

OPINION

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER Interior Design



Sherry Brown

Favorite in interior designing as it has been the themes of my homes for decades and always will be. My layovers in Europe were always filled with such wonderment of visual interest that also flooded my heart because Europe is so ancient and its architectural designs that surpassed many other global countries. The depths of creativity on any given scale shows the heart just how beautifying surroundings are so pleasurable to the heart because the skill and thoughts that go into designing is truly a gift from God above that brings such talents of creativity to one's heart and

hands! God is the best interior designer as He longs to create and design a heart through His Holy words of wisdom which beautifies the heart with the creativity of heaven in holiness, righteousness so that the Spirit of mankind can live in the true depths and desires of the Ancient of Days and His perfect plan for each soul that wants His perfect leadings. Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burn-

ing fire.KJV
God is the beautiful Ancient of Days that created all things for us to enjoy. He is the Master Creator. He loves to show us new things and share glorious ideas with us. Let him create something new in you today. God has blessed our hearts and hands. Amen! Men and women were created to be creative. It is the nature of God to create as He did create the world and all of humanity and everything he created was good in the book of Genesis. God specializes in beautifying the Spirit. Psalm 149 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify

the meek with salvation. KJV
The goodness of God toward people is of miraculous proportions indeed. All creativity belongs to God and He is the glorious interior designer of a godly heart as one submits to his eternal decorating of Spirit soul and body! God is most glorious! If people could just see and believe what God really desires for the hearts of mankind they would be joyously trans-

formed in a heartbeat! His creative design is perfection and he always perfect's what is lacking in the heart through the salvation of Jesus! I love the beauty of God as he transforms the heart to reflect his ways in Spirit and truth. What God creates in you internally will reflect his nature externally!
God bless and happy creating!

Verse of the Week

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. KJV

BREAD OF LIFE

Matthew 8:1 When He was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him Matthew 8:2 And behold then came a leper and worshipped Him, saying Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean Matthew 8:3 And Jesus put forth His hand and touched him saying I will, be thou clean, and immediately His leprosy was cleansed. Today there are many needy, afflicted people but I do not think most of them are half as bad as the first case that we read of in Matthew 8. This man was a leper. You may be suffering from a sickness or disease, God will show forth His perfect cleansing, His perfect healing if you have a living faith in Christ. He is a wonderful Jesus. This leper must have been told about Jesus. So much is missed, because people are not constantly telling what Jesus will do in our day. Probably someone had come to that leper and said "Jesus can heal you". So he was filled with expectation as he saw the Lord coming down the mountain side. Lepers were not allowed to come within reach of people, they were shut out as unclean. Ordinarily, it would have been very difficult for him to get near because of the crowd that surrounded Jesus. But as Jesus came down from the mountain, He met the Leper and come to the Leper. There was no help for him humanly speaking, but nothing is too hard for Jesus. The man cried, "Lord

if you are willing, you can make me clean". Was Jesus willing? You will find that He is always more willing to work than we are to give Him opportunity to work. The trouble is that we do not come to Him. We do not ask Him for what He is more than willing to give. If you trust in Him you will never be disappointed. Divine life will flow into you and you will be delivered. Jesus is the same today, and He says to you, "I am willing, Be cleansed." He has a overflowing cup for you, a fullness of life. He will meet you wherever you are. All things are possible if you will only believe. Mark 9:23 God has a real plan. It is simple; come to Jesus. You will find Him just as He was in the days of old. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever. Before Jesus went to Heaven, He told His disciples that they would receive power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 18) Thus through them His gracious ministry would continue. This power of the Holy Spirit was not only for a few apostles, but even for those who were afar off (Acts 2:39) Even for us way down in this century. Some ask "But wasn't this power jut for the privileged few?" No! Read the masters Great Commission as recorded in Mark 16: 15-18, and you will see it is for those who believe!

Trust, Believe and Obey
God's Word

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

The "Beep" Goes On.

Have you ever thought about how many devices make sounds that are designed to call you to them? For example, our washing machine has a distinct sound to let you know its ready to move on to the next step. Likewise the clothes dryer has its own signal, for alerting you. The cooking range and the dish washer have alert sounds.
Bonnie received a gift from our daughter recently. You can actually talk to it and tell it what you need by simply calling to it to get its attention. You say " Hey Google, set the timer for ..." or "Hey Google play today's news." And amazingly enough it responds in kind.
Recently, at bedtime, Bonnie and I noticed a repeating "beep" in our bedroom. There are sev-

eral electronic devices located in that bedroom. In an effort to locate this aggravating "beep", I started checking these gadgets. Do you realize how many of these apparatuses may be found in a bedroom? Go down the list with me:
electric alarm clock
C-Pap Machine (for sleep apnea)
wrist watch (4 in all)
weather radio
smoke alarm (located in the hallway just outside the bedroom)
continuous glucose monitor (CGM) (for diabetic)
i-pad (multi purpose game and way of communicating)
Kindle (2) (similar to iPad)
During my investigation of which device was creating this "beep" I suddenly started thinking of "Sonny and Cher" - "The Beat Goes On".
The most famous ver-

sion of "The Beat Goes On" is by Sonny & Cher, released in 1967. The song features a repeating chorus ("The beat goes on, the beat goes on / Drums keep pounding a rhythm to the brain / La-de-da-de-de, la-de-da-de-da") and lyrics that comment on changing times, such as, "Charleston was once the rage, ah-huh / History has turned the page, ah-huh".
The lyrics further note that "The grocery store's the super mart, ah-huh / Little girls still break their hearts, ah-huh". The song concludes with a fade-out repeating the chorus, "And the beat goes on...".
Sonny & Cher were an American pop and entertainment duo composed of husband-and-wife Sonny Bono and Cher. Rising to fame in the mid-1960s, the pair became one of the decade's most recognizable acts with a string

of hit singles, including "Baby Don't Go", "I Got You Babe", "But You're Mine", "What Now My Love" and "The Beat Goes On".
The couple began their career as R&B backing singers for record producer Phil Spector. Their debut album, Look at Us (1965), established them as major figures in the folk-rock and pop scenes, while their distinctive fashion sense and countercultural style made them icons of the era.
By the way, I finally discovered the beep. It was the alarm clock.
Emma Joke - A cheese factory exploded in France. All that was left was debris.
Wisdom of John Ed - He was by nature a timid man, as was his father before him. If he hadn't been, the son would be three tears older.

