

CHURCH SERVICES

JUBILEE THE CHURCH
Jubilee The Church, 206 E. Old Leitchfield Road, Clarkson, has services on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Pastor the Rev. Samuel Fulkerson.

LEITCHFIELD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Leitchfield Christian Church, a non-denominational New Testament-based Christian Church, 117 W. Walnut St. invites you to Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. Nursery provided. Youth program meets on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with Bible lessons, games, songs. Adult Bible study on Wednesday in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Minister, Lee Schroerlucke.

LEITCHFIELD FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

with refreshments to follow. Worship service at 11 a.m.

LEITCHFIELD FIRST GENERAL BAPTIST
Leitchfield First General Baptist Church, U.S. 62 West, has services on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Bro. Tim Probus and the congregation invite you to come and be a part.

LEITCHFIELD LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Leitchfield Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 116 W. Main St., one block west of the courthouse on the left. Services start at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, with 11 a.m. worship, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bro. John Hart, from Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Des Arc, AR., will be conducting services. Everyone is invited.

Are you saved?

1 John 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

The most important issue we must settle in this life is our eternal destiny. Recently, I heard someone say, "I don't believe in any form of life after this one." How sad! To have hope in this life only, with no hope of living an afterlife. Throughout history, local churches have been composed of both believers and unbelievers, and, sadly, it is often difficult to tell the difference. That's why John wrote his first letter. He wanted to assure the true Christians of their salvation and warn those who professed belief but lacked saving faith. John gives a fourfold test describing the beliefs and practices of genuine believers: **Right understanding of Christ and salvation (1 John 2:18-27).** To be

saved, we must have the true gospel. This is the gospel that tells the story of only one Savior, as described in God's Word. I often hear people say, all roads lead to heaven ... just so long as you are travelling you will get there. That is like saying, all roads lead to New York, just start driving and you are bound to end up there. If you intend to arrive at any destination, you must travel the right road that leads to there. If you intend to go to heaven, you must travel the right direction.

You must have the right attitude toward sin (1 John 1:5-29, 1 John 2:1-2). True believers hate their sin and are quick to confess their failures and turn away from them. **We must be willing to practice obedience (1 John 2:3-6).** God's commands are not burdensome to those who belong to Christ. Although we may fail at times, the overall direction of our life is one of obedience. **We need a right relationship with God's people (1 John 2:7-11).** Christ produces within His true followers a love for fellow believers. The scriptures said, "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, that you have love one to another." "How can I love God whom I have not seen, if I cannot love men whom I have seen?" The believer will demonstrate a desire to be with other believers. If you have doubts about your salvation, reading the book of 1 John will help you settle the issue.



NATHAN LOWE

Thoughts of my dad

It is sometimes hard for me to gather my thoughts about my dad. He was a good man who put honesty above everything. This was and is rare in the history of mankind, especially considering where he worked. He was an Internal Revenue agent who went after delinquent taxpayers. He would occasionally tell stories of his experiences with all sorts of people from all walks of life. Rich and poor, hardworking and shifty, or people who had just made bad decisions and got behind on their taxes. One story was when he traveled to eastern Kentucky to collect on some people who had not paid their taxes in a while. When he pulled up to where the people lived, he couldn't believe how poor they were. He decided to write them off. He had a soft heart for the poor. There was no good reason to pursue this matter. When I was a young boy

my dad would look down at me at Mass and smile. I loved that. But as I grew older the smiles seemed to dissipate. He was a demanding father who expected much from his sons. Maybe what formed his attitude was his father who ran off and left the family in poverty in 1935. Or maybe him marching across Europe in World War II. He was never one to pass out compliments. So, fathers, tell your sons you are proud of them. Affirm they are good with an occasional compliment. Many times sons have a lot on their shoulders, and a kind word could carry them for a long time. Dear Lord, take my dad in your arms and give him a big hug and smile from me, his son! Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph!

Dale writes these articles from his home in western Kentucky. Have a question? You may contact him at dale54@live.com.



DALE DEPOYSTER

Priceless pearl

When I was a teenager, I loved jewelry that had pearls on it. I remember a ring I had that I wore all the time that had a pearl. However, I never knew what it took for them to form or that there was a pearl of great price until much later in life. After learning the process, I realized that its formation contains a spiritual significance to me and can be an example of our journey as Christians.

To begin, oysters broadcast hundreds of their eggs in the ocean — much like the Great Commission Jesus gave us to spread the Gospel to the world. Mark 16:15, "And Jesus said unto them, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Within 24-48 hours the baby oyster's mantle (tissues that line and hold the oyster in place) begins creating their two part shell around themselves, which turns cement-like and expands throughout their lifetime to protect them from predators. After accepting Jesus, we are given the armor of God to protect us from our enemies. Ephesians 6:10-18 lists the breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, shoes of peace,

belt of truth, sword of the spirit, and the shield of faith to stand and quench the fiery darts of the enemy.

Then, it happens, an unwanted irritant, a grain of sand or bug of some kind gets past the shell's armor. It's natural defense against whatever has penetrated it takes over because it recognizes it as a threat. The oyster starts coating the object with a substance called nacre, otherwise known as mother of pearl. The mother of pearl is tiny flat crystals of calcium carbonate and the oyster continues to coat it and spin it until it is smooth. This process may take six months or as long as four years until it becomes a shiny rainbow colored iridescent pearl. The thing that seemed to be harmful in the beginning has become a rare beauty. The pearl may never be removed, but it no longer annoys the oyster.

