

OPINION

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER *Jesus answered*



Sherry Brown

answered many with words of truth as He can only answer with words of truth and profound wisdom that cannot be uttered by any other upon planet earth. Jesus is a Spirit of living hope and eternal depths of glory realities that are filled with mystery wonders like the breath of the wind. When Jesus speaks to a believing heart a powerful and supernatural reality occurs as one can fully recognize that the voice of the Master visited the humble heart with a treasure trove of heaven flowing ever so majestically with every new heartbeat! When Jesus Christ speaks personally to you it is a special feeling that raptures the heart into a sacred

place of holy array. God loves to speak to hearts. What I love about the voice of God is that he cannot lie period. I have been lied to so many times throughout my life and its shocking how many people will lie to you and literally believe that you cannot discern the difference. Some people maybe be blinded by a lie however there are many who are not blinded by the ways of Satan's deceptions. Many become fooled into believing false words. We should always be on guard and call the deceit out with boldness. Telling truth is God's plan for all humanity and living His proven truths are His salvation plan but how many will choose the way of Je-

sus Christ and crucify the flesh?

This short story was taken from the internet: The Little Lie Once in a small village, there lived a boy named Luca. One day, while playing with his friends, he accidentally broke a neighbor's window. Afraid of getting in trouble, he quickly told his friends that a bird had flown into it.

At first, his friends believed him, but soon they started to wonder. "What if the bird was just an excuse?" they whispered. Luca felt uneasy but continued to lie, thinking it

would protect him.

As days passed, the story grew. Each time he told it, he added more details, making it more complicated. Eventually, the neighbor found out the truth and confronted Luca.

Feeling guilty, Luca admitted his mistake. The neighbor forgave him, but Luca learned a valuable lesson: lies can grow and become harder to manage. From that day on, he promised to always tell the truth, no matter how scary it seemed.

Luca's honesty not only repaired his friendship with the

neighbor but also made him feel lighter and happier. He realized that the truth was always the best choice.

May we all learn from this short story how to answer every human with truth upon the tongue because it makes for a happier heart and fruitful life. Truth is truly powerful.

There are no little lies in God's Holy eyes. Lies entrap a heart with the workings of the devil. Repent of the lie and seek God's help from on high where no lies reside!

Verse of the Week

Hebrews 2: 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him. KJV

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

The Signers

Back in January (2026), my friend Martha Taylor, who is a member of the Jemima Johnson Chapter of DAR, asked me to address the 250th birthday of the United States in my column in this newspaper. Since that time, I have tried to address topics of the events, persons, and places related to that important birthday. Today and next week, I will be bringing the series to a conclusion.

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress agreed to declare independence from Great Britain. Delegate Richard Henry Lee of Virginia had earlier introduced a measure whereby the Congress resolved:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

(This statement became the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence)

The Declaration of Independence states the principles on which our government, and our identity as Americans, are based. Unlike the other founding documents, the Declaration of Independence is not legally binding, but it is powerful. Abraham Lincoln called it "a rebuke and a stumbling-block to tyranny and oppression." It continues to inspire people around the world to fight for freedom and equality.

That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent

States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

Two days after Congress approved the resolution, it approved the formal document, the "Declaration of Independence," on July 4, 1776. Fifty-six Delegates signed the document created by the "Committee of Five": Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, John Adams of Massachusetts, Robert Livingston of New York, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia.

Let's take a look at these signers:

Benjamin Franklin was the oldest Signer at 70 years old.

Eight Signers were born in Europe. James Smith, George Taylor and Matthew Thornton were born in Ireland. Robert Morris and Button Gwinnett were born in England. James Wilson and John Witherspoon were born in Scotland. Finally, Francis Lewis was born in Wales.

Carter Braxton had 18 children.

Francis Hopkinson was a lawyer and an accomplished poet, satirist, harpsichordist, and composer.

Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826: the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton was the longest-lived and last surviving Signer. He died in 1832 at the age of 95.

