

# The meaning of Christmas

The happy times we associate with Christmas today have not always been true. There was a period in England when the town criers would go through their communities calling out loudly so everyone could hear, "No Christmas! No Christmas!"

Luke 2:1-20 helps us to know the meaning of Christmas: It is the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas finds its meaning in three things: the humble manger, the holy name, and the heavenly miracle.

First, the humble manger. Great people are often born in humble circumstances. Humble birthplaces have cradled the majority of the world's great leaders.

To draw one example from many, Abraham Lincoln was born in a roughly hewn log cabin and was covered with a

deerskin.

And then, from an obscure corner of the world, in a stall where animals were kept, "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

The humble manger was divinely provided — "And laid Him in a manger" (v.7b). The manger was divinely protected — it was protected for the Son by the Father.

Christmas also finds its meaning in the holy name. In the Scriptures, Jesus is called by as many as 300 names. In Luke 2, He is called "her firstborn Son," "a Savior," "babe," and "child." Names meant something. The Bible uses two very significant names for Jesus: Emmanuel and Jesus. Emmanuel is used in Isaiah and Matthew. It means "God with us."

In the humble manger that night, God came down to us. But in coming to

Earth, God did not lose His deity. In Jesus, we have God in the flesh with us. The Old Testament declares Jesus, and the New Testament reveals Him.

Last, let us consider the heavenly miracle. The day of miracles has not passed. Miracles are all around us, but many times we are blind to them.

The miracle of Christ's birth is the greatest miracle. 700 years before Christ's birth, Isaiah 7:14 had prophesied the virgin birth of the Savior. How can we understand this mystery? We can't. We accept it by faith. Henry Drummond, the great English lay preacher, once said: "There are so many more mysteries outside of the Bible than there are in it, that I have ceased to worry over those in it."

The meaning of Christmas is all wrapped up in the manger, the holy name and the heavenly miracle of Christ's birth. This is what Christmas is all about.

Merry Christmas!

# Jesus washes our feet

Have you ever left your wife for a day or two and you are anxious about leaving your post as guardian of the castle? This is when we might use the words, "Goodbye dear," or "sweetie," or "honey." But this is where Jesus uses a word much more intimate than these, the word own — because they are his own, His possession. He has protected and taught them up to this point and now He must leave them to go to His Father, but now the King of the universe and the King of the heavens and the earth must teach His apostles humility, service, and giving of yourself. Can you imagine a five star general or the queen of England inviting you to their house for dinner, and they proceed afterwards to take a piece of the garment they are

wearing and wash your feet?

Jesus had taught them and convinced them that He was the Messiah and now the great Saint Peter was not going to be a participant in allowing Jesus to stoop to washing his feet. But Jesus says this must be done to inherit the Kingdom of God, and this is when Peter says, "Wash my hands and head as well."

You have got to love the enthusiasm of Saint Peter; he is all in. Much like you and I must give of ourselves completely to inherit the Kingdom. Anything less will be our doom. Jesus, Mary, Joseph!

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DALE DEPOYSTER

# Never underestimate God

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." - Ephesians 3:20-21

Jesus is in the business of opening doors for faithful Christians. When there seems to be no way available, even in the most impossible of circumstances, God knows how to make ways where there seems to be no way.

Today, you may be feeling like the Israelites felt when they were trapped against the Red Sea — with the Egyptian army behind them and the mountains on either side of them. They felt they were in an impossible situation! And, it was impossible for them! But when God stepped in, the view changed. He is a way

maker! Look at what God did. With a brush of His hand,

He parted the waters and provided a highway right through the Red Sea. That allowed the Israelites to escape Pharaoh's army. He opened a door for them — and God can do the same for you!

You may say, "You don't know how badly I have messed up my life." And you are right, I do not know. But I do know this, the bigness of your God is determined by the way He blesses and delivers you from whatever Red Sea you may be facing today.

Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that God "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." Do you really believe this?

Perhaps you have been waiting for God to part the waters in your life and you are starting to lose patience.


If so, stay faithful. Keep your eyes on Christ. "Look unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of your faith." He will see you through. If you are a child of God, He has got His eye on the situation, and His hand on the throttle. He will

not allow you to face more than you can bear!

No matter what you are facing today, no matter what your situation in life may be, God can be trusted to open the doors needed in your life.



