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Welcome Home

A story is told about a soldier who was finally coming home after having fought in Vietnam. He called his parents from San Francisco. "Mom and Dad, I'm coming home, but I've got a favor to ask. I have a friend I'd like to bring with me." "Sure," they replied, "we'd love to meet him." "There's something you should know the son continued, "he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a land mined and lost an arm and a leg. He has nowhere else to go, and I want him to come live with us." "I'm sorry to hear that, son. Maybe we can help him find somewhere to live." "No, Mom and Dad, I want him to live with us." "Son," said the father, "you don't know what you're asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live, and we can't let something like this interfere with our lives. I think you should just come home and forget about this guy. He'll find a way to live on his own." At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him. A few days later, however, they received a call from the San Francisco police. Their son had died after falling from a building, they were told. The police believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew to San Francisco and were taken to the city morgue to identify the body of their son. They recognized him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn't know, their son had only one arm and one leg. The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good-looking or fun to have around, but we don't like people who inconvenience us or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren't as healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are. Thankfully, there's someone who won't treat us that way. Someone who loves us with an unconditional love that welcomes us into the forever family, regardless of how messed up we are. Tonight, before you tuck yourself in for the night, say a little prayer that God will give you the strength you need to accept people as they are. and to help us all be more understanding of those who are different from us!!!



Laughing

Sister Nancy Willis

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Proverbs 17;22

Have you ever been around someone and they always seem to be in a good mood, always have a smile on their face, when you knew they was going though a rough time. Well let me share with you what has helped me. For the last couple of months, I have tried to laugh more, instead of moping around with the attitude of WOE IS ME, I have done my best to put my problems in the Lords hands and leave them there. And then I would try to find things to make me laugh, rather it was something silly my grandkids would say or do, or making fun of my husband, at something he done or said, or simply trying to beat my brother at corn hole. Just whatever I could do to make me laugh. And laughing is much better than crying. So if you are reading this and going though some rough times, maybe instead of taking a nerve pill or anti-depressant or what ever you do to get though the bad times you can try LAUGHING..

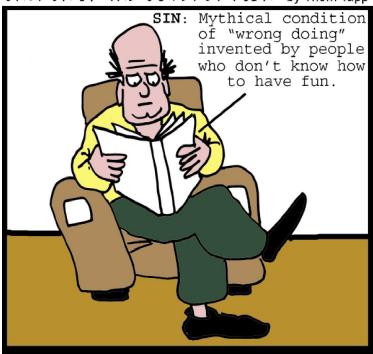
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Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. Psalms 126:2

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Modern "updated" dictionary of the new century.



Cousin Leroy

While sitting on his front porch Leroy saw ole Bubba coming up the drive way as fast as he could. Bubba looked at Leroy and said "I need ya help Leroy. I wrote this here love letter and I need you to tell me if it sounds ok." At this point Bubba began to read..."My Dearest Willameaner, Sweetie of my heart, darlin of my soul and my one and only love. I've been emptier than a slop bucket after feeding time ever since I broke off our engagement. Simply devastated....lower than a snakes belly button. Won't you please consider coming back to me? You hold a place in my heart no other woman can ever fill. I can never marry another woman quite like you. I need you so much. I miss the warmth of your sweet smile...your ruby red lips...your pearly white tooth. Won't you forgive me and let us start over again? I love you so. Yours always and truly, Bubba"

P.S. Congratulations on you winning the publishers clearinghouse sweepstakes.



Grandpa's Words of Wisdom

Becoming a grandpa is wonderful. One moment you're just a dad. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric

I wish I had the energy that my grandchildren have – if only for self-defense.

Chains of habit are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken.

She's wound up tighter than the girdle of a Baptist preachers wife at an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast.

Your more antsy than a one eyed cat trying to watch nine rat holes.

He who laughs last probably doesn't understand the joke.

How Did You Get Here?

