If the dead could speak

GEORGE W. **SMITH**

Since the beginning of time, people have wondered, "If the dead could speak, what would they say?" We are not left to wonder about one subject, for Jesus in scripture tells us what they would say if they could speak. The story is found in Luke 16:19-31. It is the story of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus. The rich man died and ended up in Hell while the beggar died and ended up in Heaven. The rich man asked Abraham to send someone to warn his five brothers back on earth lest they wind up in this place of suffering.

In this scripture our Lord gives us glimpses into the life beyond and helps us to know what the dead would say if they could speak. Paul Powell was very helpful in his book, If The Dead Could Speak. He says there are three things they would tell us.

First, they would tell us that Hell is a real place, and people are going there. The most sobering thought that can enter the mind of man is that every person who has ever lived, every person now living, every person who will ever live will all continue to live for eternity — either in Heaven or Hell.

Look up these scriptures on the subject: John 5:28-29, Matthew 10:28, Matthew 5:29, Matthew 25:41. These tell us plainly that Hell is real. Some say, "God is too good to allow anyone to go to Hell." God is a God of love, but He is also a God of justice.

The Bible speaks of judgment. I know this: God does not want anyone to perish. He sent His Son that we many be saved from the consequences of sin. Any person who goes to Hell goes there against the will of God. 2 Peter 3:9 says it is not the Lord's will that anyone should perish.

Hell is no joke. People who reject Christ go there. It is a place of suffering as the rich man in Jesus's story found out. I believe if the dead could speak, they would say all this is true.

Second, the dead would say there is no second chance after death. The rich man cried out for help, but Abraham said in verse 26, "Between us and you a great chasm has been fixed so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."

Notice in this scripture the word "fixed." Everything in Hell is permanent, final, no change, no opportunity for repentance. Death ends our opportunity for salvation. Proverbs 11:7 says, "When a wicked dies, his hope will perish."

Once we die, our hope of salvation ends. All hope is gone. The dead would tell us this if they could speak.

Third, if the dead could speak, they would say that repentance is urgent. The rich man is interested in getting someone to go and witness to his brothers that they might repent and not come to this place where he is. He wants his brothers to repent and confess and to know that is what he should have done.

Repentance is the first step toward God. The Apostle Paul said, "I have one message ... the necessity of turning from sin and turning to God, and of faith in our Lord Jesus" (Acts 20:21). Repentance is a spiritual about face. It recognizes the awfulness of sin and turns to God in faith and trust.

Repentance is to leave the things

that we have done before,

And to prove that we in earnest grieve

by doing them no more. (Poet unknown)

Repentance is urgent. Why? Because we do not know the day nor the hour when death may come. Google says that globally approximately 63 million people die every year, which breaks down to about 172,000 deaths per day or 162 deaths every minute.

Have you made preparation for the long journey?

We are precious to God

DENISE **BARRETT**

Gemstones are formed deep within the Earth and bonded together by a variety of different environmental changes. Some by intense heat, intense pressure, erosion, cooled quickly and solidified. An example is the diamond. It begins as a piece of charcoal and over time and constant heated pressure, a diamond is formed. God's Word tells us we are more precious than earthly gemstones to Him.

Just as there are no two gemstones alike, God created us uniquely, individually, fearfully and wonderfully. Malachi 3:17, "And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels …" Isaiah 43:7, "Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." God says He made us and verse four reminds us that we are precious in God's eyes, and honored, and He loves us. Isaiah recites again in 49:16 the words of the Lord God, "See, I (God) have engraved you on the palms of My hands …" We are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works (Ephesians 2:10).

Our formation and restoration has not come without sacrifice. John 3:16 reminds us that God loves us so much He sent His Son Jesus to pay the sin debt we owe, and, if we believe in Jesus, we shall not perish but have eternal life. Romans 5:8, "God demonstrated his love toward us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." 1 John 3:1a, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" As God's jewels, we are very valuable to Him. He paid the ultimate price for us.

