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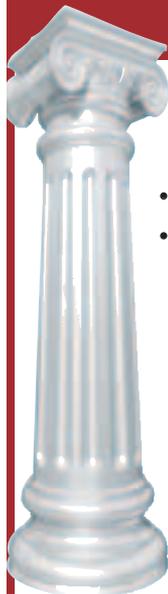
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A guy stands over his tee shot for what seems an eternity: looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. Finally his exasperated partner says, "What's taking so long? Hit the ball!" The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot." "Forget it, man," says his partner. "You'll never hit her from here."



Cylie, our Valentine Sweetie on the cover of this month's Street Talk America, is the daughter of Chasity Wilson and Kyle Collinsworth, of Westville. Photo taken by photographer, Nikki Elmore.

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When Kendra, my niece, was preparing for her first day of school, she confided in her mom that she was concerned about how her cousin Tim's behavior in the classroom might reflect on her. "He burps and screams, he won't listen and he won't sit still," she lamented. "Well, how did it go at school?" her mom asked her when she picked Kendra up at the end of the day. "Did Tim do anything to embarrass you?" "Oh, no," Kendra replied. "All the boys are like that!"



**Happy
13th Birthday
Wyatt
Ward!**

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you!**

What kind of mom would I be if I didn't put a picture of his 10 point buck in the Street Talk? Congratulations Wyatt, your dad and I are so proud for you! He wasn't the only kid walking a little taller last month! Check out page 19. Someone was praying for deer... or someone was not praying for deer, however you want to look at it. ~Kelley Ward, Street Talk America

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A Timely Word

By: Tim Patton

Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church

I don't know about you but I have been amazed and stunned by the sheer number of celebrities that have died just since the last week of December: Meadowlark Lemon, Wayne Rogers, Natalie Cole, David Bowie, Richard Libertini, David Margulies, Alan Rickman, Dan Haggerty, Glenn Frey, and Abe Vigoda, just to name a few. Without fail, each death was announced with a description of how wonderful each person was and how significant their contribution to music, sports, acting, etc. has been.

I remember a few years ago how I was captivated by the coverage of the death and funeral of former President Gerald Ford. Yes, I was but a young (very young) child when the events of our nation catapulted him from the House of Representatives into the Vice Presidency and then Presidency. I listened as many evaluated and commented on the state of our nation at that time. Many spoke of the lack of confidence in the office of the President and the lack of faith in government as a whole. The pundits were universal in their praise of Ford's integrity, "plainspokenness", how "normal" his family was, and how badly the nation needed to see those qualities in their President and his family. Much was said about his pardoning of President Nixon. All agreed it was a necessary move that he was willing to make at the cost of his own career.

As I listened to interviews with former newspeople who covered the Ford White House and friends and colleagues who knew the Ford family, I was struck that everyone had such wonderful things to say. I then began to wonder if any of them had shared those thoughts with President Ford or his family while he was alive. I know we all hope that when God calls us home, people will have nice things to say and our life's work will be recognized as fruitful and worthwhile.

Today will never come again.

Be a blessing.

Be a friend.

Encourage someone.

Take time to care.

Let your words heal and not wound.

More importantly, though, I hope that we can learn to share our appreciation today rather than waiting to share them over a grave!

The Apostle Paul encouraged his readers to be constant in their encouragement. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them." We need to encourage one another on a daily basis. We are to encourage people to walk with God. Part of loving and encouraging is to lovingly offer correction where needed—that's how our kids grow up to be great and responsible adults. Part of loving and encouraging is to also offer our appreciation when someone has done something well—that's how your waiter or waitress knows you recognize that they are human beings trying to get through their day!

February is Valentine's and the month of "love." Don't wait to express your love or encouragement for just one day. Don't wait until you are standing over the grave of a friend to find the words to express how special he or she was. Many people walk through their days hoping to find some bright spot in the stress and turmoil. You could be that bright spot in their day! Find someone to encourage today and offer a timely word!

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Blonde Victim

Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burglarized. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime. The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the radio, and a K-9 unit, patrolling nearby, was the first to respond. As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, then sat down on the steps. Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, "I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help, and what do they do? They send me a BLIND policeman!"

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A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "I hope you die a long, slow, painful death." He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"

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Ol' Shep

One day an old German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch. The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!," says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!" Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes. The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!" Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," Instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says... "Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with the old dogs... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery and brilliance only comes with age and experience.

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Aunt Judy's Kitchen

Southern Recipes from
"The Old House"
By: Judy Jenkins

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thank you Lord for daily bread.

Egg Drop Soup

- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 tbs cornstarch
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 1/2 tbs soy sauce
- 3 large eggs
- 2 shakes of ginger powder
- 1 tsp white pepper
- 1/2 tsp sesame oil
- green onions – chopped

In stockpot whisk 1 tbs cornstarch with chicken broth, on medium heat. Add ginger powder, white pepper and soy sauce. Turn heat to simmer for 15 minutes. In small bowl, whisk the eggs and 1 teaspoon cornstarch. Place a large spoon with holes in it over the soup. Slowly pour the eggs in the spoon so it separates into the soup. Stir in sesame oil. Top with green onions.