A psychiatrist visited a California mental institution and asked a patient, "How did you get here? What was the nature of your illness?" He got the following reply. "Well, it all started when I got married and I guess I should never have done it. I married a widow with a grown daughter who then became my stepdaughter. My dad came to visit us, fell in love with my lovely stepdaughter, then married her. And so my stepdaughter was now my stepmother. Soon, my wife had a son who was, of course, my daddy's brother-in-law since he is the half-brother of my stepdaughter, who is now, of course, my daddy's wife. So, as I told you, when my stepdaughter married my daddy, she was at once my stepmother! Now, since my new son is brother to my stepmother, he also became my uncle. As you know, my wife is my stepgrandmother since she is my stepmother's mother. Don't forget that my stepmother is my stepdaughter. Remember, too, that I am my wife's grandson. But hold on just a few minutes more. You see, since I'm married to my step-grandmother, I am not only the wife's grandson and her hubby, but I am also my own grandfather. Now can you understand how I got put in this place?" After staring blankly with a dizzy look on his face, the psychiatrist replied: "Move over!"

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"The Word Of God"

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word. Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments. My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end. Psalm 119:105-112

I want to share with you about something more precious than silver or gold, than diamonds or pearls, than all the material items you could think or want and that is the Word of God. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path which means The Word Of God will give us direction that we need. I like to call The Word of God our "Roadmap in Life" to get us right where we need to be and that's always pointing us to Jesus Christ. He is THE ONLY WAY to make it according to John 14:6. There will be times in this walk of faith where we will be afflicted, and there will be times that we will be tested. There will be times that our walks will not be easy, but remember we have the Word of God, if we have the Word then we have a hold of Christ Jesus and we will be all right. According to Psalms 119:110, there will be times that the wicked will lay snares for me, but when they do stay focused on the Word of God. The Word of God is your strength and you will make it through. Church, we need to be doers of the Word and not hearers only as its declares in James 1:22. There's no problem that the Word of God can't solve or fix. The instructions have been given to us, and through His Word we will be able to stand no matter what happens in our lives. Why not put the Word of God to the test and see that it does prove to be true and will help you. You have heard the saying, "You have everything to gain and nothing to lose," well I have to disagree with that statement just a little, You do have everything to gain in Christ by his Word and a soul to lose if you don't stand upon the Word of God and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. The Word Of God: "Don't Get Caught Without It!"

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The Old Preacher

The old preacher had been invited to the convention pretty much just as a courtesy...he did not fit in with any of the other speakers...he did not dress as cool, hip or even as nice. One by one each Pastor stood and told of their programs, clubs, drama teams, dance teams...their "new music" and "new message" right down to their "new version" of the Bible that had drawn the crowds in by the thousands. They spoke of their latest best selling "You Can Do It" book as well as ways to make everyone feel comfortable regardless of what they believed...and above all

be sure and not offend anyone. With each speaker came a roar of applause from the audience. Then finally it was time for the old preacher to take the stand. As he made his way to the platform you could see the enthusiasm leave the face of most that were there...even some that whispered among themselves. As he stood there and laid his outdated old fashion King James Version Bible on the podium he began to speak. "First let me say what a blessing it is to be here today. I don't have any church programs to exalt... no new book or NEW version of the Bible. And although you will find no dance or drama team at our church...no contemporary music...no strobe lights. What you will find is something...NO SOMEONE far more important than that...you will find Jesus. You see my friends as much as I love these brothers that have spoken before me here today... I fear that Jesus...the REAL Jesus would not be allowed to be part of their church. Why? Because he never changed his message no matter who he was speaking to. He never conformed to the world to win the world. And though he preached about Heaven, love, joy and peace he still preached on sin and yes even warned of hell. You see I still believe that HE is the Only way the Only truth and the Only life...and that the answer is not found in a new gospel, a new version or new programs...I believe that the answer is still found in Jesus. Finally...it is true that I only have fifteen church members and to that you may laugh and ridicule. BUT my friends...I would rather preach the truth and take fifteen with me to Heaven...than to compromise and take a multitude with me to hell." And with that, the old preacher closed his old worn out Bible and stepped down from the platform. Needless to say the old preacher was never asked to come back to the convention. Until next time may the Lord bless and keep you...Pastor Billy R. Douglas