Gemstones sparkle and shine. People are attracted to them. If God considers us a jewel, we should be shining brightly for Him. When we allow God's love to shine through us, we are attractive to others. We are demonstrating Jesus' love to them and allowing them to see the value they have in Him. We are on display just as the most precious gems are in a museum. However, unlike earthly gems on display, locked up and guarded, we are constantly visible, on exhibit everywhere we go and people are watching in plain view to determine our radiance. We need to leave a little sparkle wherever we go!

Consider the environmental changes and length of time that it takes to create gemstones! We also, as God's jewels, endure pressures and temptations that challenge and change us physically, spiritually, and emotionally. 1 Peter 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though tried by fire, might be found unto praise, honor, and glory at the appearance of Jesus Christ." God promises us that as His children He does not leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). 1 Corinthians 10:13, when under intense trials, God is faithful that He will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able. He tells us He will make a way to escape that we can bear it. He didn't say it would necessarily be taken away, but He would help us through it. Even when we mess up and sin, God still loves us and promises if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Daily, we should remind ourselves of the precious value we hold to the Lord God, our Creator. It's a bonded relationship and He wants to hear from His children. We may not always feel like a beautiful gem or jewel, but the truths of God do not change. We are precious in His sight.

Denise Barrett serves as a devotional writer, guest speaker, Bible teacher, and volunteer for Gathering Grace CWM.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE
JUNE 16, 2026, at 12:00 P.M.
GRAYSON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER
LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY

GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00072

STOCKTON MORTGAGE CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF
v.
CHARLES T. HAYCRAFT
DEFENDANT

By virtue of an Order entered on April 21, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on June 16, 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: 141 Probus Road, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754
Parcel Identification Number: 073-00-00-005.GG
Judgment Amount: $ 227,055.08
Interest Rate: 3.125%
Appraisal: $ 279,000.00

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.

DOUGLAS P. VOWELS
MASTER COMMISSIONER
POST OFFICE BOX 356
BRANDENBURG, KENTUCKY 40108
PHONE: (270) 422-5803 www.graysonmc.com

HARNED AUCTIONEERS, LLC

ABSOLUTE AUCTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 23 @ 2:07 PM EDST—THE WILLIAM SHELTON ESTATE- 227.53 AC—2 TRACTS –BARN— WOODLAND—651,974 BD FT OF TIMBER- LOCATED END OF PLOUVIER RD OFF KY 84—CALL AUCTIONEER FOR DETAILS, SALE LOCATION, INSPECTIONS, AND WRITTEN TIMBER CRUISES, GO TO WWW.BILLY FRANKHARNED.COM - CALL BILLY FRANK HARNED 502-349-9707

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
THE GRAYSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT IS ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING ROAD MATERIALS:
1. Crushed limestone, #610's, #5's, #8's, #9's, #11's, #57's. Rip Rap, Dense Grade (DGA). Must meet or exceed state specifications. All aggregate. F.O.B. Quarry. Also delivered 1-5 miles, 10-15 miles, and 15-20 miles.
2. Emulsified Asphalts- RS-2, MS-3, AE-200, AE-300, HF-RS-2, and Primer L. These emulsified asphalts shall be bid both with and without a tank provided by the bidder.
3. Also bid should include a loading hose. Specify demurrage time and rate. Also, availability of a Pug Mill to mix AE-200 or AE-300 should be stated.
4. Plant Hot Mix-Asphalt, surface and base, FOB plant. Also, price per ton delivered and applied on new or resurfaced road.
5. Cold mix asphalt, per ton.
6. Tile- #12", 15", 18", 24" Plastic and Galvanized.
7. Gasoline and Diesel Fuel- Bidder must specify arrangements for dispensing of fuel and to satisfy county and OSHA regulations.
8. Haul charge per ton for Crushed limestone, #610's, #5's, #8's, #9's, #11's, #57's. Rip Rap, Dense Grade (DGA) Delivered 1-5 miles, 5-10 miles, 10-15 miles, 15-20 miles.
INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Bids must be submitted using bid sheets supplied bv the Judge Executive's Office. Bid envelopes must be clearly labeled "Road Materials". Bids may be rejected without clear identification. Please call 270-259-3159 to have a bid sheet faxed or emailed to you.
2. Insert discount term if any.
3. Bids will be good for a period of 1 year to begin July 1, 2026 and to end on June 30, 2027.
4. The Grayson County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:00 P.M., CST ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026, IN THE OFFICE OF KEVIN HENDERSON, GRAYSON COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE, 130 E. MARKET ST., LEITCHFIELD, KY 42754, AND WILL BE OPENED AT THE REGULAR FISCAL COURT MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M., CST