Chinese Pepper Steak

- 1 1/2 lbs sirloin steak
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 large green peppers - chopped
- 1 large onion – chopped
- 1 tbs cornstarch
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1/2 cup beef bouillon
- 1 can water chestnuts, sliced
- 4 green onions

Slice steak into 1/8th inch thick pieces. Easiest to do when steak is semi-frozen. Heat oil in skillet, add garlic, salt, ginger and pepper. Saute until garlic is golden. Add steak slices and brown lightly. Remove steak, add green peppers and onions, cook around 3 minutes. Dissolve cornstarch in water. Return steak slices to pan and add soy sauce, sugar, bouillon, water chestnuts, cornstarch mixture and chopped green onions. Simmer until sauce thickens. For a thinner sauce, add more bouillon.

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Blend cookies in blender a few at a time. Mix softened cream cheese, powdered sugar and butter. Set aside. Mix pudding with milk until well blended, then stir in cream cheese mixture and cool whip. Stir well. At the bottom of dish, make layers; cookie crumbs first, then pudding, finishing with cookie crumbs. Chill overnight before serving.

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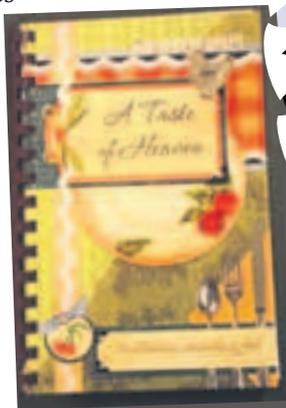
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 2 tbs vanilla
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"How on earth do you get that to represent 99?" "Each of them trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, plus dirty tree. Dat makes 99." The boss is getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire the guy, so he says, "All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100." The man stares into space some more, then he picks up the picture again and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and says, "Ere ye go. One hundred." The boss looks at the attempt and says, "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!" The man leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and whispers, "A little dog came along and pooped by each tree...so now you got dirty tree and a turd, dirty tree and a turd, and dirty tree and a turd, which makes one hundred!"

Animal Orders

A bear walks into a restaurant. The waiter asks, "So what are ya having there big fella?" The bear says, "Give me a burger." The waiter says, "What's with the big pause?" The bear throws his arms up in the air and says, "I don't know. I was born with them!" An hour later, a pony walks into the same restaurant and whispers to the waiter, "I'll have a burger, please." The waiter asks, "Why are you whispering?" "I'm a little hoarse."

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Man of the House

A mild-mannered man was tired of being bossed around by his wife so he went to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist said he needed to build his self-esteem, so he gave him a book on assertiveness, which he read on the way home. He had finished the book by the time he reached his house. The man stormed into the house and walked up to his wife. Pointing a finger in her face, he said, “From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law! I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I’m finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterward. Then, after dinner, you’re going to draw me my bath so I can relax. When I’m finished with my bath, guess who’s going to dress me and comb my hair?” “The funeral director,” said his wife.

Children of Israel

“May I ask a question?” Jimmy asked. “Of course, go ahead, ask your question,” replied the Sunday School Teacher. “Well, the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea,” continued Jimmy, “also that the children of Israel built the temple, the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. Didn’t the grown-ups ever do anything?”



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Dear Sherri,

So...last year I really blew it with the wife for Valentine's Day. So this year, I am

trying to do better. I have saved up some money. But I have no idea what to get or do that would knock her socks off. Can you give me some ideas of what women want for Valentine's Day? And my buddy says he has no money but wants some ideas too.

Out of Ideas

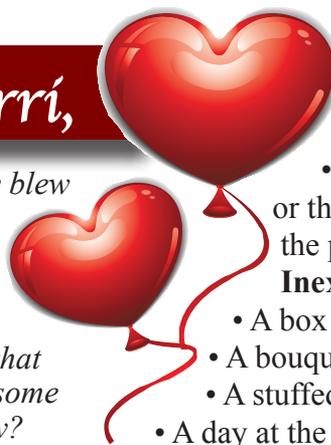
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- A gift certificate to a day spa
- A shopping spree at her favorite store

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- A beautiful card and her favorite cologne
- A day trip to one of her favorite destinations (a state park; botanical gardens; historic homes; the zoo, etc.) You plan the child care, the trip and pack a romantic picnic lunch.
- A matinee movie and early bird dinner
- Cupcakes, chocolate covered strawberries, or other gourmet confections



- A book that she loves
- A dozen roses, or a bouquet of her favorite flowers
- A surprise framed photo of your family, or the kids that she has never seen (you plan the photo shoot)

Inexpensive:

- A box of chocolates and a card
- A bouquet of flowers from a superstore
- A stuffed animal (If she likes that!)
- A day at the beach, watching the waves, a romantic picnic, and long walks
- A mix CD of her favorites songs that you put together

Free/Dirt cheap:

- A thoughtfully written letter where you tell her what she means to you (and how beautiful she is)
- An evening off- you cook, do homework and put the kids to bed while she enjoys a chick flick and a bubble bath
- Dedicate a song to her on the radio
- Set up your living room for a time of dancing

Here is the bottom line- *women want thoughtfulness!* They want to feel that you cared enough to spend some time thinking and preparing for their gift.

Women are constantly sharing what they like, what they don't like, what they wish they had. If you truly listen, she is already telling you what she would like. All women do not like the same things, so PLEASE take her preferences into consideration. If she's allergic to strawberries or cologne, scratch that off your list! You are on the right track already!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Sherri

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Young Love

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Grandpa's Health

Grandpa John was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared. "Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now." The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime. "Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

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New Age Confession

Father Brian, an elderly Catholic priest, was speaking to Father Karl, a younger priest, saying, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now." Father Karl nods, and the old priest continues, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n' roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the rafters." "Thank you, Father Brian," answers the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth." "All of these ideas have been well and good," comments Father Brian wisely. "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But, Father Brian," protests the young Father Karl, "My confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!" "Indeed," replies the elderly priest, "And I appreciate that, but the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof."