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Jeremiah 6:16



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A Personal Testimony from Mary & Ray Owens

All In God's Time...written by Ray Owens

This is a testimony to the power of God and of answered prayer in the lives of my Mom, Mary Owens and I. We have spent about three years looking for a house to buy to relocate. The house we have lived in for 33 years now has too many memories and we needed a fresh start. Also it needed work done on it that was soon to have to be done as one side of the roof was getting bad and would probably begin leaking if not fixed. We needed to sell this home and buy a new one. We have lived on the east side of town for all of these years and our desire for many years was to live on the west side of town. It is more convenient to everything and my job as well. We did find a house that we liked on the west side, I guess it was about two years ago. It was higher than we thought we could afford so we had the realtor put up our house for sale and was going to buy it contingent on selling our home. Our Realtor at the time did that and we thought that was God's will and prayed that He would help us sell our home and purchase this one. Several months passed and our home did not sell and there was an offer on the other house we were interested in and it did sell. We were disappointed and discouraged as we had to start the process all over of looking for another home. We actually took our home on Wilcox St. in McKinney, TX out of the Real Estate and tried to sell it ourselves. Our Realtor, Keith McCaskill got discouraged too I guess and turned it over for a short time to another associate but that didn't work out. While we had the house up for sale ourselves we found a house that wasn't far from the Wilcox home that we thought we liked at the time but it was still on the east side of McKinney. It was also a small house, only four rooms and a bath. We intended to buy it after we sold ours but that didn't work out either. You see God knew all along that we wanted on the other side of town and He had a place picked out just for us but we just had to wait on his timing. We can't see very far ahead so we don't know his plan. We just need to trust and allow him to do what needs to be done to bring the need that we are asking for to us. Anyway, that house finally sold as well so we began searching again. We just took down the for sale sign but all the while we were searching on the internet and also just driving around trying to find something suitable that we could afford and in a location that we liked. While searching one day we came across a home that needed a lot of work, but it was in a good location. The price was low so we made an offer, but another interested party offered more than we thought it was worth so they got it. The Realtor that showed this house to us contacted us one day and said you have got to look at this house. It is a very good deal. She figured it was larger than we were looking for but we took a look at it and immediately we fell in love with it so we started the process of making an offer on it. This was a bankruptcy home and was a short sale property so there were lots of other offers as well. We put in an offer and when the bidding was over our offer was accepted! Ours was actually not the highest offer but it was accepted because it was a cash offer. Mom didn't know that she had that much money till we started counting it and found out that she had enough to buy it. It was like God multiplied the money like he did with the fishes and loaves. He is a great big God and he can do anything, right? We are so thankful for this new brick home to live in that is in a nice neighborhood and convenient to all the stores and not very many blocks away from my job. So God made a way for us to buy this home that is debt free. We thought upon first looking at it that we would have to make payments on this one until we could sell our old home and pay on it. We didn't have to do that after all. God had a plan and he answered our prayer as that is the side of town that we always wanted on. It just took a little while to get there with his help. After we got moved we let the Realtor lady put our old house up for sale and we sold it just a few days ago for a cash settlement. Thanks be to God for meeting this need and answering prayer!

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REESIE'S RECIPES





Low Fat Banana Pudding

3 small boxes Jello brand Instant Banana Cream pudding

4 cups skim milk

1 box Nabisco low fat Nilla Wafers

3 large bananas

1 container Fat Free Cool Whip, thawed

In a large mixing bowl mix pudding with milk...mix well. In a 9x9 glass dish or plastic container layer as follows...16 wafers, pudding, sliced bananas, pudding, 16 wafers, sliced bananas, finish with remaining pudding as top layer. Spread thawed Cool Whip over pudding. Cover and refrigerate for a few hours giving wafers time to get soft.

