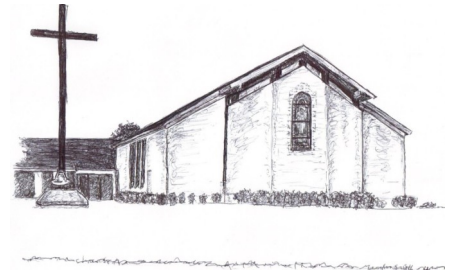


Presby News

June/July 2014



FROM THE PASTOR

"KEEP COOL EVEN WHEN YOU'RE HOT"

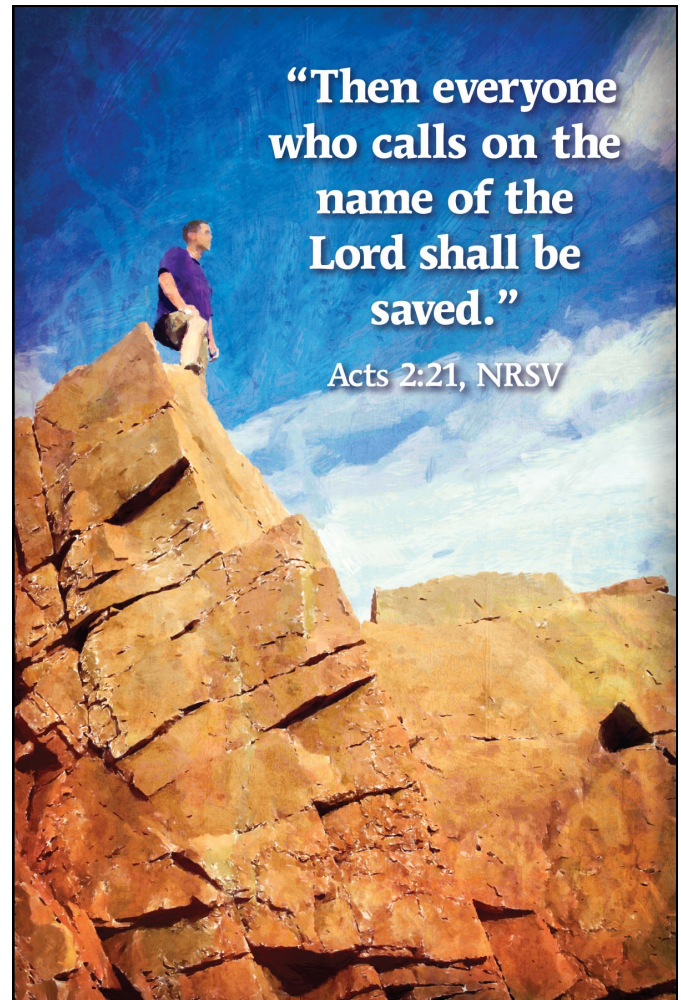
by Doyle Bailey

Do you remember how cold it was and the snow and ice we had this past winter? Some of us said that no matter how hot it gets this summer we will not complain. Some of you will find it easier to keep that promise, if you made it, by seeking out cooler climates this summer. For the rest of us who are destined to experience a Louisiana Summer, here are some tips on how to keep cool even when you're hot.

- **Give yourself and others permission to be angry.** Anger is not good or bad in itself. The issue is not the anger itself but how we choose to act upon it. Paul says in Ephesians 4:26, "In your anger do not sin". When we say to another person "You make me so angry when...", we are not really dealing with our anger. No one can make us angry. We choose to be angry. Actually, no one can make us feel any emotion. We choose to react in anger and that is a problem. Anger shuts down an open mind. Anger shuts down the problem-solving process.
- **Report feelings of anger when they happen.** These feelings need to be calmly shared with the one toward whom you are feeling the anger. Do not whine or complain to others. If it is not important enough to you to talk about it when it happens, do not "Stamp Collect". "Stamp Collecting" is filling an album with the incidents and occasions when you felt anger toward someone and hence stuffed your anger. You may think you are keeping the peace. You are only postponing the eruption that inevitably will occur or else you will turn your anger inward and this can turn into depression. When you open the "album", it will be with total recall (after all you have the "stamp" of each incident). It will also be stronger because of all your angry feelings and resentments. When irritants build up, an explosion is inevitable.