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A Very Berry Mess for Tollie the Sheep

Tollie always had a hard time making up her mind where she wanted to graze. She loved berries. She loved sunshine, cool water and adventure! Very often Tollie would stay with the older sheep simply because she wanted to be like them, but they grazed on stuff that would make your hair curl! Or wool... whichever you had. Her mama wanted her to graze nearby—where the young tender grass was—but almost since day-ONE, Tollie seemed to have a mind of her own. Isabelle, Tollie's mama, had tried everything she could think of to keep her nearby. Nothing seemed to work—Tollie seemed determined to have her own way. One day as Tollie was wandering off yet again, she almost stepped into a hole in the ground. It wasn't too deep, but it was definitely deep enough to break a leg if you were running – like she often did, and wasn't looking where you were going... again, as she often did. "Whoa!" A voice yelled just to her left, "You are trespassing!" Tollie looked up suddenly and there in front of her was one of the older sheep. Tollie didn't quite know how old he was. He had a voice of someone who meant business. She stopped chewing her grass and swallowed hard. Gulp—"My name is NOT Trespassing! My name happens to be Tollie, for YOUR information." Tollie was not scared in the least—well maybe a little, but she surely wasn't going to let Mr. Bossy Pants know that. She needed to appear as brave as possible. "I wasn't sayin' your name was Trespassing—I was saying you were somewhere you didn't belong! That's what trespassing means. You are now standing on my grazing land. Didn't you see the hole

I dug? The nice hole is marking my property—it means, 'Don't come any further!'" "I'm sorry, uhm, what did you say your name was?" She knew he didn't tell her his name, but she surely needed it so she could tell her mama. "Well now, missy, I didn't tell you my name—but it's Banniman, if you've just got to know. My friends call me Banni. Now, how about you stepping right back over with your group and watch how you go now—you don't want to break a leg in the hole right there. You need to stay with your group—there are dangers you don't want to experience just beyond that ridge. Too many sheep have lost their lives by wandering off where they had no business." About that time, Tollie's cousin, Boisk ran up to her, barely missing the hole in the ground himself. "Tollie! Your mama is looking all over for you! You better hurry up—she's about to chew through the fence back at the barn." As Boisk, turned around to run back to the barn, he yelled, "Come on Tollie—or I'm tellin' on you!" Tollie knew he would. She turned back to Banniman and said, "Sorry for trespassin' on your grazing area Mr. Banni. I gotta go now!" Off she ran back to the barn, trying her best to catch Boisk—and almost succeeding. As Tollie was drifting off to sleep to the sound of her mama's soft snore, she planned what she would do tomorrow. She knew there were berries and better grass just over the hill toward the ridge. She wouldn't go all the way to the ridge...just close enough to get



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those berries. Tollie was up with the sun the next morning—her mama up even earlier. The fenced in pasture land had a nice big pond on it and she could see her mama was about to head that way—and she knew as soon as she made it there, her mama would drink and then turn to graze on the east side of the big oak tree. She did it every single day. As soon as she noticed her mama lean in to drink her fill of water, Tollie turned to the west, toward the ridge. Of course she had no idea that her cousin Boisk would follow her—but she would soon be very glad he did. Tollie found the berries just as she had heard they were, ripe, juicy and millions! Her eyes almost bugged out looking at the rows and rows of berry bushes—ready for her to come and feast! They had just the right amount of sweetness—with a smidgeon of tart to make you keep eating. It didn't take long for her to clean off one bush. As Tollie moved on to the next bush she didn't notice that her cousin had moved in right behind her until his voice startled her out of her picnic. *"Tollie! What on earth are you doing here? Don't you know we aren't supposed to be up here on the ridge? There's dangers up here!"* *"Dangers-Schmangers"*, Tollie said with berry juice running down her chin. *"There's berries up here Boisk! The best berries I've ever had!"* As she stepped to the side to let Boisk nibble on the remaining berries on this particular bush, her foot got tangled up in the vine that she didn't see when she first started feasting. The vine had thorns that she also didn't see at first, but one jerk of her leg to free herself and those thorns bit into her little leg and blood spurted and stained her white wool. *"Ouch!"* Tollie cried. *"Help me Boisk! I'm bleeding! My foot is hung up! These thorns are digging in my leg!"* Boisk leaned down to try and bite the vine to free her leg and a big thorn pierced his lip. *"Tollie, I don't think I can do it."* Boisk didn't want to give up, but he had no idea how to get her free from the thorny vine either. The more

Tollie struggled, the deeper the thorns dug into her leg. She was ready to faint with the pain. Just then Boisk began bleating as loud as he could. *"Baa—Baa, Baa—Baa, Baa—Baa, Baa—Baa, Baa—Baa"*. Boisk cried and yelled as loud as possible for what seemed like hours. They were so intent on the thorns and trying to get Tollie free, they didn't notice right away that clouds had come overhead—but a big clap of thunder jolted them back to the ridge. *"Boisk! I'm scared of thunder and lightning! Get me out! Hurry! I want to go home!"* As Tollie uttered these words, the thunder seemed almost on top of them—louder and louder thundering down! She just knew any second they would be struck by lightning! She had seen lightning strike a tree and set it on fire. Tollie knew soon she would be a puff of burnt wool. Why hadn't she listened to the old sheep yesterday? What a fool she was now—all tangled up and bleeding and no way to get free. Boisk's mouth was bleeding from the thorn and his poor throat was hoarse from all that hollering he had done—but to no avail. This storm was on them and no one would miss them for hours yet. As the first rain drops began to fall, the sound of the thunder began to roll again, but this thunder seemed to shake the ground! Tollie started crying. She was generally always brave—never wanted to show fear—but now there was no reason to be brave—and every reason to be afraid. She had even put poor cousin Boisk in danger. *"Boisk—go home. I'm sorry for getting you in this mess"*. *"Tollie, I can't leave you—besides, that hill we came over is a slippery mess now. I would slide down and probably fall in a hole. We'll think of something."* As they were talking they heard some twigs snap nearby. *"Oh my goodness!"* Boisk said. *"It's a mountain lion for sure! My daddy said that mountain lions lived up here and have sheep for supper! Oh Tollie! We are about to be supper!!!"* (To be continued)

