

# Favorite Bible verse?

The most important thing in all the world is to be a Christian! Nothing — health, possessions, family — is more important than trusting Christ as one's personal Savior. Your decision about Christ determines where you will spend eternity. A favorite Bible verse used to lead many people to trust Christ is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world" (16a). Everyone is loved. No one is excluded. The word "so" emphasizes the intensity or greatness of His love. "He gave His only Son" (16b). God looked at a lost world and gave the most precious thing Heaven had to offer to redeem lost humanity. "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2

Corinthians 5:21). John 3:16 says that salvation is available to everyone. God freely offers salvation. That's God's part. Our part is to receive it. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (v18). Christ is the only one who can save us from an eternity in hell. "I am the way ... no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Jesus is the one and only way to the Father. "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (16d). We will have everlasting fellowship with our Heavenly Father. Augustine said many



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years ago, "God loves each of us as if there was only one of us to love." Of John 3:16, someone said, "If all the Bible were lost and only this verse remained, there is enough to save the world." The late evangelist Angel Martinez has a wonderful four-point sermon on John 3:16. Read John 3:16 and meditate on these four-points: (1) The cause of salvation - "For God so loved the world;" (2) The cost of salvation - "that He gave His only begotten Son;" (3) The condition of salvation - "that whosoever believeth in Him;" (4) The consequences of salvation - "shall not perish but have everlasting life." Such a powerful, powerful verse! A famous preacher of the past, Henry Morehouse, preached many sermons to his congregation, but they knew every Sunday what his text would be — John 3:16. God's Word is so rich!

# Our source of hope in trials

Our devotional today is based on the teaching of the Apostle Peter, 1 Peter 1:3-9. Are you presently going through any difficulties? We all understand that life is hard and filled with many difficulties; but we also understand the benefits of life outweigh the difficulties. It is said of life, "We are either going through a problem, coming out of a problem, or getting ready to face one." Oftentimes that feels to be absolute truth. Maybe you are currently experiencing a trial so intense that you wonder whether it is possible to survive. Perhaps you are being troubled by some hardship that is dragging on with no end in sight. Sometimes it is just the small, daily prob-

lems and stresses that wear us down and cause us to become discouraged. Whatever the source of your adversity may be, Peter offers insight to help us recover hope and joy. He reminds us: God has reserved an inheritance for us in heaven, which is imperishable, pure, and eternal (1 Peter 1:3-5). We are born again into a "lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." We must lift our eyes upward instead of focusing on our troubles. If we are "looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith," our outcome will be different than if we focus on our problems (Hebrews 12:2). If we have placed all our hopes in this life, trials will continue to lead us to despair. But as children of

God, we have an inheritance that will far outweigh any temporal suffering. God is in control of our trials. Nothing comes our way randomly. Our loving Father ensures that our tribulations accomplish His unique purpose for each one of His children. He is sovereign over every adversity, including its duration, which is "for a little while" when compared to eternity (1 Peter 1:6). God uses trials to strengthen our faith. Jesus said those who do not truly believe fall away when afflictions arise (Matt. 13:20-21). To go through suffering and remain true to Christ testifies to others about our salvation. And each test makes our faith stronger. So, how should we respond in trials? Peter says we are to rejoice in our eternal hope, endure hardships, love Jesus, and keep trusting Him.



NATHAN LOWE INJOY

# The plight of the homeless

My wife's cousin, Diane, called from California with a request to pray for her ex-husband. It seems he has fallen on bad times and is homeless somewhere out west. With no address, they are unable to send him any financial help. He is in dire need of prayers. She doesn't have any desire to see him again, but she has a great desire to help a fellow human being. Also he is the father of three of her children. Diane is truly a good woman who had a hard time in her past marriage. She is also a woman who is full of God's love for fellow man. My family and I are now praying for a positive outcome. In the Catholic Church we ask all mem-

bers of the Communion of Saints to join with us in our prayers. So when we pray on earth in communion with each other, plus ask the Saints to pray with us; we can make quite a noise in heaven! "The intercession of the Saint. Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness. They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Jesus Christ." CCC #956 I have not heard the outcome of this situation, but we can all pray for him and all the homeless! JMJ! dale54@live.com.



