

If the gift box is leaking, there could be a puppy inside

It was the last day of school, and all the kindergarten students were giving gifts to their teacher.

The florist's son handed her a beautifully wrapped box. The teacher felt it and said, "I bet I know what this is. Flowers."

"That's right," the little boy said. "But how did you know?"

"Oh, just a wild guess," she said.

The next student was the daughter of a candy shop owner. The teacher guessed that the package contained candy.

"You're right," the little girl said.

Then came the winery owner's son. The teacher noticed some leakage from the corner of his box, dipped her finger in it and touched it to her tongue.

"I'll take a wild guess and say it's wine."

Nope," the kid said.

The teacher, intrigued, repeated the process, dipping her finger into the leakage, touching it to her tongue, and smacking her lips together. "I give up," she said. "What is it?"

With glee, the boy replied: "It's a puppy."

There's something so very exciting about the giving of special gifts. It's an awesome moment when the recipient's face lights up with delight. The Bible's instruction to give is perhaps the easiest to live up to. It just comes so naturally to most people.

And it's especially thrilling to give really big gifts, because then we receive really big responses

of delight, shock and awe in the faces of the recipients.

It pleases God when we're happy about giving. The Bible says so.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

It blesses us to give to others. In fact, the Bible tells us in Acts 20:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Certainly, nothing blesses us more than giving. I was reminded of that last Christmas when I heard about the father who started opening his gifts. The first package he unwrapped contained a beautiful necktie. It looked remarkably like one he already had. He bragged on and moved on to the next package, which contained a shirt that looked exactly like the one he wore quite often. It wasn't until he opened his third package that he realized he was being pranked. In it was his favorite baseball cap. He had his family laughed hysterically at the prank pulled on him by his fun-loving daughter-in-law.

Have you considered the most memorable gifts you've received? There's one very, very, very special gift that always brings great joy. That's the gift of salvation offered only through Jesus Christ.

Every person I've ever talked to who has received this gift has told me that all others pale in comparison. It's always the most cherished. It brings big smiles and joyful hearts.



ROGER ALFORD

"In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand are pleasures forever" (Psalm 16:11).

Reach Roger Alford at 502-514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 26-CI-00004

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS.
LANE J. WHITE, ETAL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 9th day of June, 2026, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026, the following described property:

Lots 12, 13, 14 and 18 in Block K in Eagle Creek Subdivision as shown on the plat of Block K of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 119, and being the same property conveyed and described in Deed Book 276, page 90, all in the Owen County Clerk's Office. Included in this sale is a 2003 manufactured home, the title to which was converted to real property in Misc. Book 6, page 290. Property Address: 31 Finch Lane, Worthville, KY 41098 Map I.D #: 001-30-11-013.00; 001-30-11-012.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$140,238.18 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.875% per annum, from July 1, 2025 until paid, plus court costs and attorney's fees of \$3,900.00.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

- All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2026 and thereafter;
- Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

/s/ Mark R. Cobb
MARK R. COBB
MASTER COMMISSIONER
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 22-CI-00071

NEWREZ LLC, d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PLAINTIFF
VS.
GARY ROWE, JR., ETAL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 13th day of January, 2026, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026, the following described property:

Lots 1 and 2 in Leaning Oaks Estates, Section One, as shown on the plat of said subdivision of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 210, and being conveyed in Deed Book 256, page 460 in the Owen County Clerk's Office. Reference to said plat is made in aid of this description.

Included in this sale is a 2000 Fleetwood, Stoneridge manufactured home, Title No. 182180940015, Serial No. TNFLX27AB20767SRI which is located on and affixed to the real property, the title to which has been converted to real estate by affidavit of record in Misc. Book 5, page 326 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Gary Rowe, Jr., unmarried, by virtue of a deed from Mary F. House, widowed and unmarried, dated May 28, 2019, recorded June 3, 2019 in Deed Book 256, page 460 in the Owen County, Kentucky records.

Address: 3084 Leaning Oak Road, Corinth, Kentucky 41010 Parcel ID: 106-00-00-023.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$105,344.55 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75% per annum, from November 1, 2021, until paid, plus court costs and attorneys fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 2.75% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

- All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2026 and thereafter;
- Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

/s/ Mark R. Cobb
MARK R. COBB
MASTER COMMISSIONER
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT

FBC News

BY BRO. BRAD BANKS

God bless you, your family, and our community. See you Sunday!

