

OPINIONS

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Scripture of the Week

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgement.



Psalm 119:59
I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. KJV
I have thought of my ways is a good and healthy practice for the soul. God desires hearts to ponder the intents and condition of the heart actions in everyday life which is a powerful instructive force of hope and invitation to change and invite Jesus Christ saving power into the heart and daily transform the thoughts to line up with the greatest force and source of hope which

Encouragement That Takes You Higher
Your Word Gives Life

is the Holy Bible. No! it is not my opinion it is a matter of fact in the sacred pages are the instructions for a heart to be filled with the wisdom depths of God’s word and victorious lifestyle in Christ. Friend, do you think of your ways every day? Do you apply the word of God to your heart so it can navigate your life on a powerful spiritual quest to know the Creator of heaven and earth in an intimate and profound way? The Word of God gives life to your thirsty soul as Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
Experiencing life in the Salvation lifestyle of Jesus Christ the living breathing and walking word of God will take your heart and mind into the heights of re-

vealing words of truth and proofs that will cascade His effervescent spirit life of kingdom celebrations upon your dusty frame turning your feet to the power of His ever -abiding presence and revelations of his holy ways. May your feet always flee the wickedness of this world and run swiftly to the word. God loves to give radiant life to all the hearers and doers of TRUTH. I love my daily experiences in Jesus Christ. He always gives me words in his word that enlightens my heart and satisfies my mind with glorious peace and purpose that cannot be generated by anything other than the power of His Supernatural nature. Have you ever read the Bible? Reading the word

of God for me is a treasure trove of glorious spiritual discoveries that flood my heart with radiant joy and wealth that is more precious than gold. When you discover God’s word you will begin to learn why you were created and what true life means living in real time realities that are truly unexplainable in the natural world. Experiencing God is experiencing daily TRUTH and its hunger rush for the greater search of the true meaning of life in the WORD, Jesus Christ. I pray as you read the following scriptures you will be blessed greatly and you will long to seek and search out more word treasures that bring hope and comfort to your heart.
Psalm 119: 40 Behold, I

have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.
41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have where-with to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.
44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.
46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,

which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved and I will meditate in thy statutes.
49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. KJV
Need a spiritual jump start every day? Begin each day in the word and prayer for God will surely meet you there with arms wide open in mercy and grace! Becoming a Christian is glorious indeed. I invite you to try the saved life today and watch the evil one take flight as the freedom in Jesus Christ floods your heart with LIGHT dispelling the darkness that once held you captive!



All through my life I’ve not been quick to fall asleep at night. It takes me a while, so I usually spend a bit of time reading before bed. People have often found me face down in a book with the lights still on. Getting my body and mind to shut down either takes a hard day’s labor (or a good workout with weights) or the right reading routine.
As a child I can only guess, but I probably spent at least an hour, if not more, wallowing in bed before I got tired enough to close my eyes. My parents believed Poor

Richard’s saying, “Early to bed, early to rise,” but that never caught on for me (I’ve also never found it to be true, but that’s an idea for another column). To my young mind the world was too big, and there was too much to explore, even after lights out.
One of my favorite children’s books was “What’s in the Dark,” by Carl Memling, illustrated by John E. Johnson, and published in the year of my birth, 1971. It begins,
“After they’ve clicked the lights off
And everybody’s said goodnight,
What’s in the dark?”
It takes the reader on a slow tour of the world of night, parents asleep, birds and squirrels asleep, plans flying overhead, overnight truck drivers on the highway, a policeman patrols quiet streets, and then the

little boy in the book is also asleep – in the dark.
That nighttime world always fascinated me.
I look out my window right now, and I see the blinking red lights of the cell phone towers, the rest of the night unknown. Across the holler I can see a single household light. The night is quiet, still, and enveloping, like a soft blanket.
When I stayed at my grandmother’s as a child, I would sneak out of bed, especially in the winter, and curl up in a blanket in front of her natural gas Warm Morning stove. I was entranced by how the flames lit up the fire bricks behind the glass. I would watch them glow a bright orange, and then slowly cool down after the thermostat shut off. I loved the thick, shag carpet in the living room. Years later my mother

