

Advice for the journey

BY GEORGE W. SMITH
FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS

Some of you have seen changes in your life this past year. The family circle for some has grown smaller, sometimes by more than one. Others have had less monumental changes occur — a job gone, a change in residence after years in one spot, some major sickness, accident or other life changing event. 2025 may not have been kind to you.

Now, as we step into a new year, will the new one be more of the old? None of us can answer this, for we stand much like the children of Israel when they were about to enter the Promised Land. They were entering a new way cloaked in mystery, similarly to driving on a dark, unfamiliar road in a dense fog, unable to see ahead.

In the Book of Joshua we read, "After the death of Moses, the Lord spoke to Joshua, 'Now that my servant Moses is dead, you must lead my people across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I

promise you what I promises Moses ... I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you ... the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'" (1:1-9). These words are important for us today. Read them slowly, and absorb them into your being. Meditate on them as you face a new year. God

said, "As I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will not fail you or abandon you. I will be with you wherever you go." These promises are for you today as they were for God's people then. If that does not make you feel better as you face an unknown tomorrow, what will? You are not alone. God is with you. He will guide, strengthen, and love you.

But a short word as we step into the New Year. Is there anything you need to do about the old year? Are there issues yet to be settled — forgiving someone, asking forgiveness, debts to be settled? What? Maybe you need to pause here before going on.

Having made peace

with the past, think of Joshua 3:4, "You have not passed this way heretofore." The new year is a journey into the unknown. May I suggest some items for your journey?

We need to begin with worship. Hebrews 10:22 admonishes us to "draw near to God with a sincere heart." A daily priority should be drawing near to God.

You will want to take your Bible with you. If you read and heed it, you will be able to lead a clean, courageous and strong life. It is a good book to live by and to die by. Let it guide you into and through the new year.

You will need prayer on your journey. It is the Christian's vital breath. We are weak, but God is strong. There are battles to be fought, temptations to overcome, burdens to bear, hills to climb. We are not adequate without prayer.

Take the Lord with you and never leave His side for a moment. You don't have to face whatever life brings you alone. He has promised to always be with you and never leave you (Matthew 28:18-20). Have a great journey!

Forgive me for my memory

A couple months ago on a Saturday morning, the sun was shining and it appeared to be the beginning of a great summer day. It was! The doors and windows wide open and the birds were singing — got to love those mockingbirds.

There was a knock on the door. A nice looking couple were standing there and asked me a question about my faith. Well, I invited them into the kitchen table where we pulled out our Bibles and began to discuss our beliefs. They were kind and friendly, and we talked much about our faith.

Then came a topic of which, I am ashamed to admit, I wasn't ready. They believed that Jesus was created by God and did not

exist for all eternity. Well I sat there with this dumb look on my face. I was always taught the Holy Trinity, always was, always will be. But could not think of where to look for the answer. I babbled something like, "I know the answer is in the Bible somewhere."

Well they left after about 30 minutes. It was a good meeting, and there was a handshake and smiles. I had mixed feelings about my performance defending

the faith. So I sat down later and looked up this topic of Jesus' infinite existence. It is everywhere! I've read it many times but gave no thought to it because this is what I always believed and didn't know there are some who do not believe. The answer is in John 1:1-2: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 17: 5, Jesus quote: "the glory which I had with You before the world was made." There is so much more.

Lord forgive me of my weakness. I think my penance will be to sit on the porch, read the Bible, and listen to the mockingbirds! JMJ!
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CHURCH SERVICES

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Joseph Catholic Church, 204 N. Main St., Leitchfield, has services on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and on Sundays at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more info, call 270-259-3028 or visit the church's website at stjosephch.org. Pastor Rev. Fr. Santhosh Thomas. All are welcome.

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
St. Luke's worships from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. We have services every Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Bloch Memorial Chapel, 1209 Fairview Ave., in Bowling Green. Contact the Rev. Lloyd Prescott at 270-904-2324.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Paul Catholic Church, located at 1821 St. Paul Road, Leitchfield, holds Mass on Sunday at 8 a.m., Monday at 8 a.m., Thursday at 8 a.m., Friday at 8 a.m., and Saturday at 5 p.m. with Pastor Fr. Suneesh Mathew and Deacon Dale DePoyster. For more information, call 270-242-7436.

STONES VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Stones View United Methodist Church has Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Pastor Bro. Ricky Armstrong welcomes everyone.

SULPHUR WELLS MISSIONARY
Sulphur Wells Missionary Church has services the second Sunday at 11 a.m., fourth Saturday at 7 p.m., and the fourth Sunday at 11 a.m. and every fifth Sunday. Pastor

Chris Cann.

SUMMIT GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Summit General Baptist

Church has Sunday School at 10 a.m. EST and worship service at 11 a.m. EST. Located in Eastview off U.S. 62. Bro. Donald Hall, pastor.

A call to fathers

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children ...” – Deut. 6:6-7

After 54 years of ministry, I have had many men to express their concerns about being a good father. They have said things like, “It is too late for me. I didn’t have a good fatherly example, and I don’t know how to be one.”

To these men I say, “It is not too late! None of us started as fathers with

a service manual. You can get on track and become a hero to your children.” I know it is

possible because I have seen it happen many times over.

Your children do not need you to be perfect. What they do need is for you to be present and engaged with them. We need to be godly men who show our children love, and we need to invest ourselves and our time in our children.

It is a myth to believe that the quantity of time is unimportant to our kids. Quality time is

important, but quantity and quality are what they need. Quality without quantity does not accomplish in your children’s lives what God needs you to accomplish.

This is vitally important. There is no substitute for “you” in the lives of your children. You cannot just delegate spiritual nurture to their mother and call it done.

Show and tell your children that you love them. Live your faith in front of them. Be godly and consistent, and you will be on your way to being your children’s hero!



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. 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

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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JANUARY 6, 2026, at 12:00 P.M.
GRAYSON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER
LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY

GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I
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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GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I
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, 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: 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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