Our pastor's message on Sunday took us to our present series in I Thessalonians. The text was I Thessalonians 2:1-12, 17-20 with a message entitled "Gospel Ministry that Changes Lives." The text reveals that gospel ministry must be rooted in truth, wrapped in love, and aim at eternal reward. The Sunday evening service was canceled due to the potluck fellowship and for preparation to serve the Kentucky Changers crew and staff for the week.

What a great blessing our county enjoyed this week through the ministry of Kentucky Changers that is connected to the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Kentucky Southern Baptist churches across the state and here within our county.

Our Students will be heading to Ridgecrest, North Carolina this Wednesday for a week of summer camp and mission endeavors.

Our students and children meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Our Children's Church Ministry is offered during the 11:00am worship service.

The FLC is open Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday from 9:00am - 1:00pm, and Monday/Tuesday/Thursday from 4:00-8:00pm.

Our weekly service times are Sunday at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 6:30pm. The Sunday School gatherings start at 10:00am. Our Wednesday service begins at 6:30pm.

Our church would like to remind you that you can connect with us through our website at owentonfbc.com, Face Book at FBC Owenton, download our church app, and join us on twitter or Instagram. You can also call the church office or email us at office@owentonfbc.com.

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LOG HOME, TENANT HOUSE, BARN ON 38 ACRES IN 2 PARCELS
SHELBY COUNTY, KY

LOCATION: 3100 CROPPER ROAD, SHELBYVILLE, KY 40065. TAKE HWY 55 TO HWY 43 (CROPPER ROAD) TO THE PROPERTY.

REAL ESTATE: PARCEL 1: LOG HOME ON 13.2 ACRES, THE LOG HOME IS APPROX. 2500 SQ FT WITH AN UNFINISHED BASEMENT. 4 LARGE BEDROOMS WITH 2 MASTER SUITES, 3 FULL BATHROOMS, NICE CREEK ROCK FIREPLACE FAMILY ROOM, LIVING ROOM, OPEN KITCHEN AREA WITH LARGE VAULTED CEILING AND LOFT AREA. THE HOME HAS A 2 CAR GARAGE, 1 CAR GARAGE/SHOP, AND OTHER OUTBUILDINGS. THIS PARCEL ALSO HAS A SMALL TENANT HOUSE ON IT PERFECT FOR GUESTS OR AN IN-LAW SUITE.

PARCEL 2: 24.8 ACRE LAND PARCEL WITH NICE TOBACCO BARN AND POND. THIS PARCEL IS LEVEL WITH NICE TREE LINED BOUNDARIES AND SEVERAL BEAUTIFUL BUILDING SITES FOR YOUR DREAM HOME. JUST MINUTES TO I-64 AND THE BYPASS IN SHELBYVILLE, AND RIGHT IN BETWEEN LOUISVILLE AND LEXINGTON, KY.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 25-CI-00175

FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF
VS.
BRENDIE WARREN DEFENDANTS

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Lot No. 2 in the resubdivision of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block A of Parkway Addition to the City of Owenton, Owen County, Kentucky, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot No. 1 in the resubdivision (Gary A. and Clara Burford) on the south side of Botts Street; thence with the south side of Botts Street N 81° 17' 65.0 feet to the northeast corner of Lot No. 3 in the resubdivision; thence with the east line of said Lot No. 3 S 8° 54' W 150 feet to the southeast corner of Lot No. 3, also corner to Lot No. 4; thence with the north line of said Lot No. 4 S 81° 17' E 65.0 feet to the southwest corner of Lot No. 1; N 8° 54' E 150 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.22 acres, more or less. Also shown on plat in Plat Cabinet 1, Slides 205 and 206 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Brendie Warren by deed dated July 18, 2022 and recorded in Deed Book 268, page 163 in the Owen County Clerk's Office./s/ Mark R. Cobb Property Address: 106 Botts St. Owenton, Kentucky 40359 Parcel No.: 061-20-00-065.05

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$94,980.14 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.1250% per day, from November 13, 2025, until paid, plus court costs and attorneys fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

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