



Let's Talk About

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Austin, Texas - Part 2

We are dead tired and in bed by nine o'clock in our hotel room in Austin. In the early morning hours, I went to the bathroom, and when I rounded the corner of the bed on the way back, my leg scraped against something that sent blood spewing across my leg. Under a bed skirt, a metal bed slat stuck out about four inches. My leg found it, and the skin peeled back into a triangle. I moaned, and Guy sat straight up.

He was insisting I go to an ER, and I was insisting I wasn't going anywhere at that hour. He found two wide bandages in his kit, and when I couldn't see the blood any longer, I went back to bed. "I'll deal with this in the morning," I said as my leg throbbed and I propped it on a pillow. I was smart enough in my haze to take a couple of pictures.

At the desk the next morning, I filled out an accident report and sent pictures to the cooperative office. So far, I have had no response. At least they could waive the \$10-a-day parking fee. I had added another scar to my left leg, and all I got was a piece of paper. Maybe I need a lawyer.

I learned from being at Noah's games that basketball doesn't bring a crowd as it does in Metcalfe County. There were only a handful of students, and the adults were probably parents and grandparents. However, a huge crowd of students turned out for their biggest rival game (which they won by one point in overtime), but we were gone by then. I wish I could be there for their district games, but at least we can watch them live on VYPE Live.

We found a time when everyone could be there to open our Christmas presents. We got the guys Carhartt jackets (when they work on the farm) and some other things. The highlight of their Christmas, however, is their Papa Guy gift. In recent years, Guy has taken it upon himself to buy gifts for his grandchildren, and they are always surprised and delighted by both his initiative and the presents he chooses. As they get older, buying is more challenging. Eme always gets jewelry.

Speaking of jewelry, when she was very young, Eme admired a small diamond necklace I wore, and I told her it would be hers someday. When I presented it to her, I asked that she pass it on. It was the first piece of jewelry Guy bought for me. (I love giving away meaningful things while I'm alive! Guy says for me to stay away from his stuff.)

We drove away from Jon and Beth, and from our grown grandchildren, and headed for Galveston, where we were going to board a ship for warm weather. "Where are we going?" Guy asked. My reply, "I'm not sure."

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significant travel and time commitments to renew their driver's licenses.

Senate Bill 7 provides local communities with the flexibility to offer basic renewal and duplicate license services. Under the bill, one of four local offices—circuit court clerks, county clerks, sheriffs, or judges/executives—can opt to provide these services if they choose. Should a county's designated officials not opt in, the county can coordinate with a neighboring county to establish service access for its residents.

This initiative ensures that Kentuckians gain greater access to essential services without removing existing options. For individuals in counties where local services are not yet offered, online and mail-in renewals remain available for eligible applicants, and pop-up service events may continue. SB 7 introduces a practical, voluntary step toward localizing services and bringing them closer to home for constituents.

The Senate's swift passage of SB 7, with 29 co-sponsors, underscores the widespread recognition of the challenges Kentuckians face

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A Daily Battle

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Ephesians 6:12 *"For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens."*

There is a daily battle being fought for your soul. War is being waged, and there is no way that you can be neutral. It's all in or give in. Satan wants you and he wants me. Will we fight, or will we just lie there and bleed while he overtakes us? Will we fight, or will we turn our heads and listen to the senseless murmurings of a society gone mad? Unless we consciously join the war against Satan and his ungodly influences in our world, then he will conquer us for sure.

The battlefield is our mind. Fight my friend, fight. Jesus is with us.

The world, and our society, is increasingly more depraved and deluded by sin, sensuality, and selfishness. Jesus has never been defeated. If we walk with Him in the light of His word, we will never be defeated. If we do not walk with Him, if we do not follow His truth, if we do not find and keep His way of life, then Satan will win.

So which way do you choose, which truth do you embrace, which life are you hungry for? That of Jesus, or that of Satan, as seen in everyday society. Remember, when you choose a path, you choose the destination of that path. So, which is it: life or death, truth or error, light or darkness, heaven, or hell?



