

God is transmitting but are we dialed in?



Living With Purpose
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As followers of Christ, we have the opportunity to become as close to God as we desire, and the result is an increased spiritual sensitivity where we can recognize and understand what God is saying. I've spoken with many Christians about this and very few develop a habit of intentionally listening to the Holy Spirit for an increased spiritual awareness of His presence? Discerning wisdom that is hidden from our earthly understanding is having a desire to be led by God according to

what we sense He wants to reveal to us. The Lord asked Solomon what he desired, and the king replied "Spiritual wisdom and discernment" which pleased God.

The majority who were raised with traditional Christian doctrines accept Biblical prophecy, but for the most part, believe this ability has passed away. Since many are taught cessationism theology they naturally do not seek to be used in these gifts, all the while singing songs about opening our spiritual eyes and being filled with His Spirit. Which by the way is the empowerment for spiritual fruits and gifts. In John 16:13 we read, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future." This subject is critically important as it's directly involved with our personal relationship with our Lord.

For example, when we

hold a tiny baby in our arms, can we literally discern how devoted they will be to God, or do we just feel the natural and physical possibilities with our emotions? In Luke chapter two, we read about an individual named Simeon who was a spiritually dedicated man of prayer and fasting and is described in verse 25, as "righteous and devout with the Holy Spirit upon him." He was there when Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus (who was probably no more than a month old) to be dedicated at the temple according to the Law of Moses. God had promised this elderly man that he would not pass away until he had seen the King of kings and on the day that Mary and Joseph went to the temple, Simeon encountered the divine appointment of meeting this special family.

When he looked at Jesus, he reached out and held him and said, "For with my eyes I have seen the Lord's salvation." Simeon proceeded to prophesy over the child and even though Mary and Joseph were already aware that Jesus was the Savior of the world, they still marveled at Simeon's words. How did he know? Allow us to pause a moment and realize this man could have only recognized the Christ child if he had been walking with a high level of spiritual sensitivity. Mary and Joseph appeared to be just another normal family that blended in with the massive crowd and yet Simeon immediately identified the one called Emmanuel.

Later in the same chapter, we learn about an elderly prophetess named Anna who also worshiped and prayed

to God in the temple night and day. She was there and also recognized baby Jesus as the Son of God. Anna, who some have calculated to have been over 100 years old, not only knew who He was but boldly prophesied how this child would be the redeemer of God's people. Strangely we do not read of anyone bowing down to worship the Messiah. Those who passed by probably thought, "Now isn't that sweet, a nice elderly lady making over a newborn baby" and then went on about their business. However, let us make note of why no one else was ecstatic. Since they were not walking in discernment they were unable to perceive that God was right in front of them.

In first Corinthians 2:14 says, "But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these

truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them, and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means." I believe the Lord is trying to say that our lack of spiritual sensitivity is the reason why many times we do not notice His presence in our everyday lives. Yes, we are very busy, and our minds are filled with all the things we need to do, while sadly our most important responsibility is ignored. How can we hear God's instructions if our receiver is not dialed to the right frequency?

(Dr. Holland is an ordained Christian minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com)

Man

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served consecutively and the final two counts be served consecutively to each other.

The court directed that both a presentence report and a sexual offender evaluation be prepared. The final sentencing will be set on Friday, April 24, at 1 p.m.,

according to court documents.

Because some of the victims' family live out of state, they were advised the sentencing will be conducted by a Zoom conference and they would be advised on how they could attend.

Fiscal

from 1A

Steele said. "I want to thank our fiscal court members, treasurer, and all staff for their diligence and dedication to serving our community."

The fiscal court's ending fund balance was more than \$32 million, with the Wilkinson Farm megasite—now the "Bluegrass Innovation Gateway"—accounting for more than \$11.6 million. According to the auditor's press release, the fiscal court's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, a reporting methodology followed for 116 of 120 fiscal court audits in Kentucky.