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Court, hereby give notice that administration has been granted in the Estates named below. All persons having claims against these estates shall present them verified, according to the law to the administrator or executor as named below at the address as shown no later than six (6) months after the date of this publication.

ESTATE OF:Clarence R Becker, 568 Nelson Road, Clarkson, KY 42776: FIDUCIARY: Patricia Stone, 2428 Chapel Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754: FIDUCIARY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754

ESTATE OF: Roger D. Hart, 104 Moon Ave, Leitchfield, KY 42754 : FIDUCIARY: Gregory Hart, 411 Cave School Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754: ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754

ESTATE OF: Alma Beville, 1500 Hardin Springs Road, Big Clifty, KY 42712: FIDUCIARY: Doug Ketcham, 1492 Hardin Spring Road, Big Clifty, KY 42712: ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08
An ordinance amending and adopting an amended Zoning Map entitled "ZONING MAP, LEITCHFIELD, KY" by changing the district classification of the property located in Leitchfield, KY as hereinafter described from R-2 (Single Family Medium Density) to C-1 (Highway Commercial)
Whereas, the Leitchfield Planning Commission of Leitchfield, KY on May 11, 2026 held a public hearing on Application No. RZ-26-143. The property is currently owned by JVC Enterprise Inc. and is designated as property having a PVA #083-09-28-027, 083-09-28-028, 083-09-28-029, 083-09-28-030, 084-07-00-013, 084-07-00-019, 084-07-00-014, 084-07-00-015, 084-07-00-016, 084-07-00-017, 084-07-00-018 being more particularly described in Deed Book 240, Page 388, Deed
Book 240, Page 397, Deed Book 471, Page 643, Deed Book 471, Page 647, and Deed Book 454, Page 544, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at the NE corner of the intersection of S. Clinton St. and the William Thomason Byway, Leitchfield, KY. The request asked for a change from R-2 (Single Family Medium Density) to C-1 (Highway Commercial); and
Whereas, City Council members conducted a review of the record and evidence presented before the Leitchfield Planning Commission and its recommendation is that the Zoning Map Amendment be approved as affects this property. Its recommendation is attached and incorporated herein by reference; and
Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky as follow: Boundaries of the district as shown on District Map entitled "ZONING MAP, LEITCHFIELD, KY" be and same is hereby amended for reasons adopted, all of which is made a part hereof as fully set out herein, including the rezoning request from the Planning Commission dated 5/12/2026 to the Leitchfield City Council, so the property is described as follows:
Property Description: Refer to property description PVA # 083-09-28-027, 083-09-28-028, 083-09-28-029, 083-09-28-030, 084-07-00-013, 084-07-00-019, 084-07-00-014, 084-07-00-015, 084-07-00-016, 084-07-00-017, 084-07-00-018, Deed Book 240, Page 388, Deed Book 240, Page
397, Deed Book 471, Page 643, Deed Book 471, Page 647, and Deed Book 454, Page 544, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at the NE corner of the intersection of S. Clinton St. and the William Thomason Byway, Leitchfield, KY 42754; Now zoned C-1 (Highway Commercial} after the adoption of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following publication as required by law. This Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict. Given a second reading and duly enacted by the legislative body of the City of Leitchfield,
Kenlucky on the 1st day of June, 2026,aftebeing first read on the 18th day of May , 2026.

