

# Are you an encourager?

We all want and need a little encouragement at times. Our circumstances can seem very discouraging, whether it be our finances, health, or relationships. The recent disasters throughout the world are constantly shown on television and social media adding to our anxiety, stress, depression and disappointment. These are the times we need an encourager, not a discourager. It is also the time when you can be an encourager to someone else.

Encouragement could be defined as: comforting, reassuring, edifying, praying for, giving help to or listening to someone. God told Moses in Deuteronomy 3:28 to encour-

age Joshua as he had been chosen to take charge proceeding him. Sometimes God calls us to do something and all we hear are discouraging and disheartening opinions. Knowing and believing in God's truths may sometimes have to be the encouragement we need to sustain us.

Sudden turmoil attacked Job's life when he lost his children and his livestock. He had also been afflicted with boils. At the time he needed his wife (Job 2:9) and friends the most, they rang out discouraging and condescending voices. At times, the people closest to us do the most damage because they don't understand God's timing or His plans. They view circumstances by

what they see and not by faith, pushing us to believe their way is better (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Moses sent 12 men to survey the land God had promised to His people. 10 returned with discouraging reports. Joshua and Caleb were ready to take the land; however, the people were disheartened by the ill reports which led them to wander in circles for 40 years before receiving God's promise.

In the New Testament, we find a man named Barnabas whose name is translated encourager or son of consolation. In Act 4:36-37, he was singled out as a believer who encouraged others through his generosity of selling his land and giving the money to the work of the Lord. He also encouraged the disciples to allow Paul to join them (Acts

9:27). They were fearful since Paul had earlier been a killer of Christians, but now saved by grace, he too preached the Gospel.

As you read this, you may find yourself discouraged by the damage from recent storms and floods that have caused destruction. Relationships between spouses, children, other family members, friends, or coworkers may be strained. Your income is not enough to pay the bills or you've been let go from a job all together. You've been given a negative health diagnosis. The paths you have chosen have led you toward dangerous situations.

Whichever the case, I want to tell you about the best Encourager and Comforter you can have: The Holy Spirit of God (John 14:16 and John

14:26). Jesus promises in John 16:7, "Nevertheless, I (Jesus) tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." He may not be visible, but He can be felt if you will call upon Him. That is why we walk by faith, not by sight.

Or just maybe God is calling you as His light to be an encourager to those who are discouraged. You can be the one to comfort the grieving. You can direct others to scriptures that reveal how the Lord is with them. You could show love and compassion where none is found. You can be that positive and reassuring voice or give a smile and hug to the broken-hearted. Will you choose to discourage or encourage?



DENISE BARRETT

# Eucharistic adoration

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

This is one of the greatest events that happens in our lives. It's when your priest or Deacon takes the living presence of Jesus out of the Tabernacle and places Him on the altar for worship. He is in the Eucharistic form of bread, so it is fitting to place the host in a monstrance. This is a stand with a glass center that stands about two feet tall, so the consecrated Host can be seen

from most any pew in the church.

What's next? You kneel and pray silently. This event most times lasts anywhere from one hour to 24 hours, 7 days a week, year-round. Someone must always be in His presence. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers the Eucharist in adoration not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated Host with the utmost care,

exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession" (CCC #1378).

The process is simple; the spirituality is fantastic! To be in the presence of Jesus is the ultimate experience He gives to us. "This is my body" and "I am the bread of life." Jesus's own words! Wow, what a gift. Saint Ambrose (340-397 AD) wrote, "Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before?" Solemn veneration of the

faithful is a great way to spend 30 minutes or 3 hours, after all, that's what you'll be doing in Heaven: spending time with Jesus. Heaven on Earth is present in your community; you do not have to be Catholic to be in the presence of the Eucharist, just call the local parish. A good prayer to use repeatedly in the presence of Jesus is "May I be less, so You will be more in me!" MJM!

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DALE DEPOYSTER

# The heart of repentance

Repentance is often misunderstood as a checklist of actions: confess your sin, say you're sorry, and try harder not to do it again. While those elements are part of the process, they don't capture the essence of repentance. At its core, repentance is an act of the heart — a spiritual turning back to God that transforms our entire being.