Sausage Breakfast Bake

1 lb sausage, browned and drained
 1/2 cup chopped green onion

1 (4 oz) can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
 2 medium tomatoes, chopped

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

1 cup Bisquick 12 eggs 1 cup milk 1/2 tsp salt

In a greased 3 qt baking dish, layer sausage, onions, mushrooms, tomatoes and cheese. In a large bowl, whisk Bisquick, eggs, milk, salt and pepper then pour over cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes, or until top is set and lightly browned. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Have a recipe you would like to share with our readers? Email your recipes to... reesiesrecipes@juno.com

Strawberry Pie

Heat oven to 475°F. Bake crust 8 to 10 minutes or until light brown. Cool on cooling rack. In small bowl, mash enough strawberries to measure 1 cup. In 2-quart saucepan, mix sugar and cornstarch. Gradually stir in 1/2 cup water and mashed strawberries (add 1 or 2 drops food color if deeper red color is desired). Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute; cool. In medium bowl, beat cream cheese and lemon peel until smooth. Spread evenly in pie crust. Top with remaining strawberries (sliced). Pour cooked strawberry mixture over top. Refrigerate until set, about 3 hours. Store in refrigerator.

Cowboy Casserole

1 lb ground beef
1 can whole kernal corn, drained
1 can stewed tomatoes, drained
1 can golden mushroom soup
1/4 cup chopped bell peppers
1/4 cup chopped onions
1 tbsp A-1 sauce
16 ounces shredded cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a skillet, brown ground chuck, onions and bell peppers. Strain and rinse with hot water. Pour meat mixture in pot, add corn, tomatoes, soup and A-1 sauce then mix well. In a casserole dish, pour meat mixture and spread evenly in pan. On top with your choice of cheese.

Bake about 30 minutes or until brown around edges.



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Dirty Bananas

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7: 20

I like Fruit - all kinds of fruit... but my absolute favorite is Raspberries, Blackberries, Strawberries and Blueberries. Osella (my wife), likes pineapple. One week last month they had a bunch of fruit on sale and she got me some of each of the kinds I mentioned above. For the first couple of days - I thought I was in paradise eating the fruit of the kingdom and blessed... blessed... blessed. But along about the 4th day... WOE! I got hold of some raspberries that were sour and overly ripe and all I can say is I now understand the terminology of Rev 3:16 where Jesus says to the church at Laodicea - "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." because we have grandchildren running around our house almost everyday. Osella has put out a fruit bowl and when the kids come in asking for a treat - she directs them to the fruit bowl. The trick is to keep the fruit in the bowl "fresh" and "looking good" - or like my 3 year old granddaughter said the other day, "I don't want that banana, it's too dirty" is the response you will get. now that banana had just begun to get spots on the peeling - but she wasn't about to eat something "dirty". After making grandma take it to the kitchen sink and wash it off, and seeing that the banana still looked the same - she decided to have an orange. Well grandma told her that grandpa likes bananas like that thinking she could get her to just try one... but nothing doing! Yet, when I came back into my office later - laying there in my chair were half a dozen bananas. You guessed it... all dirty! Don't you just love kids? It's interesting that Jesus would liken the true grit of a man by such a delicate thing as fruit. But He actually wasn't referring to the time it took them to rot... He was referring to the fact that "by the nature of their seed - many were rotten already. In other words... the end product - being the taste and nutritional value of the fruit, is known by the fruit its "branches" bear. So too, a good preacher / teacher is known by the good doctrine he / she brings, and a bad one teacher / preacher is known by his unsound doctrine. So Jesus poses the question: "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" I know a young man who had some fairly decent upbringing as a child, and his parents tried to teach him about God and make sure he was in church, but he never really took root. After getting himself in trouble and living most of his younger years behind bars... he got a steady diet of the "thorns and thistle" type Bible teaching from all different "opinions" of the many faiths represented while in Jail. To that I would have to say, "Shame on us ministers for not doing our job in the prisons to see to it that the TRUTH goes forth into those jailhouses." Now, this young man is "gung-ho" about becoming a minister of the Gospel "when he is released" and he's not looking for a Bible College to attend - just a pulpit. He knows it all and wants to set the record straight. Now, I am privy to a bit of his theology through a friend of mine who is close to this young man, and let me say, while the heart is right, the branches he has picked his fruit from is a "bad seed", and needs some serious pruning. The problem is - he'll get out and he will probably be heard by a few who don't really know the WORD of God either - yet they see the intensity in his voice and the passion in his delivery and they say, "WOW! This is the voice of Elijah". Just like many who have gone on before... it's even possible that many will "follow him" from miles around - maybe even people from other countries will come to see him, and while the fruit looks eatable... it has no nutritional value and will not produce anything worthwhile. Sooner or later there will be a scandal and many will fall away because another "supposed Elijah" has led them astray. If I can put this in perspective... "dirty bananas" are merely aged fruit (some times bruised from too much handling), yet they yield the taste and nutritional value that God intended. Even that bruised peeling has healing qualities for the skin. It is an amazing fruit. We're a lot like those bananas and while our gruff exterior often seems bruised and maybe even ripe (old fashioned), if we are Christians - the fruit of the Spirit will yield many nutritional values for the true seeker of the Gospel. Properties like Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuferring, Meekness, temperance (ref., Gal 5:22, 23) Be fruitful today and allow the nutritional value of the Spirit to be "pickable to those you come in contact today.