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Growing Old or Growing Up

Well, I finally got old. It happened without me even realizing it. My first sign was when hunting season came in... All the hunting seasons in the past, I would have a 30-06 rifle and a 12 gauge pump 3 1/2, filled with double ought buck shot in my truck. This year, deer season came in and I don't carry a gun in my truck. I look at it this way, if I have a gun in my truck, and I see a buck, I will shoot it. First of all, I don't want a dead deer, second, I would have to skin it. Deer meat is okay, but chicken is better.

Now some of you might think that I'm lazy, not so. I have three duck hunting friends that I pluck ducks for on halves. They bring twenty ducks at the time for me to clean. Today, while my daughter was in her tree stand, she killed three hogs and we cleaned them. One friend gives me all the old tough squirrels that he kills. Old squirrels make rice and gravy taste good. I also have friends that fish and they bring me coolers of bream to clean.

I stay so busy cleaning game that I don't have time to hunt or fish. With my freezers full of wild game, why do I need to hunt? On freezing cold mornings, way before daybreak, I used to stumble out in the dark trying to find my deer stand. Sitting high above the tree tops with a

40 knot north wind blowing will chill you to the bone. My stand is on a branch in the low mud swamp. It's too boggy for my four-wheeler and not enough water for my boat. In the past, I have dragged a 180 pound, 10 point buck almost half of a mile to where I could load him. Back then I called that fun, today I call it work.

The alarm clock went off at 4a.m. this morning. It was freezing with a light rain falling. I had a picture on my deer camera of a big 12 point in the corn pile. After making a pot of coffee, I threw a back log on the fire and looked outside. It was still dark and all I could see was rain falling. The fire was warm and the coffee hit the spot. I thought, 'why would a person in their right mind go freeze their butt off for a deer? It doesn't matter if it was a 10, 12 or 15 point, why leave this warm fire?' The wind began to howl and the rain came down harder as I finished my second cup. Settling back in the easy chair, I drifted back to sleep.

There was a time when rain, sleet or hail wouldn't have kept me out of my stand. That 12 point doesn't excite me but these warm covers do. I choose to sleep over killing a deer. What has happened to me? Never in my life have I let cold weather and rain stop me from hunting. A few years back I had the flu and it didn't stop me from running a boat three miles up stream to shoot ducks at daybreak. Was I addicted to hunting? Is hunting a disease, a habit or just something you love to do?

This not wanting to hunt scares me. What if this spring I don't want to catch a mess of shell crackers or go fly fishing? If old age does this to people, then I don't like being old. What I need is a bottle of hadacol to get me going or some pill to boost my want to. Another thing that I noticed was I enjoyed shopping with Lilla. We even shopped on Black Friday. I will never do that again tho, being in a fire fight in Vietnam was less dangerous.

This big change has me so upset that I went to the doctor for a checkup. Doc said he couldn't find anything physically wrong that would make me not want to hunt. Doc said it could be something mental. I went to the shrink, the shrink said, it looked to him, that I was using common sense and good judgement.

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Cockleburs

By: Dr. Charlie Hinson

I don't have any idea what a "cocklebur" is. It's probably the uptown name for what we country folks call a "cuckleburr".

City dudes probably don't have the foggiest idea what they are. I have known what a cuckleburr is since I was a little boy raised on a sharecropper's farm. My brother, a whopping four years older than I, introduced me to them on a Saturday morning in 1939. Dad had finally said it would be okay for me to ride Jenny, our gentle old plow mule, around the pasture, provided my brother put a small throw rug over her back and helped me get on.

He did just that. But what else he did, I'm still having unholy thoughts about it. By way of introduction, a cuckleburr, when dry, is about the size of the end of your thumb, is oval shaped, and is covered from one end to the other with little 1/4" long spines. You get one of those things in your britches and you would learn to do dances you never heard of before. Anyway, my brother was more than cooperative. What I mean by "more" than cooperative is that when he put the rug over Jenny's back, he slipped a couple of cuckleburr in between the rug and the mule. She didn't mind as long as there was no pressure on the rug, but when he popped me up there, he didn't even have time to hand me the reins. All I could do was grab two handfuls of mane and hold on for a superior version of the Daytona Five Hundred. I don't remember how many trips we made around that pasture. I do remem-

ber when she bucked me off. It's amazing what a little irritation can do when you're not expecting it!

I don't know why I just remembered that story. Unless it was while I was in prayer this afternoon, I got tickled. Not at God. My mind just wandered back to 1939, and on the screen of my mind I suddenly conjured up a vision of what it would be like if we could sprinkle cuckleburr all up and down every church pew and cover them with a thin piece of cloth. That may be the only way we get some old deadheads excited about living for Jesus.

Anybody know where I can find some cockleburs? I'll try most anything once.

