



The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Misguided Individuals

Sometimes Misuse Religion
Sarah (not her real name) came to the abuse shelter because her husband had beaten her. This was not the first time this had happened. Sarah was a

Christian and very confused about what God would have her do in this situation. "My pastor told me that I should give him another chance," Sarah told me, "but I don't want to. If I don't, am I going against God?"

Sarah is one of many battered women who have run into a brick wall when trying to discern what God would have them do. "After I left him, John (not his real name) has started going to church," she added. "Last Sunday he got saved, and I hear he is getting counseling with the pastor now. My mother told me he bought a new Bible and carries it with him everywhere."

Battered will use any means possible, even religion, to convince the spouse to come home. Many abusers have gotten saved or rededicated their lives or confessed sin in front

of the church the first week their wives moved to an abuse shelter.

Christians and even pastors are sometimes fooled by this display of religion. How could they not believe a man who stands in front of the church weeping and confessing to abusing his wife? They see this as an indication the batterer has changed and implore the wife to "give him another chance."

Most of the time these people do not know the history of the relationship.

They do not realize that the victim has kept the abuse secret, hidden from the public. She has covered her bruises and her emotional hurts so well that no one knows what she has endured. They do not know that she has already given him a second chance "at least a hundred times." They do not know that she has heard these same promises over and over again, only to have them broken every time.

Immediately after an abusive incident, the abusive relationship often goes through a "honeymoon stage." In the honeymoon stage the abuser

will say he is sorry and make promises he cannot keep. He may bring home flowers and candy. If she has left him, he will write her letters or try to find her.

He may promise to stop drinking, to see a counselor or never to hit her again. Most victims of abuse have heard these promises many times before.

If the victim believes the promises and returns home, the honeymoon stage will last for a little while. Gradually, though, the abuser reneges on his promises. He stops going to church and refuses to see a counselor. He begins to show more and more anger, and soon he abuses her again. Then comes another honeymoon stage and the cycle continues.

Many abuse victims have repeated that cycle literally hundreds of times. Batterers are often good con men and can make a person believe the sky is real. They seem so sincere when they make their promises. Perhaps they are sincere, but the real question is: do they have the ability to keep their promises? Most do not.

For those who believe the abused woman should always stay with her abuser and try to "work it out," I have a question: do you really think that God wants a woman to continue to be abused and to raise her children in the midst of that abuse?

I will be teaching "When Religion Gets Sick" on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center for Rural Development. For more information or to register call 679-4134 or 1-877-PASTOR-8. The cost is \$20. Use your credit card or register or send a check to Don Whitehead at 402 Coomer St., Suite 204, Somerset, KY 42503. You are invited.

NOTICE OF FILING

On October 1, 2002, Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company filed a Joint Integrated Resource Plan with the Public Service Commission (Case No. 2002-00367). This filing includes the Companies' most recent load forecasts and a description of the existing and planned conservation programs, load management programs and generating facilities they intend to use to meet forecasted requirements in a reliable manner at the lowest possible cost. Any interested person may review the plan, submit written questions to the utilities, and file written comments on the plan.

Any person interested in participating in the review of this Joint Integrated Resource Plan should, within 10 days of the publication of this notice, submit a motion to intervene to: Thomas Dorman, Executive Director, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky

"Court News"

(Cont. from B-2)

October 16, 2002

Crystal G. Butler: Fines due (\$100.50), warrant issued/license suspended.

Gary Wayne Caldwell: Fines due (\$206.85), warrant issued.

Duane W. Carroll: Disorderly conduct, \$25 fine; Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Vincent A. Condit: Disorderly conduct, \$25 and costs.

Gladys Creech: Theft by deception, \$10 and costs and 10 days conditionally discharged; Bail jumping, \$50 fine.

Darrell Keith Croucher: Terroristic Threatening, dismissed w/leave

on payment of court costs; Menacing, same as above.

Larry C. Hubbard: Assault (2 counts), dismissed on payment of court costs on condition.

Richard R. Johnson: Speeding, paid \$129.50 total fine and costs.

Chris Jones: Assault, Criminal Mischief and fines due (\$164.85), warrant issued for failure to appear.

Jack McCormick, Jr.: Fines due (\$202.85), 30 days or payment.

Michael Mullikin: Flagrant non support, warrant issued for failure to appear.

Nannie Marie Pickett: Fines due (\$202.85), warrant issued.

Angela K. Samples: No operators license in possession, \$25 and costs; Contempt of court, \$25 fine.

Ricky L. Ward: No operators license in possession, \$25 and costs.