"Sam, it really bothers me when that happens,"
You can describe the behavior that is causing you to have problems without attacking the other person or using labels for them.

* **Ask for their help.** "Will you help me work through these feelings I am having?"



SPECIAL DATES

08 Jun - Pentecost
14 Jun - Flag Day
15 Jun - Trinity Sunday
15 Jun - Father's Day
21 Jun - First Day of Summer
01 Jul - Canada Day
04 Jul - U.S. Independence Day

I  Dad

This can serve to open the lines of communication with the person(s) with whom you are having problems..

Make sure you know what the other person is saying and that you are hearing them correctly. It can help to ask "I heard you say...is that how you feel and what you mean?"

- * **Soften, when you can.** Yes, that means to "give in". Not every battle has to be the "Battle of Armageddon". Sometimes I find it alright to say, "Well, it is not that big a deal for me. Let's just do it your way." Sometimes you may just have to agree to disagree. You acknowledge that you will never agree on the issue but agree not to disagree about it every time the issue arises.

My hope for all of us is that we have a "cool" and blessed summer.

Consider working in VBS, June 16 -20, 2014. If you cannot give five days, give one or two. There will be activities for adults as well as the children. Let's get the word out to parents, especially those with small children, about **Vacation Bible School**.

You can enroll online for Vacation Bible School. Go to the Church's website to pre-enroll and get a special prize for being an "early bird".

It is a joy to serve our Lord with you here.

Our travel guide

There are two ways of traveling on the Continent. In the first, you do everything for yourself. You obtain your ticket, look after your luggage, get your seat in the carriage, ask at least three porters whether you are right, and, if you have an imperfect knowledge of the language, you have perpetually an uneasy sense that perhaps you are wrong.

There is another method of foreign travel. You employ a Tourist Agency, which obtains your tickets, sees to your comfort, gives you precise directions, provides you, where necessary, with a conductor, and at every terminus waits to greet you.

In this we have an apt illustration of the easier way of traveling to heaven. Be at rest in the indwelling and inworking of the Holy Spirit. Only see that he is not grieved, and he will see to all else.

—F.B. Meyer (1847-1929)

Carve your name on hearts

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when the forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts, and not on marble.

This side of heaven

A little girl who'd grown up in the city spent some of her summer vacation out in the country. One starlit night, she and her dad stood gazing up into the sky without any harsh streetlights obstructing the view.



The girl, amazed by the sparkling view, exclaimed, "If heaven is so pretty on the wrong side, I wonder what it looks like on the right side!"

The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED
is for the blood he gave,

GREEN
is for the grass he made.

YELLOW
is for the sun so bright,
ORANGE
is for the edge of the night.

BLACK
is for the sins we made,
WHITE
is for the grace he gave.

PURPLE
is for his hour of sorrow,
PINK
is for our new tomorrow.

Facts About Archery for Kids

by Megan Kelly, Demand Media

When you think about archery, you may think of historical figures, such as William Tell-William, who shot an apple off of his son's head or you may think about hunter-gatherers who had to seek out their food and catch it to feed and clothe themselves.

Archery has been used throughout history as a means for hunting, fighting and entertainment.

HISTORY

The oldest known arrowheads date back to before 25,000 B.C. in Africa, where scientists believe that bows were created as an alternative to the original spear-throwing mechanism. The first composite bow dates back to 2,800 B.C. in Egypt. It was built out of wood and the arrowhead was made of animal horn. It was held together by sinew and required two people to string it.

USES

Archery was first used as a way to hunt for animals by ancient hunter gatherers, but was later used as a defense mechanism during battles and entertainment for aristocrats who would go hunting for enjoyment. Archery has also been considered an Olympic sport since 1904.

OCCIDENTAL ARCHERY

Occidental archery is one of the classical traditions of archery. An occidental bow is unstrung whenever it is not in use to prevent the bow from shrinking. It can be made out of

yew, willow or lemonwood, and the ends of the bow are notched. The bow itself is straight when not strung. The owner may choose to put colored feathers onto the bow to indicate ownership.