First Kiss

At the end of their first date, a young man takes his favorite girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for that important first kiss. With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a goodnight kiss?" Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!" "Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?" "No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?" "Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!" "No way. It's just too risky!" "Oh please, please, I like you so much!!" "No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!" "Oh yes you can. Please?" "NO, no. I just can't." "Pleeeeeease?..." Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says, "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss, or I can do it, or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it, but for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"

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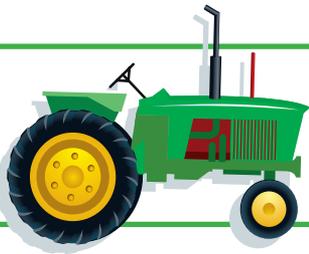
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The Ride

It was about this time of year, 35 years ago, when I took a long ride with my Daddy. It was a rite of passage or something I suppose. We loaded up in my car and headed to Dallas, Texas, to see the University of Alabama play Baylor in the Cotton Bowl.

He was an Alabama fan, I had been accepted or would be accepted to Auburn University. It was my senior year in high school and we had never gone on such a long ride together, with just us. It was nice. It was something I looked forward to and something I will always remember. I'm sure you have had similar experiences with your father, or at least I hope you have.

He let me drive, and then he would drive. I would give anything to remember the conversations, though I'm sure they were sparse, I would still like to remember them. I remember at the time that it just seemed like something he thought he needed to do. The game didn't mean that much, but I'm pretty sure it was "the ride" he looked forward to taking. Being able to spend that time with me, even though the conversations weren't really deep, spending the time was.

About the only thing I remember is the fact that I kept playing Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Ala-

bama" too loud and he kept turning it down. We spent one night in Louisiana, the rest of the time we drove. On the way home, we never stopped. That's just the way he was – he didn't care too much for sleeping "somewhere else other than home."

We look back on our time spent with our parents, especially when they are gone and want to ask them questions or remember the conversations, but it is the precious time that was most important. People talk about money, jobs and "things," but it is time and "the ride" that should be cherished the most. We've all heard the various wishes of those who are about to leave this world, they wish they would have spent more time enjoying the ride or life in general. There are those who might think this is foolish, but I do not.

I want to ride with my Daddy again; he wouldn't have to say a word. He could grunt every once in a while, even complain about the music. I'd just like to ride with him, maybe see him smile every once in a while. Everyone could make a list of the things they want or wanted out of this life. I know I could. I'm pretty sure making my Daddy proud would be way up towards the top. There is nothing I can do now, but remember. Remember and hope that my son will have a moment like this someday when I am gone.

Thirty-five years later, my son and I took a similar trip, about that same time of year, just us. We went to a ballgame in Texas. He needs to know about my Daddy, about how hard he worked and how truly unselfish he was. You don't realize such things until you are way on down the line in your own "ride."

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in my opinion, but the ability to appreciate, to be thankful for our opportunities to live, love and simply “ride.”

So, maybe forgetting the conversation isn't that important, nor having to turn the music down. It's the time spent with those we love. Whether we stop, take it easy or drive all night.

My son and I actually drove to the airport and took a plane.

It didn't matter. Our team lost; it didn't matter. There was still a “ride” involved and much quality time.

I just want you to know, “Daddy, I was listening, even though not much was said. Thanks.”

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Golfing Riders

After a round of golf, four ladies sat around the club house, chatting. Seeing the ladies, the Pro approached them and asked, “How did your game go? The first lady, a brunette, said she had a good round ... making the comment that she actually had 25 riders. The Pro was a bit perplexed not knowing what a “Rider” was. The second was a blonde lady who quickly chimed in

and said that she had a very good round as well with 16 riders. The third lady then said that her round was average and that she only had 10 riders. The fourth lady admitted that she played the worst round of the day and that she only had 2 riders all day long. The Pro was completely confused not knowing what the term “rider” meant. But, because he didn't want to look dumb, he made a quick polite remark, wished the ladies well and then left. He then approached the club hostess and asked “Hey, can you tell me what these ladies are talking about when they refer to ‘Riders?’” The hostess simply smiled and said... “A ‘Rider’ is when you hit a shot long enough to ride on the golf cart to your ball.”

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Mabel had decided to trim the household budget wherever possible, so instead of having a dress dry-cleaned she washed it by hand. Proud of her savings, she boasted to her husband, "Just think, Manker, we are five dollars richer because I washed this dress by hand." "Good", Manker quickly replied. "Wash it again."

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Two little boys stole a big bag of oranges from a neighbor. They decided to go to a quiet place to share the lot equally. One of them suggested the nearby cemetery. As they were jumping over the gate to enter the cemetery, two oranges fell out of the big bag but they didn't bother to pick them since they had enough in the bag. A few minutes later, a drunk man on his way home from a bar passed near the cemetery gate and heard a voice saying, "One for me, one for you. One for me, one for you. One for me, one for you." He immediately sobered up and ran as fast as he could to a church nearby. "Father, please come with me. Come and witness God and Satan sharing corpses at the cemetery." They both ran back to the cemetery gate and the voice continued: "One for me, one for you. One for me, one for you. One for me, one for you." Suddenly, the voice stopped counting and said: "What about the two at the gate?"