NATHAN LOWE




## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE  
JANUARY 6, 2026, at 12:00 P.M.  
GRAYSON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER  
LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY  
GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00162  
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF  
v. NICHOLAS EDWARD PARKER, et al DEFENDANTS

By virtue of an Order entered on November 4, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on January 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate as set forth below, per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all documents necessary to qualify to bid. Failure to verify the sufficiency of your down payment and your surety or letter of credit prior to the commencement of the Master Commissioner sales on this sale date will result in the Master Commissioner refusing your bid.  
Property Address: 622 Spring Street, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754  
Included is a 2007 Southern Mobile Home. VIN DSDAL49960AB  
Parcel Identification Number: 092-03-00-100.0B  
Judgment Amount: \$ 69,887.70  
Interest Rate: 6%  
Appraisal: \$ 90,000.00

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount set forth above, plus interest and costs as set forth in the Judgment. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged indivisible and will be sold as a whole, including all improvements. The Master Commissioner makes no warranties concerning the title or to the condition of the property. This property is being sold as is. The property will be sold free of the liens of all the parties hereto and will be subject to all restrictions and easements of record. This property is being sold subject to the right of redemption in favor of the property owner under KRS §426.530.

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GRAYSON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER  
LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY  
GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00038

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF  
v. RUTH CONSTANT-RETZLAFF, et al DEFENDANTS

By virtue of an Order entered on May 6, 2025 and October 14, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on January 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate as set forth below, per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all documents necessary to qualify to bid. Failure to verify the sufficiency of your down payment and your surety or letter of credit prior to the commencement of the Master Commissioner sales on this sale date will result in the Master Commissioner refusing your bid.

Property Address: 72 Kefauver Road, Millwood, Kentucky 42762

Parcel Identification Number: 00M-10-00-003


Judgment Amount: \$211,885.59

Interest Rate: 7.375%

Appraisal: \$ 95,000.00

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount set forth above, plus interest and costs as set forth in the Judgment. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged indivisible and will be sold as a whole, including all improvements. The Master Commissioner makes no warranties concerning the title or to the condition of the property. This property is being sold as is. The property will be sold free of the liens of all the parties hereto and will be subject to all restrictions and easements of record. This property is being sold subject to the right of redemption in favor of the property owner under KRS §426.530.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-CI-00195

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF  
v. ROBERT HARRIS, et al DEFENDANTS

By virtue of an Order entered on October 14, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on January 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate as set forth below, per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all documents necessary to qualify to bid. Failure to verify the sufficiency of your down payment and your surety or letter of credit prior to the commencement of the Master Commissioner sales on this sale date will result in the Master Commissioner refusing your bid.

Property Address: 451 Kefauver Road, Millwood, Kentucky 42762

Parcel Identification Number: 065-00-00-032.0A


Judgment Amount: \$ 149,716.43

Interest Rate: 4.5%

Appraisal: \$ 150,000.00

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00069

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF  
v. NATHANIEL C. FOREMAN, et al DEFENDANTS

By virtue of an Order entered on October 14, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on January 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate as set forth below, per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all documents necessary to qualify to bid. Failure to verify the sufficiency of your down payment and your surety or letter of credit prior to the commencement of the Master Commissioner sales on this sale date will result in the Master Commissioner refusing your bid.

Property Address: 908 Carson Drive, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754

Parcel Identification Number: 083-05-00-037


Judgment Amount: \$ 162,631.22

Interest Rate: 2.624%

Appraisal: \$ 165,000.00

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount set forth above, plus interest and costs as set forth in the Judgment. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged indivisible and will be sold as a whole, including all improvements. The Master Commissioner makes no warranties concerning the title or to the condition of the property. This property is being sold as is. The property will be sold free of the liens of all the parties hereto and will be subject to all restrictions and easements of record. This property is being sold subject to the right of redemption in favor of the property owner under KRS §426.530.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00127

KY LIEN HOLDINGS, LLC PLAINTIFF  
v. THE ESTATE OF TESHA DAWN PENCE, et al DEFENDANTS

By virtue of an Order entered on October 10, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on January 6, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate as set forth below, per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all documents necessary to qualify to bid. Failure to verify the sufficiency of your down payment and your surety or letter of credit prior to the commencement of the Master Commissioner sales on this sale date will result in the Master Commissioner refusing your bid.

Property Address: 505 McGrew Church Road, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754

Parcel Identification Number: 105-00-00-048.0C

Judgment Amount: \$ 4,822.79

Interest Rate: 6%

Appraisal: \$ 49,000.00

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount set forth above, plus interest and costs as set forth in the Judgment. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged indivisible and will be sold as a whole, including all improvements. The Master Commissioner makes no warranties concerning the title or to the condition of the property. This property is being sold as is. The property will be sold free of the liens of all the parties hereto and will be subject to all restrictions and easements of record. This property is being sold subject to the right of redemption in favor of the property owner under KRS §426.530.

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