LOCAL NEWS

Nicholas County Circuit Court Sentencings for June 2026

From the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office - 18th Judicial Circuit
PRISON... John David Baker, sentenced to a total of 7.5 years imprisonment on the charges of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Persistent Felony Offender in the 2nd Degree, to be served consecutive-

ly to any felony sentences previously imposed. Probation was denied.
PROBATION... Thomas M. Cottle, sentenced to a total of 2 years imprisonment on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Hydrocodone) in the 1st Degree - 1st Offense. Probation was granted.

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The Nicholas County Extension District is soliciting sealed bids for Cleaning Services of the Cooperative Extension Service Livestock Barn facilities for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The winning bid will be responsible for providing cleaning materials needed for the position to complete the tasks below. Bids presented should reflect the hourly rate the bidder would charge for the following services:

After each rental (1 hour MAX):

- Check that tables and chairs are straightened
- Tables and countertops wiped with disinfectant
- Sweep and mop kitchen, classroom, and bathrooms
- Ensure toilet paper, paper towels, and soap are stocked in both the kitchen and bathrooms
- Ensure toilets are cleaned and ready for the next renter/event

Once a month (2 hours allowed MAX)

- Check and sweep down any cobwebs present around walls, behind doors, baseboards, ceilings, windowsills, and storage area
- Clean blinds
- Clean all chairs
- Clean outside of ice machine and refrigerator
- Clean doors

Bids will be opened at the next District Board meeting at the Nicholas County Extension Office. The Nicholas County Extension District Board will award the contract based on the lowest and/or best bid received and the District Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids SHOULD IT DEEM IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE Nicholas County Cooperative Extension District Board. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidder. The closing date to receive bids will be July 15th at 4:30 p.m..

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HUGE AUCTION

Rt. 52 Ripley, Oh. 45167 (Sale Held Inside)
Sun. July 12th 10:00 am
Doors open at 8:30 am

Equipment- Trailers- 3 Boats- Mowers- Guns- Tools & More!!! Call for Inspection!
Special Interest Items- '11 Ford F-450 Dump (Newer Motor 10,000 Miles)- JD Mini Komatsu PC35 MR Mini Excavator- '80 GMC 1500 w/ 5.3LS Lowered (Nice)- '12 Ford F350 PS Service Body- '08 Ford F-450 P.S. 4 Door 4x4 (Rebuilt Title)- '05 Lexus SUV- '09 Audi SUV- '14 Chevy 1500 4x4- Club Car Carry All Gas- RK 250 Utility Like New- Boats- '93 Infinity 228WA Global Marine Center Console 155HP- '89 Glastron Sierra 17'- 11'6" John Boat w/3.5 HP & Trolling Motor- Tractor & Implements- Ford 2N- Shaver Post Driver- Pond Scoop- Carry All- Woods Mower- Reveal 3Pt 4N1- 2, Grader Boxes- Harley Rake- Lawn Roller- JD 530 Round Bailer- Tools- 12 from Private Collection- Call or See Web Sells About 1:00 Silver Coins Incl. Dollars- Halves- Quarters- Dimes- Nickels & Paper Money- 100 Indian Head Pennies- & Others Antiques & Collectables- Curved Back Love Seat- Pie Safe- MT Stand- Baby Cradle- & More Tables Full of Tools New Building Material- Decorative Entrance Gates- Kitchen Cabinet Sets- Huge Selection of Flooring- Hardwood- Water Proof Vinyl- Tile- Rolls of Insulation- House Wrap- Lumber- Treated 1x4x16- 32, 4x4x12- 2 Skids of Felt Paper- Treated 8' Spindles- Fence Slats- Foil Topped OSB- ¾ & 5/8 FRP Plywood- 1x4x14- 2x6x8- 128, 2x8x12- 3 & 4 Step Risers- 6' Fiber Roof Panels- Cedar Split Rail Fence- Vinyl & Treated Lattice- Power Beams- Porch Columns- 15 Vanity Tops- Over 30 Buckets of Nails & Screws- & Tons More Don't Miss Out!!! Buying or Selling Call Today- Lunch Served by Ace of Taste- No CC. on Vehicles- All Sold As Is- 1st Time writing a Check Bring Bank Letter of Guarantee Announcements made day of Sale take precedence over any printed material. 4% if paying by CC.- Items may be picked up Later- Absentee Bids Welcome Call Today If You Have Items to Sell!!!

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MATHERS FUND NOTICE

Mathers Fund applications will be taken on the following dates in the County Judge/Executive's Office by APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Monday, July 13 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Monday, July 20 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Tuesday, July 21 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

To make an appointment, call 859-289-3725 prior to July 13.

Bring proof of household income, food stamps, child support, childrens' medical cards, etc.

Must have been a resident of Nicholas Co. for at least 2 years.

These will be the ONLY days applications will be taken.

Pre-school does NOT qualify. No exceptions

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