God is not looking for empty apologies or external displays of sorrow. His desire is a contrite heart. This truth is powerfully conveyed in Psalm 51:17: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

Repentance begins when we see our sin for what it truly is: an offense against the holiness of God and a barrier in our relationship with Him. This recognition moves us beyond mere regret to a deep sense of sorrow that leads us to seek God's forgiveness.

## THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The heart of repentance is shaped by the work of the Holy Spirit. Without His convicting power, we might rationalize our sins, minimize sin's impact, or justify our actions. Jesus explained this role of the Spirit in John 16:8: "When he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

The Holy Spirit does not convict us to condemn us, but to draw us closer to God. His conviction reveals the truth about our spiritual condition, exposing sin's grip on our hearts and pointing us to the grace

found in Jesus Christ.

For example, in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), the son's journey back to his father begins with a moment of realization: "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!'" (Luke 15:17).

This moment of clarity, prompted by the Spirit, leads him to return to his father in humility and repentance.



NATHAN LOWE

## CHURCH SERVICES

### ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Benedict Catholic Church, located at 6874 Wax Road, Clarkson, holds Mass on Sunday at 10 a.m. CT and Thursday at 9 a.m. CT. with Fr. Brandon Williams serving as Pastor. For information, call 270-242-4791. **St. Elizabeth Catholic Church** St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, at 306 Clifty Ave., Clarkson, holds Mass on Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m., and the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m. with Pastor Fr. Steve Hohman and Deacon Dale DePoyster. For more information, call 270-242-4414.

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 204 N. Main St., Leitchfield, has services on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and on Sundays at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more info, call 270-259-3028 or visit the church's website at stjosephch.org. Pastor Tony Bickett. All are welcome.

### ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

St. Luke's worships from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. We have services every Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Bloch Memorial Chapel, 1209 Fairview Ave., in Bowling Green. Contact the Rev. Lloyd Prescott at 270-904-2324.

### ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Paul Catholic Church, located at 1821 St. Paul Road, Leitchfield, holds Mass on Sunday at 8 a.m., Monday at 8 a.m., Thursday at 8 a.m., Friday at 8 a.m., and Saturday at 5 p.m. with Pastor Fr. Steve Hohman and Deacon Dale DePoyster. For more information, call 270-242-7436.

### STONES VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Stones View United Methodist Church has Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Pastor Bro. Ricky Armstrong welcomes everyone.

### SULPHUR WELLS MISSIONARY

Sulphur Wells Missionary Church has services the second Sunday at 11 a.m., fourth Sunday at 7 p.m., and the fourth Sunday at 11 a.m. and every fifth Sunday. Pastor Chris Cann.

### SUMMIT GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Summit General Baptist

Church has Sunday School at 10 a.m. EST and worship service at 11 a.m. EST. Located in Eastview off U.S. 62. Bro. Donald Hall, pastor.

### TRINITY FULL GOSPEL

Trinity Full Gospel Church has Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship service at 11 a.m. with Sunday night service at 6:30 p.m. and Wed. night service at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Bro. Kelly Tucker. Located on Ky. 737 between the Peter Cave bridge and the Petticoat Junction store.

### TRI-UNITY HOLINESS

Tri-Unity Holiness Church on Ky. 259 north of Leitchfield. Services held every Saturday night at 6 p.m. Pastor Randall Dennis.

### TRUE SONG BIBLE

True Song Bible Church service times are Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship services at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m., Wednesday night service is at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Robert Bailey. The church is located in the Multipurpose Building behind the Ohio County Fire Training Facility on U.S. 62 between Beaver Dam and McHenry.

### UNITY PENTECOSTAL APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Unity Pentecostal Church, 328 South Broadway in Leitchfield has services on Wednesday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship at 6 p.m. Pastor Bro. Billy Hack. 270-259-6496.

### VICTORY HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

Victory Heights Fellowship Sunday School: 9 a.m., Sunday worship: 10-11:30 a.m., Wed. night prayer: 6:30 p.m. Pastor Dessie Seibert, 259-5550.

