maintenance duties, basic plumbing and basic carpentry. *Hours:* Tuesday -Saturday shift (Tuesday to Friday 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm) *Qualifications:* High school diploma/GED and one year of related experience required or equivalent. Basic computer/technology skills required. *Salary:* \$27,000 annual (\$13.84 per hour plus \$.30 shift differential per hour).

Tutor (Student Support Specialist I) Responsible for working with students to provide tutoring services in math and a variety of other courses, that reinforce key concepts, especially those learned in the classroom, especially those students with accommodations. This position will also be cross trained to support advising and specialized accommodation service (i.e. serving as a test reader/proctor, notetaker) needs of students. NOTE: position is grant funded. *Qualifications:* Bachelor’s degree or equivalent. *Salary:* \$31,680.00 annually (may be higher with additional related experience).

Student Financial Liaison – Dual Credit Serves as a liaison for dual credit students between student affairs, scholarship office and business office. Travels to schools, and recruitment events to inform and advise potential students on scholarship opportunities available and steps for correctly completing all scholarship applications. Handles communications with scholarship applications and awardees. Review and monitor scholarship students’ eligibility and progress. NOTE: Position is funded by a grant. *Qualifications:* Bachelor’s degree plus 1 year experience or equivalent. *Salary:* \$31,680.00 annually - may be higher with education/experience.

Administrative Assistant II (Perkins & Online Assistant) – Provide general clerical support; serves as receptionist; reviews expenditures, tracks purchases and completes reports for Perkins grant; assist with data entry related to academic services; assists with HCTC retention, recruitment, and other college events; enters and maintains class schedule information; serves as an online student liaison; uses campus technology and productivity tools . *Qualifications:* Associates degree (Business Administration or related field) and 2 years related experience, or equivalent. *Salary:* \$31,680 annually.

Review of applications to begin February 24, 2025. Applicants may obtain additional information and apply at www.hazard.kctcs.edu -- click on JobSeekers. For questions, call 606-487-3111. *Minorities are encouraged to apply.*

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An RFP packet containing information about the project and criteria that will be used to select the consulting firm may be obtained by contacting the Associate Director of Community and Economic Development, Ms. Jennifer McIntosh at Kentucky Riv- er Area Development District (KRADD) by phone 606-436-3158 or email jennifer@kradd.org.

Statements of Proposals from interested environmental consultant firms will be ac- cepted only until **4:00 p.m., Wednesday April 16, 2025**. Statements of Proposals must be submitted to: Kentucky River Area Development District Attn: Ms. Jenni- fer McIntosh, C/O KRADD EPA Cleanup Grant, 941 North Main Street, Hazard KY 41701. Questions must be submitted two-weeks (14 day) prior to the submission deadline, by email directly to KRADD. Responses to questions will be provided to consultants, if requested by email.

The solicitation for Statements of Proposals is being conducted to fulfill state/federal funding agency procurement requirements. KRADD is an Equal Opportunity Em- ployer and encourages responses from all qualified firms. Large, Small, and Disadvan- tagged firms, including but not limited to Women Owned Business and Minority Owned Business, are encouraged to apply.

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