ORIENTAL ARCHERY

The bow that is used most often during oriental archery is the horn bow, which is usually made of bamboo, backed with sinew and held together with animal glue. Most of these types of bows are made in Korea. The arrow is slender and flexible, and ripples slightly when it is shot from the bow. In ancient history, the Mongols were the most powerful oriental archers, because they trained from the time they were children and learned to shoot arrows while riding on horseback.

TYPES OF BOWS

There are several different types of bows that can be used in archery. The compound bow is designed with pulleys to make shooting easier for those who are not strong enough to cock the arrow back. The longbow is a type of bow used in the Middle Ages. Because of its extremely heavy draw weight, archers of the longbow often had enlarged left arms and bone spurs on their wrists, shoulders and fingers. Recurve bows have ends that curve away from the shooter when the bow is cocked into the shooting position. Because the shape is abnormal and confusing to some, many recurve bows made by Native Americans were strung incorrectly and destroyed when the users tried to shoot them.

Common Archery Terms

Arrow: A wooden, aluminum or carbon based projectile with a head and feathers on the back for stability

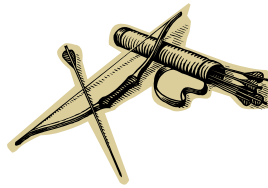
Quiver: A container for holding arrows.

Broadhead: An arrow head configured with razor blades that is used for hunting

Rest: A stand type archery accessory used to hold the arrow shaft

Draw Weight: The weight equivalent it takes to draw a bow to full draw.

Draw Length: The total length of the string when at full draw. Measured from the tip of your fingers to the center



area of your throat.

String Loop: An addition to the bowstring for attaching your release to. Used to prolong the life of your bowstring.

Limbs: The part of the bow that is compressed when the bow is drawn back.

Nock: A plastic piece that affixes to the back of an arrow so that it can be locked onto the bow string.

Release: A mechanical device with a trigger you attach to the bow string. Used to help you draw the bow.

Sight: A bow accessory that contains pins that can be adjusted. Used for aiming at the target.



ARCHERY SAFETY FOR KIDS

By Jim MacQuarrie, eHow Contributor

Archery is a fun and exciting activity for children, and when conducted properly, is a very safe one. According to the National Safety Council's statistics, archery is safer than any ball-based sport. Injuries occur in less than one out of every 1,000 people who participate in the sport. By contrast, football, baseball, basketball and soccer all result in between 10 and 25 injuries per 1,000 participants. The key to this exemplary safety record lies in a very strong emphasis on safety. There are several simple steps that can be taken to ensure a safe and fun archery experience.

SHOOT IN A SAFE PLACE

The first point of archery safety is to shoot in a safe place, and the safest place to shoot a bow is at an official archery range. Ranges approved by the National Field Archery Association, USA Archery and other such organizations must meet safety standards in both design of the range and training of the instructors. More importantly, ranges generally carry insurance, as do many instructors and coaches. Shooting in your backyard can be a bad idea; in some cities, it may be illegal. In many places, archery equipment is classified as a firearm, and can be prosecuted as such. Additionally, if an accident were to occur, you might discover that your homeowner's insurance does not cover archery-related incidents. For kids, there are a number of clubs and programs available; USA Archery runs the JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) program; the NFAA offers ASAP (After School Archery Program) through schools in many states. The primary advantage of these programs is the presence of an instructor.

USE SAFE EQUIPMENT

The second step in archery safety is equipment safety. Use proper safety gear, including an arm guard, finger tab or glove, and a quiver. Make sure the archer's bow is the right size and weight. The bow should be close to the height of the archer, and of a weight that can be comfortably drawn; if the archer can't hold the bow at full draw for 30 seconds, the bow's draw weight is too heavy. Drawing a bow that is too heavy can result in injuries and can interfere with safe aiming, resulting in wild shots. Inspect the string and replace

it if worn or fraying.

INSPECT YOUR ARROWS

Make sure arrows are the correct length for the archer. When the bow is drawn, the point of the arrow should extend about an inch beyond the bow. If the arrows are too short, they can fall off the arrow rest and strike the hand. Before shooting, inspect the arrows. Make sure the point is not loose, and look for cracks, dents or damage to the nock and shaft. Loose or missing fletches will affect the arrow's flight, but they are not a safety risk. Never try to shoot an arrow with a damaged nock.

