

Faith

When God made haste

We are an impatient people who are always in a hurry.

There is never time to sit and meditate like our forefathers did. Friendly conversations are almost a lost art. The new homes don't have large front porches for family time or entertaining guests.

Someone said there are three words that characterize our modern life: "hurry, worry and bury." We hurry to everything, worry about everything, and they bury us before our time. But, in contrast, I want you to know that God is never in a hurry. He took His time when He created the world, for after creating all things, He then rested.

God promised to send the Messiah. Man kept asking, "How along, O Lord, how long?" But God knew what He was doing. So when did He send His Son? Paul said, "In the fulness of time" (Galatians 4:4). We look at the unrest and turmoil and trouble in our world, and we

wonder why God doesn't do something. We think of the second coming and

wonder When God will straighten things out. Our question is, "Why doesn't God do something?" But God knows what He is doing. He will send His Son when the time is ripe. An outdoor church sign said: "God may be slow, but He is never

late." The Bible tells us of one instance when God made haste. It is found in the story of the Prodigal son. The young man left home, went into a far country, lost all he had, came to himself, and started home. The Bible says when he was a great way off his father saw him coming and he ran to meet the boy. Now old Jewish men did not run, but this one did. He threw his arms around his son and kissed him. He told the servants to put a ring on his finger and a robe around his shoulders. He commanded a feast be prepared for the returning wayward son. Now the

father in the story is God. In fact, the whole story is not so much about the prodigal as it is about a loving and forgiving father.

Don't miss this truth in the story. When a sinner realizes his lost condition and starts toward God in repentance and faith, God rushes to meet him, throws His arms around the repentant, saves him and gives him the best that He has.

Notice three things in the story: the power of sin, the poverty of the sinner and the picture of the Savior. First in the story, you see the boy at home, restless. He is tempted by the far country and makes plans to leave. Soon he is on his way. In the far country, he has a fine time for a while until the money is gone. Then misery and unhappiness arrive. The story shows how sin degrades, defiles and defeats.

We see how sin brought the prodigal down. With all his money gone, he takes a job feeding pigs, the worst imaginable job for a Jewish boy. He is ready to eat the garbage thrown to the swine.

That's the picture of the sinner.

What does the lost man have awaiting him at the end of the way? Nothing but hell and outer darkness and separation from God and eternal suffering. How can any man turn Christ down?

Finally, there is the picture of the Savior. The prodigal begins to think of the father at home. Being a slave at home would be better than what he has. The journey home was different. He goes home ragged, dirty, hungry, with a hope the father will take him in as a hired servant.

Finally he sees his home in the distance. He spots a familiar figure. His father has seen him and is running toward him. The father hugs him, and the son knows that all is well. This is the picture of the Savior. Christ will forgive and fill our lives with good things.

Whosoever will may come. Christ will forgive. When one turns in repentance and faith, God will always rush to save. God always makes haste to welcome a repentant sinner.

What is typology, and why do they sometimes call Jesus the new Moses?

Let's take a look at the correlations between the Old Testament and the New; between Moses and Jesus and all of the similarities. Moses, by the power of God, turns water into blood (Exodus 7:14-24). Jesus turns water into wine (John 2:1-11). Keep a close eye on the wine; it comes up again later! God tells Moses, He will provide their daily bread, manna (Exodus 16:4-5). Jesus feeds 5,000 men with five loaves and two fish with 12 baskets left (for the 12 tribes of Israel).

Moses in the Passover told the Israelites they must gird their loins, be ready to travel, take an unblemished lamb, no bones broken, spread the blood over the lintel and doorpost, cook and eat the lamb. If you didn't eat the lamb, death would come to your home. Jesus is called the Lamb

of God 28 times in the book of Revelation. He is also called "unblemished" in 1 Peter 1:19. And, in John 19:36, Jesus on the cross is referred to "not a bone shall be broken." Jesus, like Moses, used bread for life, but states that the Israelites who ate manna died, whereas Jesus says, "This is the bread which comes down from

heaven that man may eat it and not die. I am the Living bread" (John 6:50-51). "Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh (Lamb of God) of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53).

Typology brings the Old and the New Testaments together! Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph!

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GEORGE SMITH
FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS



DALE DEPOYSTER
WHY CATHOLIC?

We must live a focused life

I remember a story of a hungry tiger that started tracking the scent of a deer. As he followed the deer, he came across the scent of a rabbit. He turned aside and started after the rabbit. Then he was distracted by the scent of a mouse and started following the mouse. He finally came to the hole into which the mouse had vanished. He ended the day hungrier than when he had started the day. When our life gets distracted with this or that, at the end of the day, we have accomplished nothing.

Philippians 3:10, That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren,

I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

These verses give us focus for our life — a spiritual focus. Paul said, "This one thing I do!" He is not talking about the many things I've started, or "all things I've attempted" — but "one thing I do." The writer puts all his energy into "pressing toward the mark."

I struggle with this concept; I often get involved in too many projects and end up doing less than my best with any of them. There is a German proverb that says, "He who begins too much accomplishes little."

Perhaps we all have some trouble living the focused life, but we must stay focused.

Focus must be on Christ: Paul says,

"Knowing Him." This involves a deeper relationship than just knowing about Him; it is developing a relationship with Him. Paul already enjoyed a special relationship with Christ, but he still longed for even a deeper and richer knowledge. He wanted to know all he could about Jesus, but he also desired to know "the power of His resurrection." He wanted to know the power available to the Christian through the resurrection of the Lord.

