

It's That Time Again



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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It's that time of year when I remind you of our schools being back in session! The summer has seemed so short this year but I'm sure parents are more than ready for the students to be back in school. Let's go over a few things to start the school year off right.

Our Bus Drivers haul precious cargo! Remember that before you lose your patience and fuss about being held up in traffic. Allow yourself some extra time this month, to get to your job, school or an appointment. Our drivers are very well trained and they put the safety of their students first! Smile and wave and thank

them when you see them, they have a big responsibility!

Our Office Staff tries very hard to please everyone, sometimes that is impossible. If we don't know the answer to your question, we will do our best to find out and get back with you. Keep in mind that we are ALL human and make mistakes, we may not mean to, but we do.

Our Teachers look forward to your child's smiling face each day, please make every effort to have them at school each day on time.

A very Wise Man said, "Love One Another" Jesus. If we try our very best to follow His words, the school year will go smoothly.

Our children are a wonderful gift. The staff of the Estill County School System are honored to care and teach them every day. Their safety and welfare is our top priority and we thank you for your kindness and cooperation. Be patient with us as we all learn together and encourage your child to do their very best! We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Until next time...



Enjoy Going Back to School



Times Remembered
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Whether summer was jam-packed with activities or filled with complaints about being bored with nothing to do, kids often have a tough time making the back-to-school transition.

As with any new situation ... like starting to school for the first time or entering a new grade or new school;

kids need time to adjust. Remind them that everyone feels a little nervous about the first day of school and in no time it will become an everyday routine.

Emphasize the positive things about school, such as hanging out with old friends, meeting new classmates, buying cool school supplies, getting involved in sports and other activities, and showing off new duds.

It's also important to talk to kids about what worries them and offer reassurance: Are they afraid they won't make new friends or get along with their teachers? Or is the thought of school-work stressing them out?

Consider adjusting your own schedule to make the transition smoother. If possible, maybe you could be home at the end of the school day for a few days for your child when they get home. But many working

moms and dads just don't have that flexibility, perhaps you could spend more time in the evenings with them and talk about their day at school.

If your child is starting a new school, contact the school before the first day to arrange a visit. (Most schools now have open house to acquaint kids with school before the opening day). Maybe your child could have a buddy in the same school and grade that would help the child to adjust to new people and surroundings.

To help ease back-to-school butterflies, try to have kids into a consistent school night routine a few weeks before school starts. Parents should also make sure that kids:

*Get enough sleep and are ready to learn in the morning

*Eat a healthy breakfast (kids who eat breakfast are

more alert and do better in school)

*Write down need-to-know information, such as time of classes, lunch break and teachers and bus driver's names

*Use a wall calendar or personal planner to record when assignments are due, dates of tests, and times of practices and rehearsals

*Organize and lay out clothes to wear the next day. Homework and books should be placed in backpack by the door ready to go

Although it's normal to be anxious in any new situation, a few kids develop real physical symptoms, such as headaches or stomachaches associated with the start of school. The nervousness and butterflies usually go away in a few days once kids adjust to their new school year.

Enjoy Back to School!

There Must Be a Pony In Here Somewhere



America's Heartland
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There's the story about twin 6-year-old boys who were total opposites. One was always dreadfully sad and the other always vibrantly happy.

Their parents took them to a psychiatrist in hopes of balancing their personalities somewhat.

The psychiatrist first focused on the sad child, taking him to a room filled to the ceiling with brand new toys of all kinds. But instead of yelping with delight, the little boy burst into tears, saying he had seen much better toys at Walmart.

"Next the psychiatrist took the happy child into a room piled to the ceiling with horse manure. Instead of wrinkling his nose in disgust, the little boy screamed with delight, climbed to the top of the manure pile, and started digging.

The psychiatrist asked him what he was doing.

"With this much manure," the little fellow responded, "there must be a pony in here somewhere."

Christians tend to be happy people and opti-

mistic people. They tend to have absolute trust that God will meet their needs, and that kind of faith brings smiles.

You may recall the Apostle Paul wrote about "the peace of God that passes all understanding" in Philippians 4:7.

That kind of peace brings contentment. Contentment brings smiles. And smiles are contagious. A happy Christian can make others feel good just by being in the same room with them.

No one should ever feel guilty about being joyful. When everything seems to be running amuck in this world, it's still OK to find joy. In fact, happy Christians can have their greatest impact when times are tough.

When things were changing in the life of the Old Testament hero Joshua, God offered encouragement.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Why would we ever be frightened or dismayed if we believed the Lord is with us wherever we go?

How to know peace of mind amid turmoil is no secret. It's proclaimed throughout the Bible. This kind of peace comes naturally when you have a relationship with Jesus.

I've known an awful lot of people who have felt the need to go to the dentist office after meeting Jesus. They wanted their teeth cleaned, because they simply couldn't get that ear-to-ear smile off their faces.

