

An Encouraging Word

By Tom Cox



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The Feeding of the Five Thousand

All four gospel writers tell us of the amazing historic event when Jesus miraculously fed five thousand people. The multiple recordings of this episode in Scripture shows us that God really wants us to pay attention to what happened there. Looking at Mark's account of the event (6:30-44), let's see some of the lessons we can learn.

First, we see that Jesus wanted to get away with his disciples for some rest, but the needs of the people outweighed the need for the disciples to rest.

While rest is indeed important, sometimes you must work while you are tired, especially if you are helping others.

Second, notice that before Jesus fed the crowd, he taught them. Spiritual needs always take precedence over physical needs. We should always remember this, and it should be reflected in our thoughts, words, prayers

and actions. Next, we see that the disciples suggested that Jesus dismiss the crowds so that they could go get something to eat. Jesus had other plans, however. We must not be so quick to dismiss others when instead we could be inviting them to have a closer look at the Jesus who is able and willing to take care of all their needs.

Then, Jesus told his disciples to give them something to eat. He asked them to do the impossible so that they would rely on his power rather than their own. And he invited them to participate in his work.

After that, Jesus directed the disciples to have the people sit down in groups of hundreds and fifties. God is a God of order, not disorder. When we take a little time to get organized, we can operate much more efficiently.

Then Jesus received the five loaves and two fish that were available. When we bring our meager resources to Jesus, he can

multiply them many times over.

We also see that Jesus gave thanks for the food. Being thankful for our blessings, even though they may be small, is a critical part of Christian living.

Only then did Jesus perform the miracle of multiplying the bread and fish. He gave the disciples the food to distribute to the people. There are some things that only Jesus can do. However, there are many things that we can do ourselves.

The people ate and they were all satisfied. The disciples even gathered twelve basketfuls of food that were left over. This teaches us that God is completely able to provide for all our needs. It also lets us know that we should not be wasteful. Even though God can provide in abundance, we should be good stewards of all his blessings.

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felony convicts, 38 were adjudged mentally incompetent, 33 were duplicate registrations, and 27 who voluntarily de-registered.

Breaking down the 225,311 inactive voters removed, 99,168 were Democrats, 95,732 were Republicans, and 30,411 were registered under other affiliations. The National Voter Registration Act, and Kentucky's equivalent law, require a multi-year process to remove inactive voters unless they die, are judged mentally incompetent or guilty of a felony, or act to remove themselves.

According to the current numbers, Republican registration accounts for 47 percent of the electorate, with 1,580,776 voters. Republican registration went down by 95,675 voters, a 5.71 percent decrease. Democratic registration constitutes 42 percent

of the electorate, with 1,396,723 voters. Democratic registration dropped by 101,942 voters, a 6.8 percent decrease. There are 357,311 voters registered under other political affiliations, making up 11 percent of the electorate. The "Other" registration fell by 29,434, a 7.61 percent decrease.

Kentucky has no scheduled primary or general elections scheduled in 2025, however there is the possibility of special elections, for such things as filling vacancies and wet/dry votes.

THE LEWIS COUNTY HERALD
Since 1924

671,000 voters removed from rolls

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

Secretary of State Michael Adams announced Friday that the number of registered voters in Kentucky has declined significantly since he took office in 2020, despite Kentucky's rising population during that time.

This finding comes following the removal of 231,110 ineligible voters from the rolls in February in compliance with federal and state law.

"On my watch, we have removed 671,292 ineligible voters from Kentucky's rolls, including 255,484 deceased voters," said Adams. "Kentuckians trust our elections, and they should."

Of the 231,110 total voters who were removed, 225,311 were inactive, 5,122 were deceased, 348 had registered to vote in other states, 231 were

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Nicholas Owens, whose address was 270 Owens Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Amanda Nicole Owens, whose address is 9367 E KY 8, Garrison, KY 41141, was appointed Administratrix on March 11, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Amanda Nicole Owens, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Amanda Nicole Owens.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District Courts**

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Robert P. Elliott, whose address was 269 Walter Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Jo Ann Elliott, whose address is PO Box 181, Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Executrix on March 8, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Jo Ann Elliott, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Jo Ann Elliott.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

QUARTER AUCTION - for MJ Hawks Saturday, March 22, Lewis County High School cafeteria, 79 Lions Lane, Vanceburg. Enter through front of school, follow signs. Doors open 4:00 p.m. with food being served. Auction starts at 5:00 p.m. MJ has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastasis Lung Cancer. All proceeds go to MJ. Bring quarters and invite friends. If you would like to donate, please contact Susan Gilbert at 606-748-0640, Greta May 606-465-5156, or Crystal Flannigan at 606-541-2430. All donations appreciated.

LEWIS COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB - Lewis County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be having an informational meeting on Thursday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Extension Office (284 Second St, Vanceburg, KY 41179). This club is open to young people living in Lewis County that are ages 9-18 as of January 1, 2025. This meeting is for new AND returning club members. Youth/families do not have to own firearms to participate in the club. Please DO NOT bring firearms to this meeting! For questions, please contact Lewis County 4-H Agent Ashley Hunt by emailing ashley.mhunt@uky.edu or by calling the Lewis County Extension Office at 606-796-2732. If you are unable to attend, please contact Ashley as well!

LEWIS COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CLUB - The Lewis County 4-H/Livestock Club will be having an informational meeting on Monday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Extension Office (284 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179). This club is open to young people in Lewis County that are between the ages of 5-21 as of January 1, 2025. This meeting is for anyone who wants to know more about the livestock program. For more information/questions, please contact Lewis County 4-H Agent Ashley Hunt at 606-796-2732 or by emailing ashley.mhunt@uky.edu. If you are unable to attend, please contact Ashley as well!

