OPINION

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Sherry Brown

ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER

Light in the Darkness

Friends, I write this weekly article to you today with an urgency within my heart as I know the Lord is calling His Church up higher as the days are evil. Let us not be deceived by Satan in these perilous times because as the body of Jesus Christ and under His governing power we are (one) body as we should be one voice of righteousness and holiness carrying the torch of revival to the multitudes. Amen. Romans 8: 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. KJV May the world see the light of God within our vessels and may the pure truth of His Holy word reign within our sold -out hearts as we take a stand for holiness in this evil generation as Jesus declared in Luke 11;29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. KJV. Can you imagine as Jesus called the people in His time an evil generation how much eviler it is in our present and future time before the second coming of the Lord's return? I plead with every reader to search your heart and ask God to purge you of the ways of the dark and troubling sins of the world that leads hearts astray and allow God to become the shining light of redemptive spirit life within your hungry heart today. Selling out to God in a powerful way will lead you into right standing with the Lord and you will never be the same as you rest in the abundant spirit life of Christ. Friend, may the candle of the Lord burn within you the beauty of holiness and its captivating force of power and strength that moves your heart into the mighty rush of God's goodness and great happiness and celebrations of praise! Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly. KJV. Friend, be the light in the darkness and be the powerful witness that God has created you to be in the salvation of Jesus Christ so that you can help a troubled and lost soul along your short journey in this troubled and weary world. Souls everywhere need the light of truth in you not the spirit of religion that grieves God upon His throne. If more Christians pursued righteousness over the deceptions of the spirit of religion the Church would be so much further along in God's mighty power! Will the true leadership rise today and show the congregation's and communities the true light of revival in great power and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit where the radiant beacon of God's Glory will out shine the noonday sun and the flaming torch will have a perpetual flame of godliness and salvation freedoms in every Service? We as a Church need to get back to having revivals that last weeks and even months like the days of old.

Bread of Life

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. As long as you live by the word of God you never have to be in the dark again. You never have to be in confusion about which path to take. You never have to grope blindly along struggling to find your own way. It's exciting to know that the word of God will give you all the light you need every day of your life, if you will allow it to. John 15:7 If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. That word ABIDE is so important. Jesus told us to obey His commandments and keep His word. He was telling us to allow the Living Word of God to make its home within our heart. He wants us to spend time with it. He wants us to meditate on it, to fill our minds and mouths with it, and let it guide our every action. Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Build your faith in the word and renew your commitment to it as you make this confession today: Father in the Name of Jesus, I commit myself to walk in your word. I recognize that your word is integrity itself. Steadfast, sure, eternal and I trust my life to its provisions. You have sent forth your word into my heart. I let it dwell in me richly in all wisdom. It does not depart out of my mouth. I meditate on it day and night so that I may diligently act on it. Your word is abiding in my spirit and it's growing mightily in me now, producing your nature and your life. I thank you Father that your word is my counsel, my shield, my buckler, my powerful weapon in battle. It is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. It makes my way straight before me, and I will not stumble or fall for my steps are ordered by your word. I am confident Father that you are at work in me, both to will and to do your good pleasure. I exalt your word. I hold it in high esteem and give it first place in my life. I boldly and confidently say that my heart is fixed and established on the solid foundation of the Living Word of God. Amen

TRUST, BELIEVE & OBEY GOD'S WORD

Verse of the Week

2 Peter 2 : 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.KJV

Letter to the Editor

Three Daughters' Perspective of their dad, Jeff "Rudy" Randolph

To the Editor of The Carlisle Mercury,

As the daughters of Jeff "Rudy" Randolph, we personally know the man behind the campaign signs. A man that most do not see.

We recently read a letter that described our dad as impatient and contrasted him with someone who understands the numbers. We respect differing opinions, but we believe there is another side that deserves to be heard.