The Gifted Immature Church

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1st Corinthians 1:1-3, *"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"*

The Book of Corinthians is a wealth of information about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as many instructions for the way a church should operate. If we read carefully, we can gain a great amount of information about issues that the church at Corinth had to deal with.

Many issues churches deal with today are nothing new but are a repeat of issues that have happened in the past. The solutions to these problems are in the Bible as well.

Early in the book, Paul names the fundamental problem in the church at Corinth, which was the root cause of the rest.

There were struggles between people who wanted to be the leaders in the church. There were struggles between people who believed you had to have a certain spiritual gift, saying that if you did not do this, you could not be a true Christian.

Do any of these problems sound familiar to you? Do they exist in your church? If so, the problem may be the same as it was in Corinth, spiritual immaturity.

1st Corinthians 13:11, *"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."*

The worldview of a child is much different from the worldview of an adult. Any parent knows that. A child may believe it is the end of the world if they do not get a certain toy or get to see their favorite cartoon. They have not matured emotionally as most adults have in these areas.

When we take the time to study God's Word and pray, we grow spiritually and do not give in to trivial things as easily. Teaching about the Bible as God has intended, without picking one part and ignoring another, as well as praying, are the best ways to combat spiritual immaturity within a church.



Chamber Chatter

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Urgent News: The annual CD Day on 99.1 The Hoss has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 24th, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a terrific opportunity to call in and renew your membership or join the biggest little chamber in the Commonwealth. The date was rescheduled from January due to the "ice storm of 2026".

CD Day is our annual membership drive. Your name will be on the air several times during the hour you join, then listed in The Herald News. Also, as a new member, your business will be listed on the Chamber Facebook Page with a photo and information.

During the week of CD Day, new members and those who have renewed and paid their dues by Friday, February 27th, will be eligible for Metcalfe Money. All the names of paid members will go into a drawing for \$100 to a business and \$40 to an individual/non-profit. Metcalfe Money may be used at any participating Chamber Business; it works just like cash.

After weeks of frigid temperatures and dangerous roads, we are ready to hit the airwaves running so please join us for a day of Chamber news, entertainment, good music, and a lot of laughter.

The conclusion of the Chamber of Commerce news of 2025.

The 43rd Annual Pumpkin Festival was a close to perfect weather day with a constant crowd making their way to the square and down the street to the Old School for the car show and the helicopter rides. Vendors reported good sales and all the contests and events were well represented. The day started with a successful 5K Run/Walk, contests for 4-H Costume, decorated pumpkin, largest pumpkin, and Pet Costume, followed by the Bike and Costume Parade. The Metcalfe County Public Library had Creepy Critters, Caitlin Parke brought a host of adorable pets to the petting zoo, there were rides, games, face painting, bounce house activity, eating, and shopping.

Best Beard trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, with an overall winner for the Best Mustache.

The winner of the best mustache was Russell Gibson, two years in a row and the best beard winner was Woody Bennett. The 2025 Pumpkin Festival Pageant winner, Amber Shockley presented the awards in each category.

The 2nd Annual Pet Costume Contest was hosted by the Metcalfe County Animal Shelter and with all the adorable entries, the judging was most difficult.

The day wrapped up with live concerts from the 2025 Metcalfe Idol winners and runners-ups, Hornets' Nest Pickers, and Little David and Bad Country followed by the Outhouse Race finale with the City of Edmonton holding the title for the fourth year in a row and that was a wrap for the Pumpkin Festival of 2025.

The Story Hour Trick or Treat Around the Square and Halloween in the courtyard saw a large number of children of all ages decked out in amazing costumes gathering treats and smiling at the cameras.

November

The one-night Fall Radio Auction fundraiser on 99.1 The Hoss was a remarkable success and \$1,000 of the income from the auction went directly to the MCHS Memorial Scholarship fund. This event would not have been possible if it were not for The Hoss and the Metcalfe County School System, who are always there to support the chamber.

The Edmonton-Metcalfe County Chamber Christmas Banquet was held Monday, November 24th, in the Old School Gym with the largest crowd in attendance on record. The banquet was sponsored by T.J. Regional Health Edmonton Clinic Rehab.

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