

Hoping the New Year will be one of love and generosity



America's Heartland
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turn on a father-and-son deer hunt when they heard noise in the brush. A deer was coming their way.

"OK. Get ready," the father whispered to his son.

They could see only the deer's legs as it came through the brush.

"OK. Get ready," the father encouraged again. "He'll be stepping into the clearing momentarily."

They still could see nothing but the legs.

"OK. Get ready. He's just

about there."

The deer made it into the clearing. It was a magnificent 12-point buck. The gigantic rack looked like those you would see on display at an outdoors store.

"OK, cover your ears," the father said.

I laughed at that tale when a fellow told it over lunch some time back. I think I've known a few people like that father over the years. Perhaps you have, too.

The Bible has so much to

say about selfish people, and that father would seem to be a prime example. As we approach the New Year, I'm hoping it will be a time of kindness and generosity, a time when love prevails.

Romans 12:10 tells us to "be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." In other words, we should want good things for others more than we want them for ourselves.

In a culture where we

see so many people putting themselves ahead of their families, friends, co-workers and neighbors, let's be different. Let's follow the biblical admonition from Hebrews 13:1 to love those around us.

And let's do that throughout 2021 and beyond.

"OK. Get ready."

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A Doomed People

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In **Psalms 9:17**, it is written, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." The original language is very emphatic, "headlong into hell."

It seems today that men, as a majority, are not choosing to live in a fear of God. Even today, there are many nations and individuals who claim to know God yet seem to be forgetful of him. They choose not to remain always mindful of him and do not acknowledge him in their actions. They, says this verse, are to be thrust away down into hell. So, just how many are there who are forgetful, unholy, unthankful -- who care not for him who died for them on the cross?

So, today, unholy men are without excuse because both the Old Testament and the New Testament are full of words of warning not to ignore the Lord who created us.

In **Proverbs 14:34**, it is written, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Someone has said, "There is nothing that a wicked man does that is not against his own interest." So, in his sin, what he is constantly doing brings harm to himself. And, what he does brings pains that will destroy his soul more than it lets him be saved into eternal life. This is the truth!

Now, I will admit, there are many things I do not know, nor will I ever know, but this one thing I do know, that in just the 50 years of attempted preaching, I have seen a great change come over the people of our nation. And there has to be a reason for it. Is it the Lord's fault? Certainly not, because he changes not (See Matthew 3:6).

So, what is happening? **2 Corinthians 4:4** may hold the answer, for it says, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them

which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

So, in order to blind the people to the truth, Satan has to put something else before them to blind them. So, he does so, using lust, envy, greed, to turn people aside from reality. But in 1 John 2:15-17, we are warned not to love this world more than God, because pursuing a life of lust of this world brings destruction of one's soul. But, doing the will of God, one can abide forever.

So, today, we are warned by **2 Peter 3:3-4**, saying, "that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 'And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.'" My Friend, this is a true scoffer, willing to completely ignore the Word of God concerning eternal Judgment, Perdition, a hell of fire awaiting all scoffers.

So, again, one would have to have a very hard sense of conscience to ignore Paul's warning in **2 Timothy 3:1-5; especially verse 3** where he writes, saying, "that in the last days perilous times shall come." And then goes on to describe the hearts, mind, attitudes of people in those days. I say, we have been living in all these characteristics for several years now. So, just how much worse shall things progress? I don't know. But this much I do know, that our Lord has a limit to his tolerance. All one has to do is look at Genesis 6 and see for yourself.

So, once again, to update to our now world, it could be that God is allowing this pandemic to get more attention to his warning. So, I don't know what it takes to get some to take heed to the uncertainty of the day. Some will, some are, and some have, but what about you, My Friend? If you wait until this world is on fire, you will have waited too late! I encourage you, do not wait! Obey the Lord now, for he surely is coming again because he promised.

If we can help, call 1-859-369-4165

Sincerely, Bob Casey

Church & Community

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336 Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to: <News@EstillTribune.Com>

Health Dept. Closes for Holidays

The Estill County Health Department will close for the holidays December 23rd at 10:30 a.m. and will reopen on January 4th at 8:00 a.m. During that time we will continue to do Covid-19 surveillance and contact tracing.

Thursday, December 31 at 8:00pm New Year's Eve at AL Post 79

American Legion Post 79 is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration on Thursday, December 31 from 8 p.m. until closing.

Entertainment will be provided by the band, Crime Scene. Cost is \$15 for singles and \$20 for couples.

Any questions, please call Larry Holder at (502) 642-8564.

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University of Kentucky - College of Agriculture



Estill County

4-H Youth Development

Taylor Miles
 Estill County Extension Office

Call the Extension Office for details

Estill County Shooting Sports

Estill County 4-H Shooting Sports program is beginning their sign-ups for the new program year. It is open to all youth 9-18 years of age (must have reached 9th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021 and not reached their 19th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021.) This program is a wonderful opportunity for young people to safely learn and enjoy the sports of shooting under the guidance of certified coaches and volunteers. Learn about four disciplines offered through the program including archery, rifle, pistol, and shotgun! Shooting Sports Requirements: youth must complete the Hunter's Education Course (<https://fw.ky.gov>). If participating in .22 pistol, youth must be at least 12 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2021.) The first meeting is still being determined at this time. Call our office at 606-723-4557 (8:00a.m.- 4:30p.m.). You must call the office to sign up, no Facebook messages or voicemails will be accepted.

Equal Opportunity Service Provider

Free Virtual Workshop

Estill County Public Library is partnering with **Grow with Google** to help community members develop or improve their digital skills. The library will host a free virtual workshop on January 14, 2021, called **Reach Customers Online with Google**, and individuals will have the opportunity to learn the following:

- How to improve your website's visibility in Google's organic search results, on all devices
- How to create a free Google My Business listing
- How to advertise your business on Google

Estill County Public Library is committed to offering programs that help our community learn and grow.

Virtual event details:

Reach Customers Online with Google

Learn how customers find your business online, and then find out how to promote your business using *Search Engine Optimization and Smart Campaigns in Google Ads*.

Date: January 14, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6564427876315167758>



Community Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing

DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 1

White House Clinics is here to meet your healthcare needs.

1-855-WH-APPTS

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Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing appointments available online, but not required.

www.whitehouseclinics.com

No Out-of-Pocket Cost!

Please bring Photo ID and Insurance Card (if you have one).

MONDAY

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- Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am - 5:30pm
- McKee - McKee Baptist Church: 9:00am - 5:30pm

TUESDAY

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- Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:30pm
- Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:30pm
- Mt. Vernon - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:00pm

WEDNESDAY

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- Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:30pm
- Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:30pm
- Irvine - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:00pm

THURSDAY

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- Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- McKee - McKee Baptist Church: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Lancaster - Garrard Co Health Dept: 9:00am-1:00pm

FRIDAY

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- **CLOSED in observance of the holiday.** Testing will resume on Monday, January 4th.

No Appointment Necessary.
 Testing available for all ages.

*Winter Weather Plans will be announced as needed.