DALE DEPOYSTER

# OCTC to host Program Fair for high school students

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Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) will host its upcoming Program Fair, an event designed specifically for high school students in grades 10-12 who are beginning to explore college and career options. The fair will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5 on OCTC's Main Campus at 4800 New Hartford Road in Owensboro, Ky. in the Industry Innovation Center. The Program Fair gives

students the opportunity to connect directly with OCTC faculty and staff and learn more about academic and technical programs that lead to high-demand careers. Attendees can visit with program coordinators representing a wide range of fields, ask questions about coursework and career pathways, and gain insight into what it's like to be a college student. In addition to exploring programs of study, students will have access to key student support areas, including admissions, financial aid, career

services, counseling, and academic advising. Representatives from these areas will be available to answer questions about the application process, scholarships and grants, career planning, and student resources. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by completing the online form at <https://forms.office.com/r/SSKKW8TNgH>. To make the most of the Program Fair experience, students are encouraged to complete OCTC's completely free Career Coach online

assessment prior to attending. The assessment, available at <https://owensboro.kctcs.edu/education-training/career-coaching/index.aspx>, helps students identify potential career paths based on their interests and strengths and connects those results directly to OCTC programs that can prepare them for those careers. Students may choose from a 6-question, 30-question, or 60-question version, depending on how in-depth they would like their results to be.

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12175 in the Old Judicial Building, 125 E. White Oak St., Leitchfield. Call 270-993-9245 for more information. Grayson County Recovery Meetings take place on the following schedule: Celebrate Recovery meet-

ings are held at The Well across from Leitchfield United Methodist Church on Wednesdays with worship at 6 p.m. and groups at 7 p.m. Call 270-259-4019 for more information. Al-Anon Family Group meetings are held in the church basement of Leitchfield United Methodist Church on Fridays at 10 a.m. Call 270-230-4477 for more information. AA meetings are held in the

Caneyville Tax Office basement (Zoom #9282139324) on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m.; at Leitchfield United Methodist Church (Zoom #83626788004) on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays

at 10 a.m.; in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Rectory (Zoom #83626788004) on Tuesdays at noon and Fridays at 7 p.m.; and in the St. Anthony Church Basement in Peonia on Fridays at 7 p.m.



## LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
GREEN RIVER CROSSING  
EDMONSON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
EDMONSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by mail by the Edmonson County Water District at their offices, and bids will be opened at 1128 KY-259, Brownsville, KY 42210 - until 12:00 pm (local time), March 10, 2026 for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work as set forth in this Advertisement for Bids, General Conditions, Specifications and/or Drawings prepared by HMB Professional Engineers, LLC., 3 HMB Circle, US 460, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the above conditions will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work to be bid upon is described as follows:  
**Edmonson County Water District Green River Crossing**  
· Construction at one river crossing – includes approx. 600 LF 20" HDPE creek crossing by horizontal drill with 16" tapping sleeve and valve connections. Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the following location:

Edmonson County Water District  
1128 KY-259  
Brownsville, KY 42210

or may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (859) 255-1021 upon receipt of a non-refundable payment of \$250 per set (Paper or PDF Format) Note: Additional shipping and/or handling charges may apply and will be the responsibility of the Bidder.

After award of a contract, the General Contractor will be furnished, without charge, a reasonable number of plans and specifications needed to prosecute the work. Subcontractors and manufacturers and suppliers shall obtain plans and specifications from the General Contractor. Sealed proposals for the Contract shall be clearly marked on the outside of the container as follows:

"Sealed proposal for "Edmonson County Water District Creek Crossing Replacements"

Not to be opened until 12:00 PM EST (local time), March 10, 2026"

Time allowed for substantial completion of the Contract is 45 consecutive calendar days.

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to Edmonson County Water District, 1128 KY-259, Brownsville, KY 42210; allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals. Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Edmonson County Water District in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date bids are opened. They may, however, withdraw the bid at any time prior to the time and date scheduled for opening of same or any authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder. All questions concerning the bidding of this project shall be officially answered by the Engineer. All questions shall be in writing or e-mailed to: [npilcher@hmbpe.com](mailto:npilcher@hmbpe.com). Questions will be answered in the order they are received, and all questions and answers shall be distributed to all plan holders through addenda, if needed. Edmonson County Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities and any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected.

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The work to be bid upon is described as follows:

**Edmonson County Water District KY-259 at KY-728 Water Line Work**

· Installing approx. 300 linear feet of 6" PVC SDR-17 Water Main and Appurtenances, approx. 60 linear feet of 6" PVC SDR-17 to replace in existing 12" steel encasement, and tie-in between existing 6" AC and 3" PVC water line.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE  
MARCH 3, 2026, at 12:00 P.M.  
GRAYSON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER  
LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY  
GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00290  
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF  
v.  
CHRISTOPHER ALAN GUFFEY, et al DEFENDANTS

By virtue of an Order entered on February 3, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on March 3, 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 downpayment 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: 269 Bethel Cemetery Road, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754 Parcel Identification Number: 070-00-00-003 Judgment Amount: \$ 222,867.09 plus interest and attorney fees Interest Rate: 7% Appraisal: \$ 225,000.00 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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