SHOOT SAFELY

Always fire at a safe target. Make sure that it will stop the arrows without letting them pass through or ricochet. Always make sure that the area behind the target is safe; do not shoot if there is a danger of hitting something beyond the target in case of a missed shot. Never fire an arrow straight up into the air; you can't be sure where the arrow will come down. Never draw and release a bow without an arrow. This can cause serious damage to the bow and possible injury to the archer. Never point an arrow at anyone, or at anything that you do not intend to shoot.

SAFETY ON THE SHOOTING LINE

If shooting in a group, make sure everyone has finished shooting before going forward to collect arrows. When waiting to shoot, or waiting for others to finish, stand at least 6 feet behind the shooting line.

RETRIEVING ARROWS SAFELY

While injury is very rare, a significant percentage of the injuries that do occur happen at the target while retrieving arrows. When retrieving arrows, have only two archers at a time pull their arrows while others remain 6 feet back from the target so that nobody gets stabbed by the nock end of arrows as they are pulled from the target. Make sure you do not pull an arrow into yourself; to do this, simply stay to one side of the target while pulling. If an arrow is lost behind the target, and you are shooting alone, leave your bow propped up against the face of the target as a sign to others that you are behind it.

Things to avoid doing in archery

1. Never fire a bow without an arrow, this can destroy the bow and injure you.
2. Make sure that you are gripping the bow properly in order to avoid being hit with the bowstring.
3. Keep your index finger behind the trigger of the release. This will help keep a tight grip on the string and will also help you to avoid accidental release which could leave you with a black eye and or a bloody nose.
4. Avoid buying your first bow from eBay or a Pawn shop as

most of the time they are not the proper draw weight or draw length for you. They are also usually overpriced.

5. Don't try to draw too much weight. Draw weight can be deceiving; it utilizes muscles that are not often used in normal everyday life. Pulling too much weight can destroy your rotator cuff and can ruin your ability to shoot in the future.



Hooray for fathers

A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.

A few comments:

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.



Five steps to a friendlier church



1. Speak to the other person first. Don't wait for him or her to take the initiative.
2. If there is someone you don't know, introduce yourself to him or her.
3. Be pleasant in your words and expressions. A great church cannot be built with frowns.
4. Invite newcomers to a worship service or to a church event and introduce them to other members.
5. Encourage people to participate in those church activities that interest them.

How to pray

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.



Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christ-like.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.

How would you feel ...

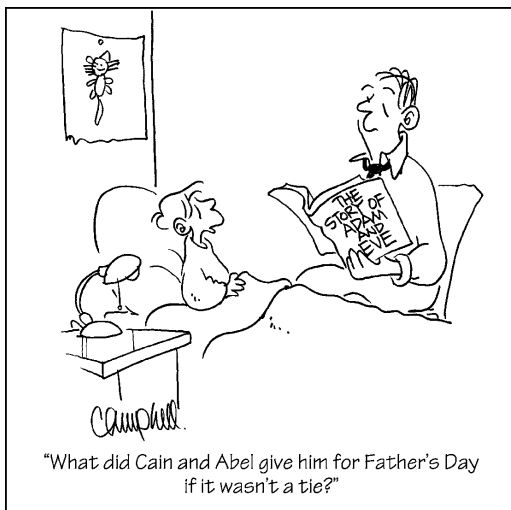
If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to him?

If God put as many things ahead of us as we put ahead of him?

If God offered as many excuses as we do and if the excuses were not more justifiable than ours?

If God's promises were no more certain than ours?

If God withheld his blessings from us as we withhold our offerings to him?



"What did Cain and Abel give him for Father's Day if it wasn't a tie?"

oops!

From a church newsletter in Canton, Ohio:

Summer is here! The kids are out of school!
AND ... the church picnic is right
around the corner!
Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday

Is he standing around the corner just in case
the potato salad goes bad?

Minutes of Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana
March 17, 2014

The Session met in the church library, 357 Windermere Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana. At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order with prayer by Jane Conerly from the Woodland Presbyterian Church, Pineville, Louisiana. She led in a brief devotional using Colossians 3:12-17 as her text.

Members Present: John Allen, Debbe Clegg, Bill Higgins, Jim Hockensmith, Elizebette Kennedy, and Jack Ready

Treasurer Present: Jim Smolenski

Elders Excused: None

Guests Present: Doyle Bailey, FPC Temporary Stated Supply Pastor

A quorum was present.

