

Crush The Old, Embrace The New

By Van Yandell

John 3: 5-6 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

There probably aren't many of us that haven't wished we could start our lives or careers all over again. We could wipe our slates clean and have a new beginning. At times those thoughts are accompanied with the wish that "and know what I know now."

New Year's Day is a day in which many make resolutions to change something meaningful in their lives. The examples are many.

A mistake that many of us make is assuming that one particular day is the only day in the year we can have a new beginning.

Why can't any day be considered "My New Year's Day?" The only reason for the January first designation is because of the development of the calendar.

The Gregorian calendar is the calendar used in most of the world. It went into effect in October 1582. Named for Pope Gregory the Eighth, the Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian calendar. Among the reasons was to establish a more accurate

and consistent date for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

The crucifixion and resurrection of Christ coincides with the Passover (exodus of the Jews from Egypt).

Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (first day of spring in the northern hemisphere). Other than that one date yearly, all other dates are up-for-grabs and for the most part unimportant. That of course doesn't include your birthday.

These things considered, you and I can begin our new lives (if we choose) any day of the year.

2 Corinthians 5: 17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

To consider "all things become new" seems a little scary at first. We humans attempt to avoid change. This may be intentional or unintentional but none the less, that's the way most of us are.

Changes in our lives are constantly occurring. However, in many cases those changes are not noticed because they are gradual. Changes in our government, educational priorities, attitudes about personal appearance, eating preferences and many other aspects of

our lives are very different from what they were a few short years ago.

Many changes are intentional because of the selling of products. Clothing styles must change occasionally so people will continue to spend their hard earned money.

From a practical and earth bound point of view, many things in our lives and surroundings do change. I can't help but think of the clothing styles from my generation and the current styles we see.

Our news sources have also changed. Huntley and Brinkley or Walter Cronkite of yesteryear apparently are gone forever. Trust and honor has been tried, tested and miserably failed.

In the 60's and 70's we heard about Russian propaganda in their newspapers, now we realize the same is happening in America. Credibility has suffered a slow death.

We do however find that new networks are emerging and the old ones imploding. A few appear at this time to extrapolate honest and unbiased news. The point is to report the news as it is and allow the listener to form his/her own opinion.

To report the news without bias may be next to impossible in today's geopolitical environment. Polariza-

tion has found a new extreme.

Education priorities are changing. Whereas society taught all children should go to college, now we know there is a much higher demand in many areas for tradesmen than college graduates. Vocational technical schools offer training in skills in construction, manufacturing, health careers and other hands-on professions. Jobs are plentiful and the training time required is usually much less than a four year degree.

There is an area of change in which we do not have to go it alone. That area is in the spiritual realm. Matthew 28: 20 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Christ Jesus promises not to ever leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13: 5).

Acts 3: 19 "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

A life not changed however, is a life not saved by the definition of many Christians. John 3: 16 clearly states, belief is the only absolute requirement for eternal salvation. With belief comes repentance.

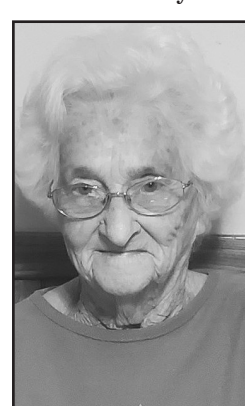
Most in the area of evangelism would agree that the finding of Christ Jesus and the subsequent Bible study would induce change. Genuine repentance is the result of belief and would be the ultimate "crush the old, embrace the new."

God not only offers us the opportunity to begin again in this life but He also offers us eternity. We should never hesitate to begin our lives all over again. I love the saying, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." The God of the Bible is the God of second chances.

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Betty Gibson

Betty Ann Gibson, 93, of Providence went home to Jesus on Sunday February 2, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones at her home.



Betty was born in Providence, the daughter of the late Mr. Lester Kelley and Mrs. Eva Grant Kelley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ubert Gibson, her son, Danny Gibson, her sisters, Freda Freeman, Martha Perdue, and brother, Kenny Kelley.

She was a member of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, she loved spending time with her family, her door was always open to everyone, and her passing will forever leave a void in the hearts of those who loved her.

