



II Cor. 3:17 – “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...”

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*I'm a self-made man;  
but if I had it to do over  
again, I'd call for some  
help.*

## In Days Gone By

On Aug. 26, 1920, Women's  
Suffrage was ratified.

On Aug. 27, 1859, the first  
oil well, near Titusville,  
Pennsylvania, was opened.

On Sept. 1, 1904, Dr. John  
R. Rice was converted.

*A vacation is a short period of  
recreation, preceded by a period  
of anticipation and followed by  
a period of recuperation.*

Some church goers seem  
hard pressed for something to  
say after the morning service.  
One pastor reports the following  
comments made to him:

- “If I'd known you were going to be good today, I'd have brought my neighbor.”
- “You always manage to fill up the time.”
- “I don't care what they say; I like your sermons.”
- “We shouldn't make you preach so often.”

## Just An Ordinary Church Member

Just an ordinary member  
Of the church I heard him say,  
But you'd always find him present  
Even on a rainy day.

He had a hearty handclasp  
For the stranger in the aisle,  
And a friend who was in trouble  
Found sunshine in his smile.

When the sermon helped him  
He told the preacher so,  
And when he needed comfort  
He let the pastor know.

He always paid up promptly  
And tried to do his share  
In all the ordinary tasks  
For which some have no care.

His talents were not many  
But his love for God was true,  
His prayers were not in public  
But he prayed for me and you.

An ordinary member?  
I think that I would say,  
He was an extraordinary  
In a humble sort of way.



# POEMS

by Sharon



## WHERE HAVE THE YEARS GONE?

Where have the years gone?  
Oh, where have they flown?  
It seems that just yesterday,  
We were only half grown.

They teased my dear husband,  
"Child bride," they did say;  
But many years later,  
We look back at that day.

At times life's been rugged,  
With hardships and trials;  
And in the Lord's service,  
We've trod many miles.

We've raised a large family,  
Taught them to love God,  
By using the Bible  
And applying the rod.

We've led souls to Jesus,  
Made friends on the way;  
Serving the Saviour,  
With joy, lived each day.

Where have the years gone  
As on earth we've trod?  
Praise be to our Lord,  
We've lived them for God.

Sharon Dice  
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## Can you guess the company?

Can you imagine working for the following company?  
It has just over 500 employees, of whom:

- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 7 have been arrested for fraud
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- 117 have bankrupted at least two businesses
- 3 have been arrested for assault
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 14 have been arrested on drug related charges
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- 21 are current defendants in lawsuits
- In 1998 alone, 84 were stopped for drunk driving

Can you guess the company? It's the US Congress, the same group of people who perpetually crank out hundreds of new laws designed to keep the rest of us in line."

from the *Indianapolis Star*  
(page E1) on January 5

"I'm a magician."  
"That's interesting. What's your best trick?"  
"I saw a woman in half."  
"Is it difficult?"  
"It's child's play. In fact, I learned it while I was a child."  
"Are there any more children at home yet?"  
"I have several half sisters."

One day a young man found a \$5.00 bill between the ties of a railroad. From that time on he never lifted his eyes from the ground while walking. In 30 years, he accumulated 25,916 buttons, 62,172 pins, 7 pennies, a bent back, and a sour, miserly disposition.

In "finding" all this, he lost the smiles of his friends, the songs of the birds, the beauties of nature, and the opportunity to serve his fellowman and spread happiness.

## Country Boy's Dictionary

**ADULT:** A person who has stopped growing at both ends but still grows in the middle.

**Beauty Parlor:** A place where women curl up and dye.

**CHICKEN:** The only animal you eat before they are born and after they die.

**COMMITTEE:** A group of people that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**DUST:** Mud with the juice squeezed out.

**HANDKERCHIEF:** Cold storage.

**YAWN:** An honest opinion, openly expressed.



**INFLATION:** Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

**MOSQUITO:** An insect that makes you like flies better.

**SECRET:** Something you tell to one person at a time

**SKELETON:** A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

**TOOTHACHE:** A pain that drives you to extraction.

**TOMORROW:** One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

**WRINKLES:** Something other people have.

# Miscellaneous.

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## END OF THE MONTH REPORT AT GRACE BAPTIST

The last few weeks have been busy here at Grace Baptist in Pittsfield, Illinois. Youth Camp ended on August 3 with a total of 51 young people attending through our church. Five of them were saved, along with many other decisions. Evangelist Dan Martin was the main speaker, with Pastor Joe Tonellato, Lighthouse Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Illinois speaking on Thursday night and Pastor Gary Dice speaking in the final service on Friday morning.

Evangelist Craig Bryan preached at Grace Baptist Church on Sunday, August 5, and three more people were saved. On that Sunday night, Missionary Todd Painter, Thailand, also presented his ministry.

Ryan Dice, Pastor's Dice's son and school administrator, has worked hard, along with the staff, getting everything ready for the new school year. This always requires much planning, time and effort. Pray for the staff and students this year. School started last Tuesday, August 21.

On August 15 Missionary Chris Matthews, Vietnam, presented his ministry at Grace. Our church took him on for monthly support. Also, recently, our church increased support for our missionaries, in many cases doubling their support. We also continue sending Gospel tracts around the world through the Fellowship Tract League in Lebanon, Ohio.

Pastor Gary Dice has not had to go to the hospital for a few months and has been preaching fairly regularly except for last Sunday, August 19, when he was sick, possibly due to a change in medicine. Our Assistant Pastor Bro. Brad Bennett continues to battle cancer, so please keep both of these men in earnest prayer.

On Sunday night, August 19, Missionary Wangraibou Ngonmai from India spoke in our services. His wife Michelle (Bass) grew up here at Grace Baptist. They are greatly involved with Bible Translation. We have supported their ministry for several years.

On Saturday, August 25, the ladies of Grace Baptist had their meeting at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Gary Dice in Baylis, Illinois. Coming up on Labor Day, September 3, our church will hold our annual Labor Day picnic at Pittsfield Lake, with a pitch-in meal at 12:00 noon.

We plan to do some major work on our church parking lot to ensure good drainage, and then begin work on the inside of our new addition. We will begin all of this just as soon as possible.