They're as happy as that little boy on the manure pile digging for a pony.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Fall hunting seasons approaching

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Fall doesn't officially start for another two months but in one respect it's already upon us.

The 2016-17 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide has shipped to license vendors across the state and can be downloaded from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' website at fw.ky.gov.

The 48-page guide lists season dates and summarizes regulations for deer, elk, bear, turkey, small game, furbearers and other species. It also provides information about licensing and permit requirements, youth hunting, quota hunts, public lands hunting and more. Changes from last season - such as the new deer zone assignments for Hardin, Webster and Marion counties - also are highlighted in the free guide.

The fall squirrel season leads off in a matter of weeks. This year, the split season opens Aug. 20 and continues through Nov. 11. It resumes Nov. 14 and runs through Feb. 28, 2017.

Squirrel hunting is a fantastic way to introduce new hunters to the sport, reconnect with woods and obtain an excellent source of protein.

A .410 or 20-gauge shotgun with a modified choke is difficult to beat early

in the fall squirrel season when trees bear an abundance of foliage. A .22-caliber gun outfitted with a scope is preferred once the leaves start falling.

Good marksmanship starts with practice and public shooting ranges offer a controlled setting to safely sight-in your rifle.

Licensed hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, also must successfully complete a hunter education course. Hunter education courses are offered in person, online or on a CD-ROM. Each option concludes with a live fire exercise at a range. Instructor-led courses will be in full swing from now through October and pre-registration through the department's website is required. Hunters can receive a special one-year, one-time only exemption card if they cannot complete coursework by the start of a season.

The annual statewide mast survey is part of the lead-up to the fall hunting seasons.

Many species rely on hard mast for sustenance through the fall and winter months and the mast survey determines what percentage of hickory, red oak, white oak and American beech trees are bearing hard mast across the state. Conducted by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and agency partners, survey work will begin soon.



The fall squirrel season opens Aug. 20. Hunters should get a free copy of the 2016-2017 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide prior to hunting season to brush up on season dates, changes from last year and other indispensable information. Copies are available wherever hunting licenses are sold or you may download a copy from the department's website at fw.ky.gov. (Photo courtesy of KDFWR)

Freedom to Choose?

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Anyone who reads the newspapers or listens to the 24 hour news channels on TV know that we are being constantly bombarded with terms such as: ultra liberal, liberal, or hard core constitutionals, so the social media has lots to report upon.

In our nation there is one of the most important pieces of legislation that is second only to the Bible in my humble opinion. Of course, this is the constitution of the USA itself. Along with its ten Bill of Rights, these supersede and rule over all federal laws, laws of states, and local laws as well. So if we desire to know the truth about our supreme law, we only have to point to one source.

Now since I am trying to point us toward a point of true religious thinking, I will use this process to try to arrive at my point. First, to know what is the source of all authority at this time in heaven and on earth, we only have one source of this authority, and this is Jesus Christ our Lord (Matthew 28:18-20). All of mankind needs to be reminded that this law must never be trifled with. Just as many have, and still are attempting to change our nation's constitution it must not be done. So in spiritual matters Jesus says in Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall never pass away." Also in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." So again, the laws of Christ should not be altered or to make an attempt to change them. Notice in Revelation 22:18-19 our Lord's word says if we attempt to add to His word, or if we attempt to make some additions to it, our names will never be part of his book.

In closing, I want to point out to all, some of the trends in matters of religion. First, we have the ultra religion. It claims that the pope is the worldly head of all churches, and that this pope and his men have the authority to resolve and forgive sins here on earth. They also add that all prayer to God must be accomplished by the virtue of Mary the mother of Jesus.

Then there are the religious liberals, not affiliated with the catholic church at all. These have a host of names selected by men making an addition that our Lord has not made. The only name for obedient followers of Christ is a Christian. How can one be pleasing to our Lord and add a host of bagged names. Acts 4:26 says: "And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

For space sake, I will mention the hard core constitutional religionist. This type of person may say: whatever the Bible says, that is what we do and practice, leaving out room for discussion. This we must not do! While this may seem like a safe approach, it may not convert as many people as open discussion will. We must study the truth, know the truth, and teach it to others. 1 Peter 3:15.

So to this I will add also. Some of our friends in the Christian churches, the which I used to be a member of, will say, well yes, we use the instruments of men to aid our singing, and we call our assemblies the Christian church, and yes, we do have multipurpose buildings to play, eat and socialize in. So these won't make any difference in our security of heaven, since they are trivial things.

I will remind all of us that the great man of God, Moses himself was not permitted to enter the promised land because he smote the rock at Uriah. Instead of speaking unto it as God said. This was not trivial to God. Moses was still young, vigorous, healthy, but God let him die for this one injunction.

What will he do with us if we treat His word so frivolously. Think about it.

Call for discussion.

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Suffering for Righteousness (1 Peter 3:18-22)

¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: ¹⁹ By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; ²⁰ Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. ²¹ The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: ²² Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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