

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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## Bulletin Bloopers

From Somebody's Church

- Don't let worry kill you—let our church help.
- Thursday night potluck supper, prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The preacher will preach his farewell message; afterwards the choir will sing "Break Forth With Joy."
- During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when A. B. Brown supplied our pulpit.
- Pastor Jones spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
- On this Sunday before Christmas, the church is glad to have Dr. Joseph Green today as our pulpit guest. Mrs. Green is present with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.

## A Sure Refuge

Safe in my Savior's keeping,  
Safe in temptation's hour,  
Safe in the midst of perils,  
Kept by Almighty power.  
Safe when the tempest rages,  
Safe though the night be long;  
E'en when my sky is darkest,  
God is my strength and song.

—Robert Anderson

## In Days Gone By

On January 24, 1968, Bro. James Brown was licensed into the Gospel Ministry. He is the long-time pastor of Beanblossom Baptist Church in Beanblossom, Indiana.

You quickly lose interest in the church if you have nothing invested. Where do you stand?

SHAKE AND SHAKE THE KETCHUP BOTTLE,  
NONE WILL COME, AND THEN A LOTT'LE!

## THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

- \*Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and..... you have to blow your nose.
- \*Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded.
- \*If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries.
- \*You get out of something only what you.....see in the picture on the box.
- \*When the blind leadeth the blind.....get out of the way.
- \*Better to be safe than.....punch a 5th grader.
- \*Strike while the .....bug is close.
- \*It's always darkest before.....Daylight Savings Time.
- \*Never underestimate the power of.....termites.
- \*You can lead a horse to water but.....how?
- \*Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.
- \*No news is.....impossible.
- \*A miss is as good as a.....Mr.
- \*You can't teach an old dog new,.....math.
- \*The pen is mightier than the.....pigs.
- \*An idle mind is.....the best way to relax.
- \*Where there's smoke there's.....pollution.
- \*A penny saved is.....not much.
- \*Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.

## EITHER BLACK LIVES MATTER OR THEY DON'T! 22 MILLION HAVE BEEN ABORTED...KILLED!

A prominent black pro-life leader says supporting abortion contradicts the "Black Lives Matter" mantra.

Though the Hyde Amendment, which forbids the use of federal money for abortions, has saved many lives, the federal government has been a key player in abortion....Democrats in the House... approved funding bills without the life-saving measure.

Dean Nelson of the Human Coalition says that will "without a doubt" result in the deaths of even more black babies.

"...there have been about 22 million black children that have been lost to abortion since *Roe v. Wade*," he notes. "One of the things that has prevented that from happening to a larger degree is...we have had the Hyde Amendment."

Considering the fact that approximately 36 percent of abortions kill black babies, Nelson reasons that eliminating the Hyde Amendment shows the Democrats' desire to kill more black babies.

—Charlie Butts, onenewsnow.com



## WORDS OF WISDOM

I learn far more from my own mistakes than from good examples set by others.

I have never been able to do two things at once and do either one of them well.

One of the best investments a father can make in his son is to teach him to work hard and do the job well.

Don't let the fact that you can't do all you want to do for Jesus keep you from doing what you can do.

Nothing on earth can help the man who gives up and quits.



## PUZZLE TIME

—Sharon Dice

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down,  
Sometimes I just go round and round.  
I'm no certain size and my colors  
vary;  
If you don't watch me close I'll  
surely not tarry.  
Sometimes I bring messages, sometimes  
I'm just fun,  
Just guess what I am and me you'll  
have won.

ANSWER: A BALLOON

## MEMOS FROM YOUR WIFE

1. Don't correct me in front of others if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you will talk with me in private.
2. Don't ever think that it is beneath your dignity to me. An honest apology makes me feel so risingly warm toward you.
3. Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do, you will find I stop asking, and seek my information elsewhere.

## CONSIDER SOME BAD CANS

1. Can grow bitter by not forgiving.
2. Can become weak by unwise living.
3. Can be defeated by being a defeatist.
4. Can lose by keeping.
5. Can become selfish by growing inward.
6. Can preach and not practice.

## JUST A LITTLE HUMOR

— A teacher called for sentences using the word beans. "My father grows beans," said one farmer's child. "My mother cooks beans," said another pupil. Then a third answered, "We are all human beans."

—"I sure hope I'm sick," said the miserable man to his doctor. "I'd hate to feel this way if I'm well."

— "What is puppy love?" It's the beginning of a dog's life."

# McChurch

by Vernon C. Lyons  
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Our culture demands convenience Christianity. We want it short, simple, fast and cheap.

The McBible does not have the tedious sixty-six books, but just a few with short sentences and simple words at the fifth-grade level. There are numerous pictures, and some pages have been ruled with lines so that you can add your own spiritual thoughts, just in case you get a new revelation.

The McWorship service is all sweetness and love, with nothing offensive.

The McSermon is easily digested with a minimum of nutrition and a maximum of fat.

Each McPrayer is centered on temporal and material things to keep the mind from wandering to the spiritual, which is often illusive for the modern American.

To keep the kids awake, the McHymns are done in hip-hop style.

McMarriages are performed for folk who like quickie relationships, and throw-away vows are the big feature. For those who still hold some traditional notions, there are premarital sessions with junk counseling.

The McPastor is a touchy-feely guy who majored in pop psychology and has an in-depth understanding of felt needs.

McSins, commonly called boo-boos, are easily forgiven with fast

prayers and, of course, are soon repeated but not taken too seriously. There is an effort to virtually eliminate the negative and dwell completely on the positive.

This whole business is sustained by the McTithe, which is not ten percent but whatever stray dollars happen to be left in the wallet.

The McYouth program is short on Bible study and discipleship and long on fun and games. It's designed to give the kids what they want and to teen-sit them so their parents can go out and have fun in the evenings without worrying about their kids getting into drugs and sex.

McChurch is staffed not by professionals but by hastily hired part-timers whose strongest spiritual slogan is "Have a nice day."

This is the church that offers McFellowship, which is not bonding but merely a quick "Hello," with a handshake, a hug and a hope that you do not become too responsible for the other person's life or spiritual well-being.

McSalvation does not have any deep doctrine of substitutionary atonement and regeneration, rather a simple human decision or a nod of the head is more than adequate to bring a person into McKingdom, where he hopes to live happily now and in the hereafter.

All of this ends up in a McHeaven, where there are no golden streets but arches that appear over a broad entrance where the grill is scorching and the deep-fry grease superhot.