### VICTORY BAPTIST

Victory Baptist Church, in Horse Branch, has Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship services at 11 a.m. **WILSON HOME GENERAL BAPTIST**

Wilson Home General Baptist Church, located off Ky. 79 south of Caneyville on 3228 Bryant Ridge Road, has Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday night services at 7 p.m. Pastor Christopher Edwards, 270-589-4115.

### WILSON UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

Wilson United Baptist Church located on Terry Higgs

Road near Caneyville has services on the first Saturday night at 7 p.m. and the following Sunday at 11 a.m.; the third Saturday night at 7 p.m. and the following Sunday at 11 a.m. The congregation welcomes everyone.

### WORTHAM

Services at the Wortham Church held every first and third Sunday at 6 p.m.

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY

The WMU includes groups for all ages. The adult women's group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., and "Children in Action" and Acteens meet each Wed. night at 6 p.m. Falls of Rough Baptist Church, Highway 79 between Rough River State Park and Short Creek.

### YEAMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Yeaman Church of Christ, located at 17320 Owensboro Rd. in Falls of Rough, has Sunday Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m., and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m. For more information, call (270) 879-8939.

### ANNETA UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

Annetta United Baptist Church has services on the first Saturday of the month at 7 p.m., the following Sunday at 11 a.m., and the third Sunday at 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Prayer services Wednesday at 7 p.m. Pastor Bro. Vernon Johnson.

### ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN

Antioch Christian Church, 4 miles east of Big Clifty on Highway 1168, has Sunday School services every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Church services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. Bro. Ned Byers of Summit is the pastor.

### ANTIOCH GENERAL BAPTIST

Church services and business meeting the first Saturday night of each month at 7 p.m. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Located on Ky. 88 (Peonia Road) 2 miles south of Peonia.

### BEECH GROVE UNITED BAPTIST

Beech Grove United Baptist Church has services the second Saturday at 7 p.m.; the follow-

ing Sunday at 11 a.m., and the Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. Pastor Bro. Mike Lindsey. Everyone is welcome.

### BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, in Clarkson, holds services on the first and third Sundays at 11 a.m. and the Saturday nights before at 7 p.m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. There will be a fifth Sunday service at 11 a.m. Bro. Joe Cain, pastor.

### BIG CLIFTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Big Clifty Church of Christ, at 259 Cemetery Road, has Sunday services at 5 p.m. The first Sunday is Bible study using videotapes. Services the second and fourth Sunday nights. The third Sunday we have a guest speaker.

### BIG CLIFTY UNITED METHODIST

Big Clifty United Methodist has Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. with Services following at 9:30 a.m. Located at 211 Main St. in Big Clifty. Pastor Bro. Allen Self.

### BLOOMINGTON BAPTIST

Bloomington Baptist Church at 1154 Bloomington Road invites you to attend Wednesday night services at 7 p.m. and Sunday services at 10 a.m. Pastor Doug Edwards invites everyone to attend.

### BOLTON MISSIONARY BAPTIST


Services at the Bolton School-house Missionary Baptist Church in Hart County are the first and third Saturday at 7

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04**  
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 C-1 (Highway Commercial) Whereas, the Leitchfield Planning Commission of Leitchfield, KY on March 10, 2025 held a public hearing on Application No. RZ-25-136. The property is currently owned by Scotty Hack and is designated as property having a PVA #083-08-07-005 being more particularly described in Deed Book 535, Page 161, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at 617 Johnson St., Leitchfield, KY. The request asked for a change from R-2 (Single Family Medium Density) to C-1 (Highway Commercial); 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 3/10/2025 to the Leitchfield City Council, so the property is described as follows:  
Property Description: Refer to property description PVA # 083-08-07-005, Deed Book 535, Page161, records of the Grayson County Clerk's Office, and being located at 617 Johnson St., Leitchfield, KY 42754; Now zoned C-1 (Highway Commercial) 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 7th day of April, 2025, after being first read on the 17th day of March, 2025.  
Harold Miller, Mayor - City of Leitchfield  
Attest: Lori Woosley, City Clerk  
Dated: 4.7. 2025