Christopher M. Wheelidon: Driving contrary to law, \$50 and costs.

Carlos Franco Martinez: Alcohol intoxication, warrant issued.

Ronald C. Small: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Matthew James Dolny: Speeding, \$100 and costs.

Carl Ramsey: Operating mobile home park w/o permit, \$750/suspend \$500 on condition.



Elect Doug Bullock Mt. Vernon Mayor

Citizens and Voters,

As we look around at surrounding towns, such as Berea, London and Somerset, there seems to be an abundance of growth while Mt. Vernon is standing still.

My goal, if elected Mayor, is to attempt to attract new businesses and factories for our workforce. I will strive to do whatever it takes, along with the city council and development councils, to help our town prosper. I will, if elected, make sure all past due audits on the city are brought up-to-date to show the businesses where we stand financially.



There are so many areas that need attention, such as waterlines, sewer plant, ditchlines, street repair and our sidewalks need to be replaced. Our budget keeps getting larger but the revenue coming in isn't growing enough to take care of it.

I hope to be the next mayor of our town and I need your help. Our future can be bright and strong financially, but we will have to work hard to bring this about. I am willing to go the extra mile and be a full time mayor, accessible whenever you need help or answers.

This is a non-partisan race for mayor, so Republicans, Democrats and Independents can come together to help with the future expansion of our city.

On November 4th Vote
Doug Bullock for Mayor
#1 on the Ballot

Paid for by Douglas Bullock

NOTICE

The Brodhead Water Department will begin flushing lines Monday, October 28th thru November 1st.

Be sure to check water for muddiness, cloudiness, etc. before doing laundry, etc.

Instructional Meeting for Election Officers

An instructional meeting for all election officers and alternates will be held Monday, October 28, 2002 at 7 p.m. at the courthouse. All election officers and alternates must attend this meeting in order to serve at the November election. The public is invited to attend this meeting also.

Applications for paper absentee ballots must be received in the county clerk's office by October 29, 2002 at 4 p.m. Requests for applications must be made by phone, fax, mail or in person and can be requested by the voter or the spouse, parents or child of the voter.

Absentee voting for voters who will be absent from the county on election day but, according to law, are not allowed to vote by paper absentee ballot, will be conducted in the courthouse on dates beginning October 21, 2002 through November 4, 2002. The hours for voting will be Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. till 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. till 12 noon.

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes the following information and supporting data may be inspected by the general public at Rockcastle County Extension Office, 1050 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY on October 25, 2002 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Rockcastle County Extension District Board

Board Members:	Name	Address
Chairman	Roy Reynolds	345 Hwy. 328 East, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419
Vice Chairman	Mike Robbins	4300 Dug Hill Rd. Brodhead, Ky. 40409
Secretary	Lydia McLemore	Rt. 1 Box 17, Orlando, Ky. 40460
Treasurer	Virginia Hansel	4865 Hwy. 70, Brodhead, Ky. 40409
	Millie Eaton	PO Box 460, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
	Geoff McGuire	PO Box 1944, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
	Lloyd Cain	PO Box 186, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Co. Judge Exe.	Buzz Carolotis	PO Box 755, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Summary Financial Statement

For Fiscal Period 7-1-2001 to 6-30-2002

Beginning Cash on Hand, July 1, 2000	\$96,808.89
Revenues	
Taxes	\$96,808.89
Charges for Services	0.00
Other Revenues	760.00
Interest Earned	1,756.05
Receipts and Cash	
Carryover from Prior Fiscal Year	\$65,907.00
Total Receipts and Cash	\$65,907.00
Expenditures	
Personnel	\$36,090.00
Operations	\$41,980.64
Administration	\$1,008.35
Total Appropriations	\$86,152.95

I, the undersigned, Treasurer of Rockcastle County District Cooperative Extension Education Fund, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct record of the accounts of the Rockcastle County District Cooperative Extension Education Fund, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, as of October 18, 2002.

Virginia Hansel, Treasurer

Rockcastle County District Cooperative Education Fund

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the foregoing Affiant, Virginia Hansel, this 18th day of October, 2002.

Tonya T. Brancum, Notary Public, State of Kentucky at large.
My commission expires: 7-24-03

Autumn Open House Great Saltpetre Cave

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

Saturday Oct 26th 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m
Sunday Oct 27th 12:00 P.m to 4:00 p.m

Come visit with all your friends

**Food
Free Cave Tours**

Directions: I-75 to exit 59 (Mt. Vernon/Livingston) East on route 25. Turn left onto route 1004, continue on 1004 till it comes to a "T" (At Tracks) Turn right and continue to Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve.