

Homecoming



Times Remembered
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Homecoming means coming home to what is in your heart. Every year in August, my church celebrates homecoming. In the last month or so I have read announcements in the paper inviting people to attend homecomings and special singings at their churches

Years ago, churches scheduled homecomings in the fall when all the crops were harvested so farmers and more people could attend church. Tradition has prevailed as most are held in September and October.

When all little churches were started, people were coming to church in buggies or walking. So it was like the one-room schoolhouses. You needed several spread around the county to make the trips short.

Even after cars appeared on the scene, people were thrifty. They'd survived the Great Depression. So if they moved closer to another church, they changed their membership to that new church. You went to church with your neighbors. It's not like that anymore. Many go to big churches and some drive past churches in their neighborhood to attend their church. I know I do; I live only a mile or so from Sand Hill Christian but I attend Calvary Baptist at West Irvine. I've been a member there over thirty years.

One of the most important methods for the spread of Christianity in North America was the work of the Circuit Rider. The Methodist Church developed "circuits" for many of their itinerant preachers. The preacher ministered in a different church every week until he had completed his rounds, then he would start again. It sometimes meant weeks from home and family. Most of the circuit riders rode horses, but many made their rounds on foot. During these rounds, their beds might be in the

home of a frontier family, the church building or even the woods. They were tough hardy men. It wasn't money or fame that kept them going, but a burning desire to preach the Word and see people come to the Lord. They pursued that desire with a passion.

In early churches the men sat on the right side of the church; women sat on the left. Young people sat in the center pews, but boys and girls rarely sat together. The boys sat near the back or hung around outside waiting for the services to end so they could ask to walk a girl home. I've heard my Dad and Uncle Preacher talk about how many girls they walked home from church. I don't see how you would have time to walk more than one girl home; they probably lived several miles from the church but I loved to sit and listen to them tell about walking girls home and courting in the church; that was their social life in those days.

Because early church life was so very important to everyone, many stories were told about events surrounding churches. Many church services were more spirited than today. (Some in church today look like the "chosen frozen" or maybe they just sucked on a sour lemon). Early preachers encouraged their people to express their joy by shouting. I personally like a Holy Spirit service; I like to feel I've been to church and worshipped my Lord.

Getting back to homecomings; in early days as today you just had to have special singing on homecoming day. After the singing service and preaching, everyone makes a beeline to the fellowship hall where we have great food and where you used to get that fried chicken at home and everything homemade. Now we see plenty of baked goods; mostly from Kroger or Wal-Mart or fried chicken from KFC or Price-Less.

Actually, I enjoy the desserts more than anything. A person can eat beans and potatoes any day. But it's not every day you have a homemade chocolate or butterscotch pie and yellow pound cake with caramel icing. Good food, great fellowship and excellent singing makes for a typical homecoming day.

Yummy for sure!
 However you celebrate homecoming at your church; glorify Jesus in everything you do.

als who offer a solution to our problems from sources that are not consistent with God's truth. David clearly warns us about this problem. He writes that we may unwisely "flatter" ourselves because we are "deceived" by not being able to "detect sin." He offers the solution for the method we are to use to discriminate the truth about sin, "in Your light we see light."

John clearly emphasized this also, "God is light," he assures us, "and in Him there is no darkness." Light represents what is good, pure, true, holy and reliable. Darkness, on the other hand, represents what is sinful and evil. The light that comes from God's Word is true and reliable and will guide us from the darkness of sin into the Light of God's love, mercy and grace. His Light will save us from the sin of self-deception and death.

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AUCTION

(ABSOLUTE - RAIN OR SHINE)

REAL ESTATE

Saturday, September 26TH at 9:30 AM

We have been authorized to sell at public auction the real property located at 749 Cedar Grove Road (known as the Sallie Miller Property).

LOCATION: 749 Cedar Grove Road, Irvine, Ky.



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DIRECTIONS: : From Irvine, take Hwy. 52W 1.6 miles, turn right on North Stacy Lane, then make left turn on Cedar Grove Road & watch for signs.

REAL ESTATE DESCRIPTION: The dwelling consists of living room, kitchen, bath & bedroom on main level with a second bedroom on upper level. The property has convenience of city water, natural gas & septic tank (treated by sewer plant). The lot size is ¾ acre (more or less).

TERMS: 10% down, day of sale with balance on or before 30 days with delivery of deed. 2015 property tax to be prorated. Possession will be given with deed. Inspections are the responsibility of the buyer & must be prior to sale. Property is sold "As Is" with no warranties expressed or implied. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed materials.

BROKER/AUCTIONEERS' NOTES: Beautiful Lot. Good Location. House needs repair. Would make good rental property or ideal building site.

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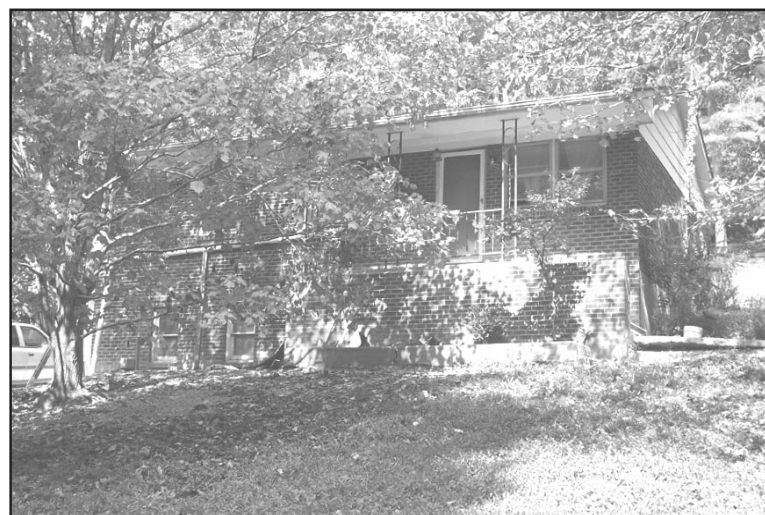
ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Saturday, September 26TH at 12 NOON

REAL ESTATE - HOUSE / 5 ACRES

We have been authorized to sell at public auction the real estate located at 1162 Lilly Ferry Road (known as the Jean Brantley Property)

LOCATION: 1162 Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine, Ky.



1162 Lily Ferry Road, Irvine, Ky.

DIRECTIONS: From Irvine, take Hwy. 89N 6 miles, turn right on Hwy. 82 (Spout Springs Rd.) 2 miles, make left turn on Lilly Ferry Road, proceed approx. 1 mile. Signs will be posted.

REAL ESTATE DESCRIPTION: 3 bedroom brick house with kitchen, living room, bath & basement. The dwelling water supply is a cistern, city water is available to this property. Property also has an outbuilding & wooded area. According to deed (Deed Bk. 173, Pg. 634 - Estill Co. Clerks Office) property contains 5 acres (more or less).

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BROKER/AUCTIONEERS' NOTES: Private country location. Needs some repairs. Just one mile off Hwy. 82, convenient to Irvine or Clay City.

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Lights shine more brightly when the night is at its darkest moment. Stars illuminate the skies with more beauty and brilliance when there is no glare from the glow of a city.

Light also brings shadows and can cause blindness. Light even creates illusions of things that do not exist - like streams of water on parched desert sand.

But there is one Light that enables us to see the light. It is the Light of God that comes from the Word of God when His Word and His ways are illuminated by His Holy Spirit.

Psalm 36 contains an important theme for the Christian. All too often we willingly accept the teachings of individu-