"In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes

in fund balances—regulatory basis of the Mercer County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2025, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky," according to a statement released by the auditor's office.

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

AREA CHURCH NEWS

Southside Christian Church

The Agape House, located at 1950 Danville Road, will be open to the public Saturday, March 14, 9-11 a.m. Free clothing, coats, boots/shoes, scarves/hats/gloves, baby items and home decor. Housewares and furniture will be given away if available.

Bruner's Chapel Church

REFIT®, a cardio dance program, meets at Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church's community building on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. These classes are free and open to the public. Class also meets at the Christian Activities Center on Chiles St. on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. for \$3 per class. Text 859-613-3481 for more information.

The Bruner's Chapel Cemetery is requesting donations for mowing and maintenance. Donations can be sent to Bruner's Chapel Church, 5346 Mackville Rd., Har-

rodsburg, KY 40330.

Mt. Hebron Cemetery

Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Dugansville is requesting donations for mowing and maintenance. Checks can be made payable to Mt. Hebron Cemetery Association, Ruth Ann Conover, 902 Wheatfield Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Isaiah House Treatment Center

The Isaiah House Treatment Center has open beds for men with Kentucky Medicaid. Call admissions at 859-375-9200.

The Lisa Walker Center has open beds for women struggling with addiction. Call 859-375-9200.

(Editors Note: The Harrodsburg Herald will reserve the Church News Section for special events including: concerts, special services and benefits. Submit church news to The Herald by noon on Mondays to be included.)

Church Directory

St. Barnabas Church of the Encourager

312 S Main St
We are a home church with a focus on relationships & living our Faith. We are liturgical, evangelical & charismatic.
(859) 734-3377
Sundays at 10 a.m.

Unity Baptist Church

2782 Harrodsburg Rd.
859-481-2664
Rev. Jordan A. Simpson
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
"Hebrews 13:5"

Harrodsburg United Methodist Church

128 South Chiles Street
859-734-3704
Rev. Sylvia Baker-Noren
In-person worship services 11 a.m. in sanctuary
Worship services can also be viewed on our Facebook page

Fellowship Baptist Church

481 Cornishville Street
Residing in His Presence
Reigning in His Power
Resting in His Peace
Pastor Lynn Releford
(270.562.4097)
Fellowshipbaptist.life
Sun. 11am & 6pm & Wed. 6pm

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

131 Short St.,
(859) 734-3569
www.stphilipsharrodsburg.org
The Rev. Jim Winborn
Sunday Services 10 am
All are welcome!

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United Presbyterian Church

Rev. John White
326 South Main Street
Harrodsburg, KY 40330
www.upcharrodsburg.org
734-4710
Sunday service 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

The Carpenter's Christian Church

1340 US Hwy. 127
Senior Minister Greg Warren
734-0670
www.carpenterschristian.church
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Morning Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
See website calendar for Sunday evening schedules
Wed. Small Groups

Harrodsburg Community Church

1501 Danville Rd.
859-734-3036
Pastor Terry Morrison
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Wednesday 7 pm
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THREAD



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It doesn't matter if there's an abundance of fabric or plenty of buttons and lace. If there's no thread to hold it together there is no creation, only scattered pieces of possibility. It's the same with life. What is the thread that can bind us together as we learn and grow? How amazing if God's Word is present as the thread to weave through the fabric of our lives. If we grow centered in His love, we can become a divine creation. Worship together as a family this week; grow together in God's loving presence.

Daily Bible Reading

Psalm 27	Psalm 30	Psalm 31	Psalm 32	Psalm 35	Psalm 38	Psalm 39
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Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org
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When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

Corinthians 14:25-27

Harrodsburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Micki McHugh
Senior Minister
305 South Main Street
734-3224
Sunday School 9:30 am
Fellowship 10:15-10:30 am
Family Worship Service 10:30 am

Mercer Church of Christ

1200 Louisville Road
Sun. Morning Bible Study 9:30 am
Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Bible study 7 pm

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The deadline is
Monday at noon.

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