She is survived by her daughters, Paula (Ricky) Denton, Mellessia Driver, and Judith Travis, all of Providence; her sisters, Lucille (Bill) Vandiver of Madisonville, Kentucky and Isa Anderson of Providence; her grandchildren, Paul (Cassie) Denton, Crisy LaPradd, Markeata (Jon) Croft, Brent (Janis) Gibson, Rebecca Hutsell, Josh (Tara) Travis, and Trista Travis; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday February 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Ralph Alexander and Bro. Johnnie Davis officiating.

Burial will follow in the White Oak Cemetery near Clay.

Visitation will be held on Friday February 7, 2025, from 4:00PM until 8:00PM and from 10:00AM until the service hour on Saturday February 8, 2025, at the church. Paid

Slaughters Man To Be Honored

Slaughters Community Church will host a birthday reception for Mr. Richard Kolodey celebrating 100 years young on Sunday February 9, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at 22 Church Street, Slaughters, KY

42456. Friends, family, and the entire Slaughters Community are welcome to join in the celebration. Cake and punch will be served.



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Trust God When

Dividing Possessions With Relatives

Q: My parents made me the executive over our family estate of their home, small farm and considerable savings. My brother and sister are vying to get what each wants. It's causing family discord. How can I navigate this potentially family dividing situation?

A: In dividing an inheritance, it's easy to let self-preservation and greed rule the day. Those attitudes can quickly destroy family harmony. Being the executor of the estate put pressure on you. In your position, be a peacemaker to preserve lasting family relationships.

Consider following these actions:

1. Go directly to God. Start by considering where you may have po-

tentially conflict. Ask God for wisdom and guidance in your situation.

2. Trust God to work out the best results. Depend on Him to work things out in His way and in His time. Remember doing things in a Christ-like way often requires sacrifice on your part.

3. Take the initiative to meet face-to-face with your siblings. Be calm in discussing ways to divide the inheritance.

4. Be kind and fair. When you meet, don't be argumentative. The Bible urges us to "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Phil. 2:4). In short, place the needs of others before your own.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION 20-CI00147 MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP vs. DENNIS MARTIN, JULIE MARTIN, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF WEBSTER, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JULIE MARTIN UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DENNIS MARTIN NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, I will on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: 808 Olive Street, Providence, Webster County, Kentucky 42450 PVA No. / Map No.: PR4-009-004. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 20th day of January, 2025. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner 2/19c

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION 25-CI-00101 ALLIANCE RESOURCE PROPERTIES, LLC vs. H.T. RILEY and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns; NELLIE VIRGINIA RILEY and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns; and ELIZABETH FOGLE and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024, I will on FEBRUARY 20, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit: ONLY AN INTEREST IN THE COAL AND MINING RIGHTS RELATED TO THE COAL ARE BEING SOLD. DESCRIPTION: Tract 1: Beginning at a point in the right of way of Kentucky Highway 120 and running thence in a westerly direction 612 feet with right of way line to the intersection of the right of way of Highway 264; running thence with Highway 264 in a northerly direction 347 feet; thence in an easterly direction running parallel with Kentucky Highway 120, 612 feet; thence in a southerly direction 347 feet to the point of beginning. Tract 2: Beginning at a point in the right of way line of Highway 264 corner to James R. Bruce and running thence in a northerly direction with Highway 264 347 feet; thence in an easterly direction running parallel with Kentucky Highway 120, 612 feet; thence in a southerly direction 347 feet, corner to James R. Bruce; thence in a westerly direction 612 feet to point of beginning. Tract 3: Located on the Vandersburg-Liberty Road and containing 65 acres, and described as follows: Beginning at a stake, a new corner on the West side of the Liberty-Vandersburg Road; thence with the line of Riley in a Westerly direction, and then with the line of John G. Daugherty to the line of J.L. McCoy; thence with the line of McCoy in a northerly direction and then with the line of Letcher Melton to the line of David W. Schafer, et ux; thence with the line of Schafer in an Easterly direction to the Liberty-Vandersburg Road; thence with the line of the Vandersburg Road in a Southerly direction to the point of beginning. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 15th day of January, 2025. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner 2/19c

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