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Three Blonde Job Applicants

Three blondes were all vying for the last available position on the local police force. The detective conducting the interview looked at the three of them and said, "So you all want to be a cop, eh?" The blondes all nodded. The detective got up, opened a file drawer and pulled out a file folder. Sitting back down, he opened it up and withdrew a photograph, and said, "To be a detective, you have to be able to DETECT. You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities such as scars, etc." So saying, he stuck the photo in the face of the first blonde and withdrew it after about 2 seconds. "Now, he said, "Did you notice any distinguishing features about this man?" The blonde immediately said, "Yes, I did. He only has one eye!" The detective shook his head and said, "Of COURSE he only has one eye in this picture! It's a PROFILE of his face! You're dismissed!" The first blonde hung her head and walked out of the office. The detective then turned to the second blonde, stuck the photo in her face for two seconds, pulled it back and said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?" The blonde immediately shot back, "Yep! He only has one ear!" The detective put his head in his hand and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just said to the other lady? This is a PROFILE of the man's face! Of COURSE you can only see one ear!! You're excused, too! You'd never make a good detective!" The second blonde sheepishly walked out of the office. The detective turned his attention to the last blonde and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but...". He flashed the photo in her face for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying, "Alright. Did YOU notice anything distinguishing or unusual about this man?" The blonde said, "Yes, I did. This man wears contact lenses." The detective frowned, took another look at the picture and began looking at some of the papers in the folder. He looked up at the blonde

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with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts! How in the world could you tell that by looking at this picture?" The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "DUH! He has only one eye and one ear, he certainly CAN'T WEAR GLASSES!"

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."
Matthew 22:37

Valentine Dinner Fail

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do? His mother had an idea, "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your apartment for a home-cooked, Valentine's meal?" He thought this was a great strategy, and on that special evening, the woman came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone. "I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes." "What's wrong with that?" asked his mother. "We hadn't started eating yet."

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HEALTH TALK

by: Michael Kennedy, ARNP
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"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change.

It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable."

- C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

Ole Lewy was a smart one. Not only did he like to write kid's books, he seemed to be quite the spiritual thinker as well (wink, wink). The very essence of love is selflessness. There are many "things that I love". I love hot wings, duck hunting, good music, good weather, a good movie, comfy shoes, technology functioning correctly at work. Ultimately, all of these are situational and selfish. I don't "love" hot wings when coupled with salmonella, I do not "love" duck hunting if I fall in the water wearing my waders and come home empty handed, and so on. I only "love" good weather, a good movie, comfy shoes and my computer working because I am the one benefitting the most in my eyes from these situations. I am selfish.

You may have heard it said, "God is Love". Love God, Love others. To love is absolutely vulnerable. To give to others of your time, efforts, money and heart is to show selflessness that mirrors the actions of our Maker. In this life, it means loving even if it is not reciprocated, there is no financial gain, there is no physical gain.



This Valentine's Day, make your sweetie happy for sure. That is just fun and good, but also look at showing others in your path love. Simple gestures of spending time with someone that needs attention, teaching life lessons and playing with a child, giving food to a food pantry or directly to a family in need will indeed show Love.

Note that February expresses the "heart of Love" in that it is American Heart Month promoting heart health. It is not ironic that my annual cardiology follow up was the end of January this year. Heart disease has a strong familial trait with children often reflecting their parents heart health.

Environmental factors though can often contribute to either a greatly improved, or even worse heart health. I am neither confirming nor denying that my cardiologist said I was fat and out of shape with room for improvement in the lipid panel, you will just have to ask me yourself when I get back from my exercising and enjoy a super delicious and filling salad with light dressing. *Yummy*, I am getting hungry just thinking about it now.

Take care of yourself no matter your age and your heart will benefit with sharing His Love for more years to come.

"I just love to do special things for my wife on Valentine's Day. Like open the door for her when she puts laundry in the washing machine, or plug and unplug the vacuum as she moves from room to room cleaning. Guys, it's these little thoughtful things you can do to have a marriage such as mine...."

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- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet. He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived. He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- God won't ask about the color of your skin. He'll ask about the content of your character.

I've sure gotten old!

I have outlived my feet and my teeth.

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.

I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. I have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.



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It was Critics' Day in Heaven, when all celebrated Biblical figures reflected on their life experiences on Earth, and decided what would have been the best approach to performing their respective feats. On the floor today was Moses' parting of the Red Sea in order to escape the pursuing Egyptians. First up was Noah, who said he would have used divine foresight to construct an ark in advance, and conveyed the Israelites across. Peter objected to this, claiming Noah's method was too technical, stating that he would have simply helped the Israelites walk on the water across the sea.

Elijah objected, calling Peter's method unreliable. He then proposed calling fire down from heaven to consume the Red Sea. Solomon pointed out that this did not solve the problem of the Egyptians. Elijah looked at them incredulously, before saying what appeared to him as obvious: he would call fire down on the Egyptians too. Daniel remarked that Elijah's method wasn't cost-effective. He, and a now furious Elijah, then plunged into a heated argument. Finally, Balaam stood up, and proposed placing his donkey in front of all the advancing Egyptians. They all stared at him in awe.

Note from publisher: This joke may have left you scratching your head, as it did me. After reading Numbers 22:21-29, the story of Balaam, the Donkey, and the Angel, I learned that the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey so the donkey could speak to Balaam. Hence the reason why the Egyptians would have stopped chasing the Israelites... wouldn't you stop for a talking donkey?



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Pit Dwelling Pity Partiers

Years ago, while in the middle of a particular “battle” as it were, I remember a phone call with my mother. But—I was firmly planted in a pit. And I was having a “pity party.” Or, say it like this: “A Pit for me Party.” And I wasn’t budging anytime soon. Mother tried her best motherly advice, all her cajoling, her “peppy words”, everything mother could say—yet I was firmly entrenched in the depths of my personal pit.