Election of Officers:

The following Session Officers were elected unanimously:

Jim Hockensmith, President

Jack Ready, Vice President

Jim Smolenski, Treasurer

Debbe Clegg, Clerk of Session

Finance Report:

The financial statements for February, 2014, were distributed to the Session. The bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

Motion: That Session approve the February, 2014, Financial Reports.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Jack Ready
Motion: Carried

Motion: That the Session renew the Red River Bank Certificate of Deposit for a 12-month term, which will mature on March 23, 2014.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins
Motion: Carried

By common consent the Session approved the distribution of the mission money funds for 2014.

Jim Smolenski reported that Hope House appreciated the recent donation from the FPC.

Jim Smolenski also reported that Capital One Behl Fund Trust Manager, Jan Hilborn, is coming to Alexandria on March 24 to meet with Session Members.

Approval of Minutes:

The Session members reviewed the minutes for the following

meetings:

February 16, 2014 Called Meeting of the Session

February 16, 2014 Congregational Meeting

February 16, 2014 Stated Session Meeting

March 9, 2014 Congregational Meeting

Motion: That the Session approve the above minutes as listed above.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy
Motion: Carried

Clerk's Report:

Holy Communion was served on Sunday, March 2, 2014 during worship.

Holy Communion was served on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Emeritus

Motion: That the Clerk's Report was approved by common consent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS

Congregational Life/Christian Education Report:

John Allen reported that the committee did not meet because they had covered everything in the previous meeting. He noted the following upcoming events:

April 16 - No Wednesday Night Activities prior to Maundy Thursday

April 30 - DC3 Concert

April Calendar Change:

April 2 - Committee Meetings after Lenten Study

April 23 - Bible Study instead of Committee Meetings

June 16-20 - Archery Bible School (Barbara Bailey may do something with the parents during the Bible School time.)

Doyle Bailey suggested expanding the list of people who open for Wednesday night.

Worship and Evangelism Report: No Report

Personnel Report: Presented by Bill Higgins

FPC will need to find a replacement for Jack Ready (Choir Director) and Judy Ready (Pianist) at the end of March, 2014. During discussion, it was decided by common consent to pay the following:

Choir Director: \$250 per week (Wednesday and Sunday)

Pianist: \$150 per week (Wednesday and Sunday)

Jack Ready, Bill Higgins and Jim Hockensmith will put together a proposal and interview potential candidates. Jim Smolenski will put a notice out on the front sign.

Bill Higgins also noted that no child care had been needed with no children in attendance.

Property Report: No Report

Noted: Need to get a mirror for weddings.

Pastor's/Moderator Report:

Doyle Bailey reported that the church needs to put escrow funding aside for a new pastor, and he presented a proposal outlining steps the church might take to prepare financially for a new pastor.

Bailey suggested the Session review the proposal to discuss further at the next Session meeting.

Jack Ready suggested having an Estate Planning Night.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bill Higgins requested use of the church for a Mardi Gras Krewe Meeting on March 20, 2014.

Motion: That the Session approve Bill Higgins' request for use of the church on March 20, 2014.

Moved: Jack Ready Seconded: Jim Hockensmith

Motion: Carried

Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sterne requested vacation

time June 2-6, 2014.

Motion: That the Session approve Carolyn Sterne's request for vacation time.

Moved: Jack Ready Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy
Motion: Carried

Debbe Clegg requested permission to develop a Facebook page for FPC.

Motion: That the Session approve Debbe Clegg's request to develop a Facebook page for FPC.

Moved: Jack Ready Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy
Motion: Carried

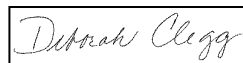
The Session agreed by common consent to ask the congregation, through the church bulletin, if they have archival materials that they could donate or have copied for the church library.

Motion: That the Stated Session Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Jack Ready Seconded: Jim Hockensmith
Motion: Carried

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer by Reverend Bailey. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be **Monday, April 21, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Debbe Clegg, Clerk of Session

Painting the Church

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid and, because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.....