/s/ Harold Miller
Mayor- City of Leitchfield

Attest:/s/Lori Woosley
LORI WOOSLEY, CityClerk
Dated: June 1, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

Take NOTICE, that AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE GRAYSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT CREATING A FRANCHISE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NON-CABLE) SYSTEM IN GRAYSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM was passed by the Grayson County Fiscal Court on May 21st, 2025 at 5 p.m. at 130 E. Market Street, Leitchfield KY 42754.
This publication conforms with KRS 424.130.
JEREMY LOGSDON
Grayson County Attorney
This advertisement was paid for by the Grayson County Fiscal Court using taxpayer dollars in the amount of $____.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
for the
GRAYSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY'S
Telecommunications Franchise
Grayson County, Kentucky ("County") is soliciting bids from parties interested in obtaining franchises to operate telecommunications systems within the confines of the County, pursuant to Ordinance No. 26-450.00. Franchise(s) awarded pursuant to this Request for Bids will be non-exclusive and will be for a term of ten (10) years. Bids must meet all of the requirements of Ordinance No. 26-450.00. Sealed bids must be received no later than June 18, 2026, 3 PM, at which time the bids will be opened at 130 E. Market St., Leitchfield, KY 42754. Sealed bid proposals should be sent to the following person and address: Grayson County Fiscal Court Clerk, 130 E. Market St., Leitchfield, KY 42754. The Fiscal Court will review and consider the bids on June 18, 2026 at same address at 5 p.m. at their monthly meeting. Grayson County reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise, and to accept what, in its opinion, is the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bid which is in the best interest of, and most advantageous to the County. This advertisement was paid for by the Grayson County Fiscal Court using taxpayer dollars in the amount of $____.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09
An ordinance amending and adopting an amended Zoning Map entitled "ZONING MAP, LEITCHFIELD, KY" by changing the district classification of the property located in Leitchfield, KY as hereinafter described from 1-2 (Heavy Industrial) to C-1 (Highway Commercial)
Whereas, the Leitchfield Planning Commission of Leitchfield, KY on May 11, 2026 held a public hearing on Application No. RZ-26-144. The property is currently owned by Scott Smith Overhead Doors Inc. and is designated as property having a PVA #093-02-00-011, 093-02-00-007, 093-02-00-01,2.0A being more particularly described in Deed Book 350, Page 072, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at 677 Commerce Dr., Leitchfield, KY. The request asked for a change from 1-2 (Heavy Industrial) to C-1 (Highway Commercial); and Whereas, City Council members conducted a review of the record and evidence presented before the Leitchfield Planning Commission and its recommendation is that the Zoning Map Amendment be approved as affects this property. Its recommendation is attached and incorporated herein by reference; and
Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky as follow: Boundaries of the district as shown on District Map entitled "ZONING MAP, LEITCHFIELD, KY" be and same is hereby amended for reasons adopted, all of which is made a part hereof as fully set out herein, including the rezoning request from the Planning Commission dated 5/12/2026 to the Leitchfield City Council, so the property is described as follows:
Property Description: Refer to property description PVA # 093-02-00-011, 093-02-00-007, 093-02-00-012.0A, Deed Book 350, Page 072, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at 677 Commerce Dr., Leitchfield, KY 42754; Now zoned C-1 (Highway Commercial) after the adoption of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following publication as required by law. This Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict. Given a second reading and duly enacted by the legislative body of the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky on the 1st day of June, 2026, after being first read on the 18th day of May, 2026.

/s/Harold Miller
Harold Miller, Mayor -City of Leitchfield
Attest: /s/ Lori Woosley
LORI WOOSLEY, Clerk
Dated: June 1, 2026
Harold Miller, Mayor - City of Leitchfield