John Witherspoon was a Presbyterian minister, and Lyman Hall was a pastor, teacher, and physician. Pennsylvania had

the largest number of representatives with nine Signers. The second largest group came from Virginia, which had seven Signers.

Two of the Signers were 26 at the time of the signing. Edward Rutledge and Thomas Lynch Jr.

Four signers were physicians, 24 were lawyers, and one was a printer. The remaining signers were mostly merchants or plantation owners.

The 56 signatures on the Declaration of Independence

The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence occurred primarily on August 2, 1776, at the Pennsylvania State House, later renamed Independence Hall, in Philadelphia.

Emma Joke - What do lawyers wear to work? Lawsuits

Wisdom of John Ed - A man I know had a great distrust of committees. The first time he saw a giraffe he said "That animal was designed by a committee."

Experiencing the Dream - 10 more days until the 250th birthday of the United States.

NOTICE

The Nicholas County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Regular business hours will resume Monday, July 6th, 2026

SEALED BIDS

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for resurfacing/blacktopping of various roads

PLEASE SUBMIT BIDS IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES WITH ROAD NAME

Dog Walk Road CR 1316 MP 0 to MP 2.665
Lower Concord Road CR1204 MP 0 to MP 1.0338
Watkins Lane CR 1103 MP 0 to MP 1.672
Burriss Road CR1207 MP 0 to MP 3.027
Upper Sharpsburg Road CR 1115 MP 0.229 to MP 0.6832
Upper Sharpsburg Road CR 1115 MP 0.6832 to MP 2.767

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 pm on July 9th, 2026 in the County Judge/Executive's Office, Carlisle, KY 40311. Bids will be opened at 9:00 am at the Fiscal Court Meeting on Friday, July 10th, 2026. Specs can be picked up at the Nicholas County Judge Executive's Office.

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BREAD OF LIFE

I Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (love), I am nothing 3 And though I bestow all my good to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (love) it profiteth me nothing 4 Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity (love) envieth not; charity (love) vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil 6 Rejoiceth in truth 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things 8 Charity (love) never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether their be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part 10 But when that which is perfect is come,

then that which is in part shall be done away 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child; but when I became a man, I put childish things away 12 For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love). The love that God has for us has already been released in the Blood of Jesus, the Name of Jesus, and the Word of God. I John 4:16 And we have known and believed the Love that God hath to us. God is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him 20 If a man say I Love God, and hateth His brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from Him. That he who loveth God love His brother also. I John 5:3 For this is the Love of

God, when we love God, and keep His commandments 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

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CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET ORDINANCE 2025-2 ESTABLISHING A VACANT PROPERTY COMMISSION AND AN ABANDONED URBAN PROPERTY TAX

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET, KENTUCKY THAT SECTION 3 OF CITY OF MOUNT OLIVET ORDINANCE 2025-2 is amended as follows:

3. TAX RATE

(A) The rate of taxation levied upon abandoned urban properties is (five dollars (\$5.00))
75 cents (\$.75) on each one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value.

(B) All money and funds derived from the abandoned urban property tax under the provisions of this Chapter shall be paid to the City and placed to the credit of the City's general revenue fund and used for the General revenue fund and used for the general expenses and purpose of the City.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Mount Olivet and recorded and published by the Clerk of

The City of Mount Olivet, on such dates as are set forth below.

JENNIFER WHALEN, MAYOR

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NOTICE

The "public meeting" scheduled by Heelstone Renewable Energy, LLC for July 6, 2026, at 5:00 pm at the Nicholas County Public Library is NOT affiliated with the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. This meeting was called by the solar company, not the judge or fiscal court. An informational article as to the solar matter will be submitted by the county judge for publication in the Carlisle Mercury's next edition. Heelstone Renewable Energy has requested to be placed on the July, 2026 meeting agenda of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

Steve Hamilton,
Nicholas County Judge Executive

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