told me she knew I would get up at night and always wondered what I was up to.
I spent some dark evenings in the woods when I was older. Aside from the stir of crickets and the frog’s songs and an occasional crack of a twig in the distance, I never once encountered anything scary. I watched herds of deer silently disappear into fog banks in distance. I felt the musky breeze off an owl’s wings as it swooped over my head.
I love walking city streets at night. One summer

my friend Tom and I wandered all over Owingsville in the wee hours, working out story ideas, seeing if there were ghosts in the cemetery, and seeking inspiration. I carried this on while I lived in Massachusetts, taking long walks down the ancient streets of Amherst and Northampton at night. One night there a close friend of mine named David and I climbed a hundred-foot radio tower. At the top, we could see the street and residential lights for miles around, and the chill wind

gently rocked the metal tower and never stopped.
Astronomy has always been a hobby, and I am well acquainted with the Big Dipper and the North Star and Orion the Hunter. The moon is also a regular companion, whether I’m outdoors or just glancing out the window. Tonight is the New Moon, so there are only stars and planets and galaxies above.
What’s in the dark? An entire world most people miss, but not me.

Find Cupid Drawing Winner

Nina Young of Sharpsburg was the winner of our Find Cupid Contest! Congratulations to Nina – she received a box of chocolates and a one-year subscription. Thank you to all our readers who submitted contest entries. Keep your eyes open for future contests and drawings!

Bath County 911 is now hiring for a Certified Full time or noncertified Part time 911 Telecommunicator. Shifts include but not limited to days, nights, weekends, holidays and overtime. Must be 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED required. Must pass background check, drug screening, and complete all required certifications. Must be able to multitask, stay calm and assist in high stress situations. Must be Professional. Pick up applications at the Dispatch center, 34 W. Paul Lewis Drive, Owingsville, Ky 40360. More information/ Questions: Justin Welch 606-674-2006.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF OWINGSVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. 6 – 2025

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FRANCHISE FOR THE ERECTION, LAYINIG AND MAINTENCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC WAYS, ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF OWINGSVILLE, KENTUCKY; FOR FURNISHING AND SELLING ELECTRICITY BY MEANS OF SAID FACILITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID FRANCHISE.

WHEREAS, the City of Owingsville (“City” wishes to ensure that electric service continues to be furnished to its citizens in a reliable and efficient manner;
WHEREAS, the City is aware that the provision of such service requires the continued use of public streets, ways, alleys and other public places;
WHEREAS, the franchise granted to and acquired by Kentucky Utilities Company on July 14, 2016 under which that utility provided such service, will expire by its terms; July 14, 2026.
WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide for the sale of a new franchise for the benefit of its citizenry, giving effect to Section 96.010 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:
Section 1. An exclusive franchise (“Franchise”) to use the City’s public rights-of-way, as described in the Franchise Agreement attached to this Ordinance, is hereby created.
Section 2. The Franchise created by this Ordinance shall be bid in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as well as any applicable City ordinances.
Section 3. The Franchise created by this Ordinance shall be awarded to the highest and best bidder as shall be determined by the City in its sole discretion. In awarding the Franchise, the City shall consider the technical, managerial, and financial qualifications of the bidder to perform its obligations under the Franchise.
Section 4. The winning bidder and the City shall negotiate, execute and be bound by a Franchise Agreement with terms identical to, or substantially identical to, the Franchise Agreement referenced in Section 1 above the attached hereto, such Agreement to contain terms “that ae fair and reasonable to the City, to the purchaser of the Franchise and to the patrons of the utility” (KRS Section 96.010). Such Franchise Agreement shall become effective with the first billing cycle on or after the expiration of the existing franchise agreement, to allow the City and the winning bidder to develop appropriate procedures for identifying and reviewing the electric-consuming entities within the City’s corporate limits.
Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
Section 6. Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the attached Agreement be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance or the attached Agreement, as applicable.
Section 7. Time is of the essence in carrying out the terms and the provisions of this Ordinance and the Franchise created herein.
Section 8. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication. Read at a meeting of the Owingsville City Council on the 8th day of December, 2025; a second reading was held on the 12th day of January, 2026; said Ordinance was READ and APPROVED on the 12th day of January, 2026.

Gary M. Hunt, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:
Melissa Berry, City Clerk

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RETIREMENT

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