

OPINION

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER Everyday Greatness: Tables Where All Are Welcome



Sherry Brown

given her the gift of hospitality, and she tried to connect with her new neighbors by hosting Bible studies and playgroups. But those activities required planning ahead and coordinating schedules, not to mention cooking and cleaning. One day, Kristin needed backyard furniture for a party and bought a few picnic tables from Lowe's. The delivery driver set one table down in her front yard by mistake, and Kristin couldn't get the image out of her head. "After the party, I painted the table turquoise—my favorite color—and put it in the front yard, just a few feet from the sidewalk," she says.

WHAT SHE DOES That turquoise table became the place where Kristin and her kids hung out. Activities they used to do at the kitchen table, they now did out front at the picnic table. They played games, did crafts and ate snacks. "We got intentional about where we spent our time," Kristin says. "We became 'front yard people.'" Neighbors began to stop by to introduce themselves and sit down for a chat. Kristin invited people to join her at the table for coffee or iced tea. "It was a simple way to slow down and connect with others," she says. The turquoise table was inviting and had a com-

munal feel. Construction workers on jobs in the neighborhood took their lunch breaks at the table. A babysitter walking by with her young charges sat down to rest. Then neighbors asked Kristin if their family could put a picnic table in their front yard too. A movement was born. WHY SHE DOES IT People often hesitate to invite others into their homes. They think their house is too messy, it's not big enough or they don't have enough time. "Our perfectionism can cause us to miss out on the joy of connecting with others," Kristin says. Her picnic table takes away the excuses—and

the pressure. "I've learned that hospitality doesn't always mean entertaining people with a meal or a big party. At the picnic table, all I have to do is show up." She likes how it enables her to take a small step toward easing loneliness and building relationships in her community. "People's greatest need is to know that they are loved and that they belong," she says. HOW SHE DOES IT A decade after their Texas beginnings, thousands of Turquoise Tables exist in all 50 states and in 13 countries around the world. Not all of them are actually turquoise. Texas Christian University in Fort Worth has several

purple tables to match their team colors, for example. "No matter what color it is, it's a friendship table," Kristin says. HOW YOU CAN DO IT TOO Want to build relationships in your community with your own Turquoise Table? You don't even need a front yard to do it! You can set up a table in the courtyard of your apartment or senior living complex, in a community center, in a neighborhood garden or at your church. Anywhere people naturally gather makes a wonderful spot for a Turquoise Table. For more information on joining the movement, visit theturquoisetable.com.

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

the 1720s–1730s in some areas, the movement peaked between 1739 and 1742, driven by itinerant preachers like George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards.) There was a unique atmosphere of the revival, where thousands of attendees gathered for a week of spiritual experiences led by ministers from various Protestant denominations. A significant role of women as public preachers, began during this revival, showcasing a change in the religious landscape of the time. The impact of the Cane Ridge Revival reached far beyond its immediate effects, influencing the growth of denominations like the Methodists and Baptists and promoting cooperation among different religious groups.

The Cane Ridge Revival is considered by some to be the most significant Christian gathering in America's history. After the Revolutionary War the young nation had drifted into spiritual decline and that was especially true in the new Kentucky frontier in 1801.

Barton Warren Stone (December 24, 1772 – November 9, 1844) was an American evangelist during the early 19th-century Second Great Awakening in the United States. First ordained a Presbyterian minister, he and four other ministers of

the Washington Presbyterian resigned after arguments about doctrine and enforcement of policy by the Kentucky Synod. Stone was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1798, though he was more Arminian [a Protestant theological system based on the teachings of Jacobus Arminius (1560–1609)] than Calvinist in his views and stressed primitive Christian thought and practice. He is known as a founder of the Disciples of Christ, a major U.S. religious denomination. Stone had recently attended a camp meeting where the Holy Spirit came in great power upon the people. He was determined to host such a meeting at his church with hopes that possibly a few thousand would attend. Word of the Holy Spirit being poured out in these smaller sporadic camp meetings spread like wild fire. Over 25,000 people arrived at the Cane Ridge camp meeting encircling the church in a 1 and 1/2 mile radius! Pastor Barton said: "The scene to me was new and passing strange. ... Many, very many fell down, as men slain in battle, and continued for hours together in an apparently breathless and motionless state—sometimes for a few moments reviving, and exhibiting symptoms of life by a deep

groan, or piercing shriek, or by a prayer for mercy most fervently uttered. ... With astonishment did I hear men, women, and children declaring the wonderful works of God." Hastily, platforms and tree stumps, became pulpits for both men and women to preach the Gospel across the vast crowd of hungry souls! After the several days of meetings, those present took the revival fires around the young United States. In the following decades, the prayer of those attending camp meetings was, "Lord, make it like Cane Ridge!" Emma Joke - I would avoid the sushi if I were you. It's a little fishy! Wisdom of John Ed - Sam was elected deacon in the church and everyone wanted to know why. Sam said "The rougher element in the church wanted representation." Experiencing the dream - Religion in the early American colonies was dominated by Protestant Christianity, heavily influencing social, political, and daily life, yet it featured significant regional diversity. While New England was dominated by strict Puritans (Congregationalists) and the South by Anglicans, middle colonies like Pennsylvania and Rhode Island fostered greater religious freedom, attracting Quakers, Catholics, and Jews.

Verse of the Week
John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. KJV

BREAD OF LIFE

Proverbs 4:20 My son attend to my words incline thine ear unto my sayings 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart 22 For they are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life Proverbs 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments 2 For length of days and long life and peace shall they add to thee 3 Let not mercy and truth for sake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man 5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding 6 In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil 8 It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones. God's word is medicine to us. It is the most powerful medicine available and

it's capable of healing our bodies without side effects. Psalm 107:20 Tells us that God sent His word and healed. According to Isaiah 53:5-6 and I Peter 2:24 Healing is a fact as far as God is concerned. Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed I Peter 2:24 Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed God wants you well! He wants you to be healthy and strong in every single area of your life. III John verse 2, Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth. Jesus gave himself in death so that we could be well. He wants us to be healthy and strong as witnesses in these last days of His love, grace and power.

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Robertson County 2026 May Primary Sample Ballot

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN ROBERTSON COUNTY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 19, 2026.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ballot for Robertson County for the May 19, 2026 Primary Election.
Robertson County Clerk
Jane Jolly

Nicholas County 2026 May Primary Sample Ballot

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State of Kentucky
County of Nicholas

I, Martha Moss, Clerk of Nicholas County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, complete and correct copy of the ballot faces for the 2026 Primary Election to be held on May 19, 2026.

Given under my hand this 6th day of May, 2026.
Martha Moss

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