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap

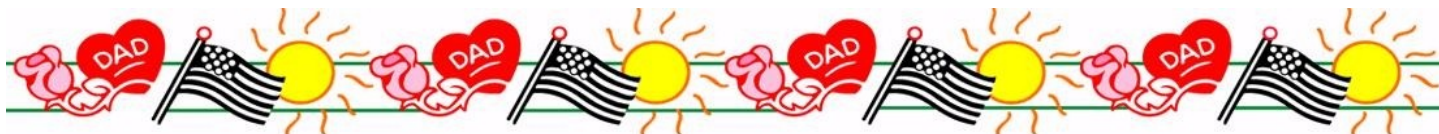
of thunder, the sky opened and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke. (you're going to love this)

"Repaint! Repaint!
And thin no more!"

(Ed. Note: I can hear you groaning)



**This is something we should all read at least once a week!!!
Make sure you read to the end!!!!!!**

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio .

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks.
- 16.. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- 19.. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

Helping the world see Jesus

The church's role isn't only to "take Christ to the world," thus fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, but to recognize Christ *already* at work in the world and help others see him, too. God is visible through his handiwork, but easily seen? Not always. So the church is called to direct the world's gaze past mere "human decency" or "good fortune" to God as the ultimate Source of goodness. When someone professes atheism but also awe at nature, we

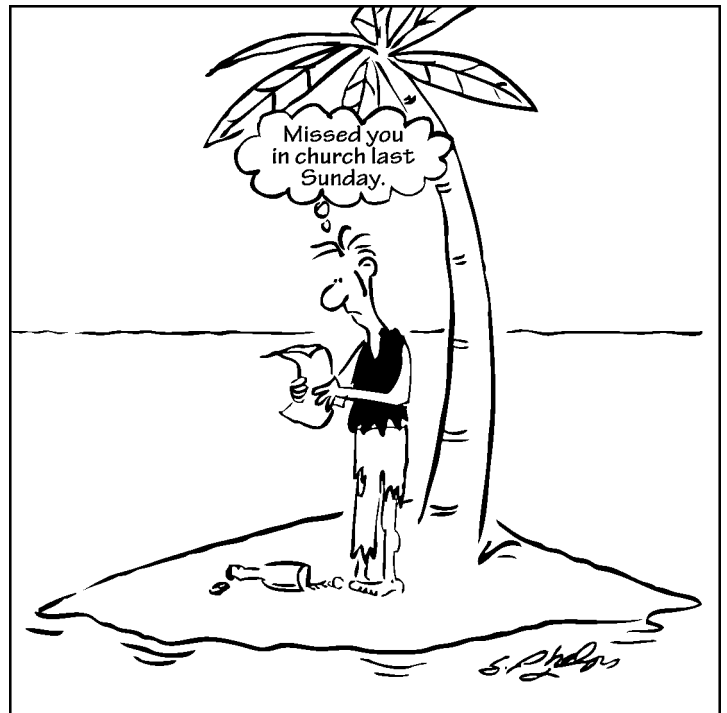


might gently share our conviction that God designed such beauty. When medical care yields a cure, we can thank Jesus openly for healing. When community volunteers deliver toys to foster children; when counselors help families communicate; when neighbors welcome newcomers ... *there* is Jesus.

Christ doesn't hole up in church buildings until church members "take him" to the world; he works in the world, through church and unchurched alike. But the church is key to helping people recognize him.

Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Greeter Front Door	Monitor	Communion Servers
Jun 1	Ben Yang Helen McDaniel (May-Oct)	2 Vacancies	Jim Hockensmith	Debbe Clegg Annelize Benade Dirk Benade
Jun 8	2 Vacancies	John Allen Liz Magee	Dirk Benade	
Jun 15	Bob Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins Martha Higgins	Roger Best (Oct-May) Bill Higgins (May-Oct)	
Jun 22	Jim Hockensmith John Allen	Mike Vickers Pat Turpin	Jim Smolenski	
Jun 29	Mac McBurney Georgia McBurney	2 Vacancies	Bill Higgins	
Jul 6	Ben Yang Helen McDaniel (May-Oct)	2 Vacancies	Jim Hockensmith	Debbe Clegg Jim Hockensmith Liz Magee
Jul 13	2 Vacancies	John Allen Liz Magee	Dirk Benade	
Jul 20	Bob Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins Martha Higgins	Roger Best (Oct-May) Bill Higgins (May-Oct)	
Jul 27	Jim Hockensmith John Allen	Mike Vickers Pat Turpin	Jim Smolenski	