Finally, in desperation to get her to leave me alone I said, “Mother. Stop. I’m having a pity party-and I’m not done. When I’m done, I will get out. Please let me finish.”

That is pretty much how parties in my pit went. When I had had enough...and the prayers of my faithful mother, who refused to let her daughter continue, but sought God on her behalf had been ushered up to Glory and heard by the King (Psalm 34:1-7), I would come to my senses and seek God for myself and —HE reaching down—the hand that had always been extended, would help me “out” of the pit.

This morning, my PAST pit experiences came to

mind as I prayed for and thought of some others who are current pit dwellers. Be it either a stronghold of the flesh, mind or spirit...it can be a place so deep, that we cannot see the light of day...Nor the LIGHT that permeates every dark place.

Some battle things that many of us are familiar with. Possibly tobacco, drugs, alcohol, perversions of the flesh, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, the list goes on and on...they are all life affecting, life altering and life diminishing existences in a pit. Satan desires to destroy us...God desires to bring us out of those times and places and restore our purpose and vision greater and brighter than before.

Many things I have experienced that others have not. MANY things I have NOT experienced that others have. Each life has its own exposure to plots created and planned by the enemy—who knows our weakness and that is the very tool he uses to try and bring about our demise. BUT we don’t have to stay in that battle—and when we realize that as a child of the Most High God, this is not our battle to fight, but His—then we are on steady feet and the path is clearer. 2 Chronicles 32:7-8 records: “Be strong and courageous! Don’t be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria or his mighty army, for there is a power far greater on our side! He may have a great army, but they are merely men. We have the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles for us!” (NLT)

Don’t you feel a Source greater than your own might envelope you with might and strength? I do. I see more clearly. The dust from the battle ground settles and I see the plot and plan of the enemy and I know what to do. Pray. Fight. Suit up with the armor that is laid out in Ephesians 6:12-18.

People, we’ve got a battle to fight and it must be fought daily. There is not a single place where we can lay aside our sword, helmet or breastplate and take ease. This war will continue until the Day of Christ’s Return. (Revelation 1:7) The walls of the pit will get higher, more slippery, harder to scale, while we sit idly by and not do our part.

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Get up. Get out. Gear up! Arm yourself with the weapons that we are instructed to use against the enemy! (Ephesians 6:14-18) In 2 Corinthians, Paul addresses the spiritual war. (10:3-6 NKJV) *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”*

Our actions reveal our thoughts. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 *“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”* (emphasis mine)

Thinking defeated thoughts is allowing the enemy to plant seeds of doom. Seeds that will not grow and become what God intended when you began your journey with Him. You can't give in to the enemy in your thought life and win a battle. It just won't happen! I speak from experience in this! Too many times I allowed thoughts of defeat, doubt, fear, or flesh to enter

in the picture God was working on in my life. At those points I think He halted His brush strokes—in mid-air. I think perhaps He was saying, *“Angie, until you settle ‘who you are in Me’, We can't finish what We started.”* What are you trying to settle in your heart and mind? Do you know who you are in Christ? Are you aware of the armor that has been made AVAILABLE to you—to enable you to fight well and WIN? Let me encourage you today—dig into the WORD of GOD, where all the answers lie to all the issues we face. Every Single ONE. YOU can WIN the battle instead of bury your head in a pit...

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Old Friend

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Worst Excuses for not Sending a Valentine

10. The florist couldn't find your house. Did you move?
9. I sent a candygram. Someone must have eaten it.
8. The Hallmark store was closed, and I didn't want to send less than the best.
7. I sent an e-mail card. You never got it? The internet must have messed up again!
6. I left a voice message to meet me for dinner. Where were you?
5. I didn't know you liked jewelry.
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3. I thought we would do something different this year.
2. I thought it would mean I was making a commitment.
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A blonde was shopping at Walmart and came across a shiny silver thermos. She was quite fascinated by it, so she picked it up and brought it over to the clerk to ask what it was. The clerk said, "Why, that's a thermos. It keeps hot things hot and cold things cold." "Wow," said the blonde, "that's amazing... I'm going to buy it!" So she bought the thermos and took it to work the next day. Her boss, who is also blonde, saw it on her desk. "What's that?" she asked. "Why, that's a thermos. It keeps hot things hot and cold things cold," she replied. "Wow, that's amazing," said the boss, "what do you have in it?" "Two Popsicles and some coffee."



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Married to Mom

Jack, a very young lad aged 4 years, says to his father, "Daddy, Daddy, I want to get married." His father explains, "For that Jack, you have to have a boy and a girl." So Jack answers, "I've already found a girl." "Who?" splutters his Dad. "Grandma," continues Jack happily. "Now, let me get this straight," his father says. "You want to marry my mother? You can't do that." "I don't see why not?" Jack responds, "You married mine!"

Wishing Well

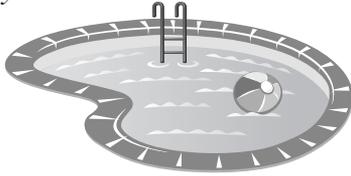
Manker and Mabel came upon a wishing well. Mabel leaned over, took a deep breath, made a wish and threw in a penny. Manker also decided to make a wish, but he leaned over too far, fell into the well, and drowned. Mabel was stunned for a moment but then smiled, "It really works!"



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-**Senior Fellowship Association** meets the third Monday of each month, in the Youth Center of First United Methodist Church, Clinton Street, Marianna, at 12 noon for a potluck luncheon and meeting. The meat is furnished. Speakers and door prizes at each meeting. All seniors are welcome.