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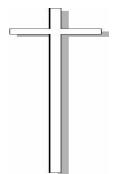
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We have set aside this corner of THE TRUMPET to show God's Plan of Salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

FIRST . . . GOD LOVES YOU! "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life" Jn. 3:16

SECOND . . . MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD! "For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" Eccl. 7:20. "For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God" Rom. 3:23.

THIRD . . . JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN! "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God . . . " I Pet. 3:18 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12

FOURTH . . . YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR. Jesus calls this experience the "new birth." He told Nicodemus: ". . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" Jn. 3:3.

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name"

Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart: Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged Cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Saviour and Lord of my life. Please take Full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer in all sincerity, you are now a Child of God! So that we might rejoice with you, please write, call or email us today and we will send you some material to help you with your new walk with the LORD!



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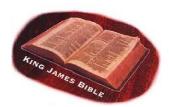
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SING!!

One of the memories of childhood, growing up in the mountains of Kentucky, was singing. It seemed everyone sang. Life was hard but they sang working the land, washing clothes, and going about their life. The church rang with songs of praise unto the Lord, for Jesus alone made their burdens lighter. Over in the Psalms, David tells us to sing praise unto our God. Do you sing as you go about your day? Brothers and Sisters, I can tell you a song or just a chorus from an old hymn will drive away discouragement. Worry has to go when you sing about Jesus and His blood. You might sing a chorus I learned from an old hymn I heard at Brother Surface's church - I sing it driving down the road, or anywhere: "His blood is on my soul, His blood is on my soul, I rest securely in His hand, His blood is on my soul." Oh the peace in knowing we are abiding under the shadow of the Almighty! Yes, it breaks my heart when I see our beautiful America in her decline, and the beast nature rising up. Yet, I sing! Are you worrying about the health care system? Precious one, you have the best health care system of all - Jesus, the Great Physician! Oh, Hallelujah! Draw close to the Lord. Send your prayer up before the throne of God for your children and your children's children. And, in all things give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. If the enemy can steal your joy, he will take your song. Psalm 95 says, come let us sing unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Don't worry about whether your "joyful noise" is beautiful to your ears or not. Sing unto the lord and bless His name - oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Look up, Jesus is coming! Praise God, I can sing: "The tempter cannot overcome or gain the least control, I have sweet peace and joy within, His blood is on my soul." Thank you, Jesus!

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