Birthdays

June 05 - Haley Dubroc
June 10 - Sue Shipman
June 20 - Dee Sutro
June 26 - Aaron Rogers
July 07 - Doris Hockensmith
July 08 - Wynn Ware
July 09 - Jim Huffman
July 09 - Liz Smith
July 10 - Annelize Benade
July 12 - Payton Jewell
July 12 - Liz Magee
July 15 - Nancy Smilie
July 21 - Justin Ware
July 22 - Rocky Willson
July 23 - Christelle Benade
July 31 - Deedee Ellington

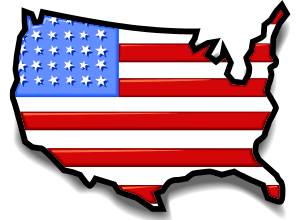
Anniversaries

June 04 - David and Sue Shipman
June 09 - Robert and Helen McDaniel
July 16 - Elena and David Glynn
July 16 - Bill and Martha Higgins
July 30 - Jim and Doris Hockensmith



"America the Beautiful"

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.



On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, "America the Beautiful."

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes "who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life." She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good "with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



A thankful boy

The sun was just beginning to set when I started on my daily walk. I had not gone more than 75 yards when a plastic whiffle ball sailed through the air and landed at my feet.

I heard the chatter of small boys playing on the other side of a wall. "You knocked the ball out into the street," said one voice. "We'll have to go get it."

I quickly picked up the ball and hurled it in their direction, and then heard, "Hey, look! There's the ball. Someone threw it back."

I then recognized the voice of a five-year-old neighbor who, unable to see me, asked, "Who threw the ball back?"



I decided to tease him a bit and answered in a kind, but authoritative voice, "God!"

There was dead silence for at least 10 seconds, while I chuckled to myself. Then the child asked with a curious voice, "Who did you say threw the ball over the wall?"

"God!" I answered with as much authority as I could muster.

In an accepting and trusting voice, the boy replied, "Thank you! Thank you very much!"

I smiled and remembered the words of our Lord, "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4, NRSV).

—Charles Ferrell



Youth Page

A WORD COLLAGE FOR *Dad*

Create this artwork
to express your love and
appreciation for your dad or another
special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.



A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalms 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:
"As a father has _____ on his children, so the
LORD has _____ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O |
| • Solomon = O | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, |
| • Jonathan = I | • John the Baptist = N | Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, |
| • Jesus = C | • Jacob and Esau = A | Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |

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| God: | "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." | <u>C</u> |
| Adam: | God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. | _____ |
| Noah: | His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. | _____ |
| Abraham: | God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. | _____ |
| Isaac: | His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. | _____ |
| Laban: | He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. | _____ |
| Jacob: | Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. | _____ |
| Saul: | His son was David's best friend. | _____ |
| David: | He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. | _____ |
| Zechariah: | His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. | _____ |

Answer: compassion

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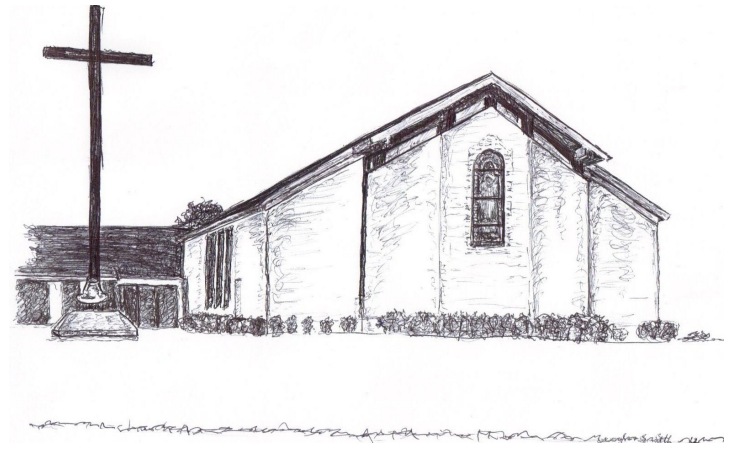
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6:30 Program

7:30 Choir Practice



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