-**The Home Extension Club (HEC)** would like to invite you to a luncheon and meeting at the Hinson Crossroads Fire Department in Vernon, FL. Come and join us on the third Tuesday of every month at 10a.m.. For more info call 850-547-3879

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A man was walking with his friend one day and said, "My wife's cooking is so bad, we pray AFTER we eat!"

What NOT to Say on Your Valentine's Date

- I really don't like this restaurant that much, but I wanted to use this 2-for-1 coupon before it expired.
- I refuse to get cable. That's how they keep tabs on you.
- I used to come here all the time with my ex.
- I never said you NEED a nose job. I just said it wouldn't hurt to consider it.
- Could you excuse me? My cat gets lonely if he doesn't hear my voice on the answering machine every hour.
- I really feel that I've grown in the past few years. Used to be I wouldn't have given someone like you a second look.
- And I won that trophy in the fraternity belching contest.
- I know you said you don't eat anything with a face. But a good butcher will cut that part off for you if you ask.

Mabel drew her husband's attention to the couple next door and said, "Do you see that couple? How devoted they are? He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?"
 "I would love to do that," replied Manker, "but the problem is, she won't let me."

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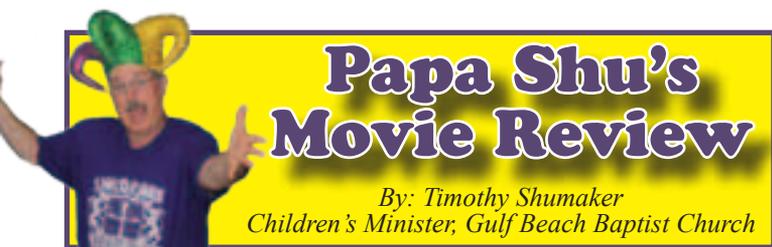


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Daddy's Home

Spoiler Alert! If you do not want to know how this movie ends please stop reading. Movie plots will be revealed!

Every now and then I will see a PG-13 movie that I know I might have to endure some crude humor in hopes that the film might have a positive message. I chose to review "Daddy's Home" this month because I wanted to address one of the greatest needs that kids in our culture face. Kids everywhere desperately need a daddy. We need men to take up that banner and realize the tremendous influence they have on the lives of children. Will Ferrell plays Brad Whitaker who married Sarah, the mother of Dylan and Megan. Brad is a super step-dad who optimistically endures all sorts of difficulties blending into this new family. Just as reaches the point of being included in Megan's family drawings and is actually referred to by the title of "Daddy," the birth-father, Dusty, played by Mark Wahlberg, shows up out of the blue. Dusty abandoned his family and he is highly manipulative. Dusty immediately begins to undermine the new step-dad and starts an ongoing competition between the two dads for the hearts of Dylan and Megan. Brad and Dusty are polar opposites. Dusty is a wild motorcycle-riding alpha male who is great with tools and former military. On the other hand, Brad is the responsible, sensitive, pacifist who is absolutely devoted to Dylan's and Megan's needs.

Brad insists on ensuring that Dusty still has a role in the kids' lives, which Dusty takes advantage of repeatedly. This insane competition drives Brad to make extremely irresponsible choices, including public drunkenness. Eventually, Brad is driven out of the house and forced to live at his office. As expected, Dusty completely useless in fatherhood skills and before long he wants to check out completely. The step-dad, Brad, finally cleans up his act and convinces Brad to come back and keep his promise to take Megan to the daddy-daughter dance. Everyone finally accepts that Brad's devotion and gentleness are very good things for the kids.

This movie has an enormous amount of foul language, extremely crude humor, alcohol abuse, and ongoing sexual content; however, underneath its objectionable content, there are several positive messages about fatherhood, parenting, and marriage. This film is entirely inappropriate for kids, even preteen kids. This is not really a big surprise given the plenty of raunchy comedies Will Ferrell has made over the years. However, it is surprising that the film does take the demands and sacrifices of fatherhood seriously. Movie watchers have to deal with a fair amount of foulness and crudity to even get a glimpse of that message. Dads who are devoted to their children are a very rare commodity. We need to encourage true fatherhood among men. In Ephesians 6:4, the Apostle Paul tells us that fathers are to refrain from frustrating kids and instead raise them up like God instructed us. Dads and step-dads need to remember how frustrating it can be when we play games for their affections. No matter what role you play in a child's life, model Jesus before them, you will change that kid forever.

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- And today I learned to never ask a woman how she dye's her roots black.
- Found out the name of my neighbor's cat..... In other news, I now have free internet.
- Don't you hate when the whole bus is empty, but some guy sits right next to you ? I know you do... That's why I do it.
- You know it's cold outside when you go outside and its cold
- Got kicked out of the local casino again. Apparently, gold chocolate coins mess up their slot machines or something.
- The human body is amazing... You breathe in oxygen and it converts it into sarcasm.
- First rule of ADHD club: Never talk about..Nice hat! You ever own a hamster? I did. Died. Watch me do a cartwheel! Okay, who wants brownies?
- I ordered a new GPS unit, but it got lost in the mail.
- Thanks to me, you'll probably start seeing 'For Display Only' signs on the toilets at Home Depot.

A Painting for a Wife

An elderly woman decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby broach, and gold Rolex." "But you are not wearing any of those things." replied the artist. "I know," the woman said. "It's just in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he will remarry right away, and I want his new wife to go crazy looking for all of that jewelry."



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