Sounds a lot like what happens in our lives. Something permeates our armor and begins to irritate us. Our enemy knows where we are vulnerable, slides in or we make some choices we shouldn't have and our health, finances,

relationships, jobs are attacked. We may think we have to figure things out on our own. Or that things will never change or we've messed up too badly. The good news is that we are never alone. Isaiah 43:2, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow or drown you ..." We need to bathe our annoyance with the Word of God and cover it in prayer until it no longer has control over us. We give it to the Lord where He gives us beauty for ashes. In Isaiah 61:3, we read, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ... Our circumstances may not be changed or irritant removed, but we can move forward trusting in the process. 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

Matthew 13:45-46. These verses tell us how great a price the Kingdom of God is. It is so valuable that the merchant who found it would sell/give up everything to possess it. God gave His Son, Jesus, so that we could obtain the Kingdom of God. Jesus gave everything and sacrificed Himself so that we could possess Heaven.



DENISE BARRETT

Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by Me." Paul explains why Jesus gave His life in Galatians 1:4, "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father."

Just imagine, a tiny grain of sand in an oyster can create a beautiful pearl to be found as a precious treasure in the vast ocean. God created you and placed you in this world as a precious treasure, too. You are a rare and special blessing. If you've never found this pearl of great price, you can today. God is ready to hear from you. He created you, He loves you, and wants you to possess The Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus knows everything about you, and He sacrificed Himself anyway so you could receive this priceless gift. Romans 10:9,13, "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Denise Barrett serves as a devotional writer, guest speaker, Bible teacher, and women's ministry leader.

He restores my soul

We get hurt because life is tough, and we know failure, frustration, discouragement, despair and depression along the way. I watch a lot of old westerns on TV, and one scene in many of them is the cowboy hurt in the desert with his canteen dry. Most of the time he is rescued from some source — found by a friend, waterhole, etc. This is the picture I have in mind when the Psalmist says, "He restores my soul" (23:2). The person is down and out and needs help. How does God restore our soul?

One way God restores our soul is by removing our guilt. Guilt will destroy a soul. What a terrible picture is painted for us in Psalm 38:4, 6 ... "My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear ... I am bowed down and brought low ... all day long I go about mourning."

We have every reason to feel guilty, for Romans 3:10 says that we are all imperfect. So we carry guilt in our lives that we cannot get away from — even changing locations does not solve the problem. How do we get rid of guilt? Deny it, say "everybody is doing it," blame other people? There is only one solution: Give it to God. He can remove it (Romans 3:23-24). Peter said, "He bore our sins in His body on the cross" (1 Peter 2:24).

When we trust Jesus as our Savior, God declares us not guilty (Romans 3:25). Our guilt is removed when we accept what Jesus has done for us. What matters is not what you have done, but what Jesus Christ has done for you. You get forgiveness when you trust Christ. The slate is wiped clean — He forgives, He wipes clean (Colossians 2:13-14).

Another way God restores our soul is by

relieving our grief. We will be hurt in life, because this is an imperfect world. What do we do when we are hurt and grief overwhelms us? Have a pity party and withdraw from everyone and everything? We can let Jesus restore our soul. Sometimes our grief is over our stupid actions, seeing people we love hurting, a loss, or someone hurting us. A good example of how to handle grief is King David (2 Samuel 12:22-24). He accepted what he could not change, he went to the house of God to worship, and he focused on what was left. God can heal our emotions. Let Him restore your soul. He is the Great Healer.

God can also restore our soul by replacing our grudges. Grudges come from what other people do to us. Life is unfair. People will hurt you — some intentionally, some unintentionally. What do you do with your resentments? The difference between bitter and

better is the letter "i." We make the choice. Resentment never hurts the other person — only you. They may not even know they hurt you, but every time you rehearse that resentment, it hurts you all over again. Job 18:4 says, "You are only hurting yourself with your anger." We need to remember what Paul said in Romans 12:19, "Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for He has said He will repay those who deserve it." One day God will settle the score. Now, forgive as you have been forgiven (Matthew 6:14).

In Psalm 42, the question is raised, "Why are you cast down, o my soul. Hope thou in God." Let Him restore your soul by removing your guilt, relieving your grief and replacing your grudges. This will help you to experience the life abundant Jesus desires for you (John 10:10).

LEGAL NOTICE

Proposed Tax Notification
The Grayson County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 55.8 cents on real property and 58.6 cents on personal property. The new rates for 2026 represent a decrease in the real property tax rates and no change in the personal property tax rate.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 56.9 cents on real property and 58.6 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$10,390,370. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 55.8 cents on real property and 58.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$11,095,222. Of this amount, \$1,564,353 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 53.7 cents on real property and 58.6 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$11,028,930. The Grayson County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 55.8 cents on real property and 58.6 cents on personal property.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$704,852 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$28,194; instruction, \$563,882; transportation, \$42,291; and maintenance of plant, \$70,485.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein. This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

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: Curtis Parks, 764 Windy Ridge Rd, Caneyville, KY 42721; FIDUCIARY: Patricia Parks, 764 Windy Ridge Rd, Caneyville, KY 42721; ATTORNEY: Thomas H. Goff, PSC, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754

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