Our dad is strong-willed, direct, and passionate. If he believes a problem has gone on long enough, he wants to find a solution. There is a difference between being impatient with a process and being unable to lead.

Our dad served Nicholas County for 24 years on the Fiscal Court. He served in the Kentucky Army National Guard, spent 43 years with East Kentucky Power, and built a 50-year longstanding career in the tree service business. He also helped run a concrete plant and managed properties with our grandparents, also businessmen.

That is not just public service — it is generations of running a business. Managing people, equipment, payroll, expenses, schedules, and emergencies requires being fiscally responsible. You don't stay in business for 50 years without understanding costs, planning, and consequences.

His time on the Fiscal Court was about the everyday work that keeps a county running: advocating for roads to be paved and plowed, managing monthly county expenses, overseeing routine services, and representing Nicholas County on the Bourbon County Jail Board. He was involved in long-term projects like the Lake Carnico wastewater treatment system and served when the Judicial Center was built.

Beyond meetings and votes, he has quietly served this county with heart— trimming trees for the county without charging, replacing the bulbs that illuminate the courthouse flag, placing veterans' flags, working at Boone's Cabin, and helping clean up our cemeteries. He does it because he cares, not for recognition.

He also cares about issues others overlook. He sees our stray dog problem and wants to rebuild relationships with Bourbon County and P.A.W.S. to find humane, practical solutions. He also believes in transparency, accountability, responsible spending, better roads, and dependable emergency services.

Is he perfect? No. Does he sometimes get frustrated when progress is stalled? Yes. But we would rather have someone who cares enough to speak up than someone who lets problems sit unresolved.

Getting things done and getting things done right are not opposing goals. Nicholas County needs both. Our dad is a man of careful planning, consideration of others, and the willingness to make decisions and follow through.

We are proud to support him, not just because he is our dad, but because we have spent our lives watching who he is when there is nothing to gain and no one is watching.

Sincerely,
The Daughters of Jeff "Rudy" Randolph
Kelsey Randolph Roe
Larkyn Randolph
Macey Randolph Mcfarland

NOTICE

The Nicholas County Convenience Center will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and will reopen to normal business hours on Thursday, November 12th.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
Sandye Watkins
NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS 395.625 that the following Settlements will lay over until 12:00 pm on the 18th day of Nov., 2026, at which time hearing will be held in Nicholas District Court when said settlement shall be approved and recorded unless prior thereto exceptions have been filed.

Decendent/Ward: Brooklyn Welch
Address: 1226 Buffalo Trace Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Fiduciary: Adam Welch
Address: 1226 Buffalo Trace Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Guardian
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Decendent/Ward: Max Tipton
Address: 604 Lane Allen Rd., Lexington, KY 40505
Fiduciary: Melanie J. Tipton
Address: 4940 Sugar Creek Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Co-Guardian
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Decendent/Ward: Jacob Hunt
Address: 3420 Locust Grove Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Fiduciary: Terry & Angela Rothwell
Address: 3420 Locust Grove Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Co-Guardians
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Witness my hand the 30th day of October 2026

Sandye Watkins
Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given to all creditors pursuant to KRS 424.340 that the Nicholas District Court has appointed personnel representatives as follows:

Decendent/Ward: Franklin Caswell
Address: 2323 Concrete Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311
Fiduciary: Steven Caswell
Address: 440 Quail Run, Versailles, KY 40383
Title: Executor
Attorney: Chai Safeek
Address: P.O. Box 54654 Lexington, KY 40555
Date: 10/07/26

Decendent/Ward: Xzavia Joseph and Xzavion Joseph
Address: 379 W. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311
Fiduciary: Janet Martin
Address: 379 W. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311
Title: Guardian
Attorney: B. Travis Newman
Address: 2420 Frankfort Ave. Ste. 300, Louisville, KY 40206
Date: 10/28/26

Witness my hand this the 30th day of October, 2026

Sandye Watkins
Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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RETIREMENT

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