Unbelievably, Paul writes that he wants to know Christ in "the fellowship of his suffering." "Fellowship" is sharing, or joint participation. He felt no one could know Christ fully unless he shared in His suffering (Gal. 6:17,

2 Cor. 4:10-11). Through suffering for the cause of Christ, Paul came to understand (more clearly) what the Lord had suffered for him.


Paul's desire to know Christ more fully had at least four facets: (1) A personal experience, "that I may know Him;" (2) A powerful experience, "and the power of His resurrection;" (3) A painful experience, "and the fellowship of His suffering;" and (4) A practical experience, "being conformable unto His death."

Focus on your prize: "Not as though I had already attained" (v. 12a). Paul had not yet attained to the full knowledge of Christ; He understood it would come at the resurrection. Paul knew he was not all he could

be or should be. Paul understood he had room to grow. What about us? Do we recognize a need for a closer walk with God?

We cannot sit comfortably in our past; we must continue striving to prove ourselves. Many allow the past to destroy their present and future. When


we dwell on the past, we often become distracted and discouraged. Paul said, "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (v. 13). There are many important things in life, but none is as important as following Jesus.



LEGAL NOTICE

I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Courts, hereby give notice that the Settlements listed below have been filed in my office and any exceptions thereto must be filed before the hearing on 2-26-25 at 11:00 a.m.


ESTATE OF: Nora Lucille Anderson; FIDUCIARY: Marcia Stansell;



LEGAL NOTICE

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The Big Reedy Watershed Conservancy District will hold a meeting February 4th, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Reedyville Community Center located at 3435 Reedyville Road, Roundhill, Kentucky. All meetings are open to the public. "This legal notice was paid for by the Big Reedy Watershed Conservancy District using funds collect from taxpayers living within the Big Reedy Creek Watershed."



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

An Ordinance of the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky amending Ordinance No. 09-199, as previously amended, by amending Article 1.8 - Definitions to incorporate the definitions and land use regulations relating to a condominium and amending Article 3 of the Zoning Ordinance to provide for permitted uses in certain zones relating to a condominium.

After publication and public hearing, the Leitchfield Planning Commission has recommended a Zone Ordinance text change to address a condominium.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky as follows:

(1) That Ordinance 09-199, as previously amended, commonly known and referred to as the "Zoning Ordinance for the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky", is hereby amended by amending Article 1.8 - Definitions, to incorporate definitions and land use regulations related to a Condominium and deleting "condominiums" from the Multi-Family Structure definition and amending Article 3 to add to Article 3.8.4c and Article 3.8.4.1c "Condominium(s)". A true copy of said amendments are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as if set out in full.

(2) All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.


(3) This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

(4) It is hereby authorized that publication of this Ordinance be in summary form.

/s/ HAROLD MILLER
HAROLD MILLER, MAYOR

CLERK ATTEST:
/s/ Lori Woosley
LORI WOOSLEY


Dated: 1/14/2025



LEGAL NOTICE

Advertisement for Grayson County Schools Local Planning Committee Meeting

The Grayson County Schools' Local Planning Committee(LPC) will conduct a PUBLIC FORUM on February 5th at 5:30 PM CST at the Grayson County Board of Education, 790 Shaw Station Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754. This is the second public forum in a series of three forums to get public input on a District Facilities Plan for Grayson County Schools. These forums and meetings are informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Grayson County School District. The forum will be immediately followed by a meeting of the LPC. The public is welcome and invited to this series of meetings. This advertisement was paid for by Grayson County Schools using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$31.78.



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

An ordinance amending and adopting an amended Zoning Map entitled "ZONING MAP, LEITCHFIELD, KY" by changing the district classification of the property located in Leitchfield, KY as hereinafter described from R-2 (Single Family Medium Density) to R- 2A (Single Family High Density)

Whereas, the Leitchfield Planning Commission of Leitchfield, KY on December 9, 2024 held a public hearing on Application No. RZ-24-135. The property is currently owned by Charles White and is designated as property having a PVA #083-06-03-157 & 083-06-03- 157.0A being more particularly described in Deed Book 528, Page 518, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at 316 Beville Dr. & 503 Decker Ln., Leitchfield, KY. The request asked for a change from R-2 (Single Family Medium Density) to R-2A (Single Family High Density); and

Whereas, City Council members conducted a review of the record and evidence presented before the Leitchfield Planning Commission and its recommendation is that the Zoning Map Amendment be approved as affects this property. Its recommendation is attached and incorporated herein by reference; and

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky as follow: Boundaries of the district as shown on District Map entitled "ZONING MAP, LEITCHFIELD, KY" be and same is hereby amended for reasons adopted, all of which is made a part hereof as fully set out herein, including the rezoning request from the Planning Commission dated 12/9/2024 to the Leitchfield City Council, so the property is described as follows:

Property Description: Refer to property description PVA # 083-06-03-157 & 083-06-03- 157.0A, Deed Book 528, Page 518, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at 316 Beville Dr. & 503 Decker Ln., Leitchfield, KY 42754; Now zoned R- 2A (Single Family High Density) after the adoption of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following publication as required by law. This Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict. Given a second reading and duly enacted by the legislative body of the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky on the 14th day of January, 2025, after being first read on the 16th day of December, 2024.

/s/ HAROLD MILLER
HAROLD MILLER, MAYOR

CLERK ATTEST:
/s/ Lori Woosley
LORI WOOSLEY

Dated: 1/14/2025

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