LEWIS COUNTY 4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST - Lewis County 4-H will be hosting a county-wide communications contest on Tuesday, April 15, at Lewis County Central Elementary beginning with Sign-In at 6:00 p.m. The contest will start at 6:30 p.m. with awards presented following the tallying of scores. Winners will advance to the Area Communications Contest held in May. Any Lewis County youth ages 9-18 are encouraged to compete! There are two divisions for the contest: Speeches and Demonstrations. Speeches can be on any topic. For 9-13-year-olds, speeches should be 3-5 minutes. For 14-18-year-olds, they should be 5-7 minutes. Demonstrations must fall into one of following categories: Agriculture & Animal Science, Visual Arts, Performance Arts, Clothing & Textiles, Family and Consumer Sciences, Foods, Health, Natural Resources, Shooting Sports, Science, Engineering, and Technology. Demonstrations must use a posterboard or tri-fold poster. Planning guides for both Speech and Demonstrations can be obtained by calling the Lewis County Extension Office at 606-796-2732. Youth are encouraged to wear business casual clothing for the event. Registration is due by April 10 and can be completed by calling the Lewis County Extension Office. Any questions regarding the competition can be directed to Ashley Hunt (ashley.mhunt@uky.edu OR 606-796-2732).

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my strong support for the trans rights movement in the United States and here in Kentucky. Our founding documents state that all people are endowed by their Creator with "unalienable rights," including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet, when the phrase "Trans Rights are Human Rights" is mentioned, some hesitate to apply these same principles. This disconnect is something we must address honestly.

I have lived in Appalachia my entire life. As an Appalachian man I know that we pride ourselves on fairness, freedom, and the belief that every person should be able to live their life without interference from the government. Transgender people, like anyone else, seek the freedom to live as themselves without unnecessary restrictions on their healthcare, employment, or legal recognition. The government dictating who someone is or how they can live their life contradicts the very ideals of limited government and personal liberty that many of us value.

Additionally, I grew up attending a Christian school and learned much about the Bible and Jesus' teachings. Jesus repeatedly calls on us to love our neighbors, show compassion, and refrain from

judgment. He reached out to those marginalized by society and did not vilify them. If we genuinely seek to follow his example, we should extend kindness and support to transgender individuals rather than subject them to discrimination or exclusion. Rejecting people based on their identity does not align with the teachings of grace, love, and dignity for all.

An often-overlooked fact is that intersex people exist. For those that do not know, intersex individuals are born with biological traits that do not fit typical definitions of male or female. In many cases, doctors and parents decide at birth which sex to assign them, often through medical intervention. What if they chose wrong?

Some intersex individuals realize that the decisions made for them put their minds, body, and soul in conflict. Other times, people are born with bodies that do not match their identity, and they deserve the right to live as their true selves.

It is easy to look for a group to blame when things in the world seem confusing or difficult. But having the courage to admit when we do not understand something is a sign of strength, not weakness. There have been many falsehoods spread about transgender people, meant to create

fear and turn neighbors against each other. However, I know our community is smarter and stronger than that. We are a people who take pride in standing up for others, in helping those who need support, and in ensuring that our neighbors are treated with dignity and respect.

When we look at the bigger picture, supporting trans rights is not about pushing an ideology, it's about ensuring that all people, including those in our communities, can live in peace and dignity. Transgender people are our neighbors, coworkers, and family members. They work hard, pay taxes, and contribute to society just like everyone else. Allowing them to live freely does not take anything away from anyone else. Instead, it shows our shared commitment to justice and liberty for all.

I urge my fellow community members to reflect on our core values—freedom, fairness, and faith—and consider whether denying trans people their rights aligns with those principles. If we truly believe in individual liberty, limited government, and the Christian calling to love and support one another, then standing up for trans rights is not just an option. It is a moral obligation.

With much hope,
Alex Halsey

Carol Applegate Estate On-Line Absolute Auction

Located: 1360 Simmons Rd., Tollesboro, KY 41189

2 Bedroom House and .80 Ac Lot - 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt - John Deere Lawn Mower - Personal Property

Auction Begins March 24th 5 p.m. -

Auction Begins to End March 31st 6 p.m.

Open House Preview Dates: Wed., March 19th, 3-5 p.m. - Wed., March 26th, 3-5 p.m.

Pickup Dates and Location: Tues., April 1st, 4-6 p.m. - Thurs., April 3rd, 4-6 p.m. - 1360 Simmons Rd., Tollesboro, KY.

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Automobile - 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt car, 4 cylinder automatic, 101, 400 miles, 2 extra tires in trunk.

John Deere S100 Riding Lawnmower, 42-inch Deck, 81 hours, purchased New in April 2022.

Personal Property: Chest deep freezer, microwave, small kitchen appliances, skillets, Jazzy scooter (no charger), Electric mobile chair (lights up and responds when plugged in), hospital bed (electric and manual), single axle Lawn cart, electric Craftsman weed eater, extension cords, battery jumper cables, 5-gal and 2-gal gas cans, Living room furniture, wood desk, wood table and 5 matching chairs, 35 Day wall clock, Lamps, small cabinets, several Lots of Albums, CDs, Cassettes of Various Artists, Several Lots of Electronic Equipment: Turntables, Receivers, Equalizers, Amplifiers, Speakers, Camcorders, Cameras, Jewelry Boxes, Collectibles, Dolls, Artwork, Telescope, concrete yard statues, patio tables, animal cage. Many more items listed in Auction catalog - to view www.chuckmarshall.com

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Tom Bertram, Attorney

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