

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

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CHURCH SIGNS

IF YOU THINK LIGHTLY
OF SIN, YOU THINK
LIGHTLY OF GOD

WORSHIP
AS A FAMILY
ON SUNDAY

HAVE YOU DONE A
GOOD DEED FOR
SOMEONE THIS WEEK?

WHEN YOU HELP
OTHERS YOU
HELP YOURSELF

TROUBLE IS PRODUCED
BY THOSE WHO
PRODUCE NOTHING ELSE

What Time Does

Before I married Maggie dear, I was her pumpkin pie, her precious peach, her honey lamb, the apple of her eye. But after years of married life, this thought I pause to utter: Those fancy names are gone, and now I'm just her bread and butter!

AFRAID? OH, NO!

Why should I be afraid?
It is not death to die.
'Tis but a step to glory
And a mansion in the sky.

How can I be afraid?
The Lord is with me still.
And loves me as He did that day
He died upon the-hill.

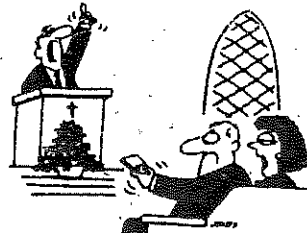
Afraid? Of what? No night's so dark
It can His glory dim!
Afraid? Oh, no! Though Jordan roar
I cross—dry shod—with Him.

—Marian Daunecker

In Days Gone By

On Jan. 9, 1793, the first
U.S. Balloon Flight took place.

On Jan. 9, 1913, President
Richard Nixon was born.



"I'm sorry, dear, but your remote control doesn't work in church!"

WHEN I HAVE LOST MY TEMPER

When I have lost my temper I have lost my reason, too.
I'm never proud of anything which angrily I do.
When I have talked in anger and my cheeks were flaming red,
I have always uttered something which I wish I hadn't said.

In anger I have never done a kindly deed or wise,
But many things for which I felt that I should apologize.
In looking back across my life, and all I've lost or made,
I can't recall a single time when fury ever paid.

So I struggle to be patient, for I've reached a wiser age;
I do not want to do a thing or speak a word in rage.
I have learned by sad experience that when my temper flies
I never do a worthy thing, a decent or a wise.

HOW TO LIVE HAPPILY FOR A HUNDRED YEARS

1. Do not be on the lookout for ill health.
2. Keep usefully at work.
3. Have a hobby.
4. Learn to be satisfied.
5. Keep on liking people.
6. Meet adversity valiantly.
7. Meet the little problems of life with decision.
8. Above all, maintain a good sense of humor, best done by saying something pleasant every time you get a chance.
9. Live and make the present hour pleasant and cheerful. Keep your mind out of the past, and keep it out of the future.

JOHN A. SCHINDLER

He Is Coming!

He is coming! He hath said it!
Coming soon to claim His own,
And the time is fast approaching
When we'll gather round His throne.
We shall then sing forth our praises
To the Lamb once crucified,
Gladly bow the knee before Him
Who in our place once died.
No more sorrow, no more trial,
Every tear be wiped away,
When our Lord at last shall lead us
To the land of endless day!
Meanwhile, just a little longer
Must we work, and watch, and pray;
Then we'll hear the shout of triumph
Ushering in that glorious day!

Making Up the Bounty

II Corinthians 9:5

1. Give spiritually (8:5).
2. Give willingly (vs. 3).
3. Give thankfully (vs. 7).
4. Give proportionately (vs. 12).
5. Give generously (9:5, 6).
6. Give purposefully (vs. 7).
7. Give cheerfully (vs. 7).
8. Give expectantly (vss. 6, 9, 10).

LOVE AT ITS BEST

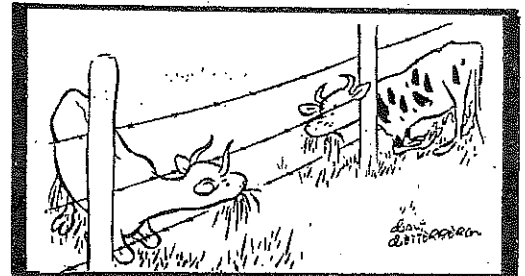
You measure distance
You measure time
You measure liquids
Which are all just fine

One thing you can't measure
Stands above the rest
Wider and deeper
Is love at its best

Sees through our mistakes
Knows your heart's right
Stands by us always
Each day and each night

Real love is endless
Yes, faithful and true
The power that it has
Is bigger than you

Lester A. Carr



BELIEVE IT OR NOT...GRAVE MARKERS

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle, in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: "Here lies Ezekial Aikle. Age 102. The Good Die Young."

In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery: Anna Wallace: "The children of Israel wanted bread, and the Lord sent them manna. Old man Wallace wanted a wife, and the Devil sent him Anna."

In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery: "Here lies Johnny Yeast, pardon me for not rising."

"Here lies Lester Moore, four slugs from a .44, no less no more."

Bill Wilson had this written on his tombstone: "I told you I was sick!"

In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England: "On the 22nd of June - Jonathan Fiddle - went out of tune."

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont, reads, "Here lies the body of our Anna, done to death by a banana. It wasn't the fruit that laid her low, but the skin of the thing that made her go."

Someone in Winslow, Maine, didn't like Mr. Wood. On his tombstone these words were inscribed: "In Memory of Beza Wood, departed this life Nov. 2, 1837. Here lies one Wood enclosed in wood, one Wood within another. The outer wood is very good: We cannot praise the other."

On a grave from the 1880's in Nantucket, Massachusetts: "Under the sod and under the trees lies the body of Jonathan Pease. He is not here, there's only the pod; Pease shelled out and went to God."

"Oops! Harry Edsel Smith, of Albany, New York: Born 1903-Died 1942. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was."

In a cemetery in England: "Remember man, as you walk by, as you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so shall you be, remember this and follow me." To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone: "To follow you I'll not consent, until I know which way you went."

Miscellaneous.

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THE KIND OF PREACHER EVERY CHURCH NEEDS

How can you know if your preacher is of God? Check out some of these following facts about God's true preachers:

1. He makes much of Jesus Christ. He attempts to draw men to Christ and not to himself. Christ has the help that people need.
2. He makes it very plain that people in their sin are lost and in need of salvation.
3. He preaches the Cross of Jesus. Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of Christ."
4. He magnifies the Blood of Christ. The Bible tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin.
5. He preaches on the great doctrines of the Bible: Heaven, Hell, Judgment, Virgin Birth of Christ, Blood Atonement, Resurrection, Sinless Saviour, Eternal Salvation, Second Coming, etc.
6. He preaches the Word of God with love and a sincere desire to see people saved and Christians helped.
7. He preaches the truth without fear, favor or apology. Sin is sin and he is against it.

These are just some of the things that identify a real preacher of the Gospel. Real Christians love to hear the Word of God preached because of its effect on their own hearts and lives.

Here lies the body of Jonathan Gray
Who died maintaining HIS RIGHT of way.
He was right, dead right, as he sped along,
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong!

Life is currently described in one of four ways: as a journey, as a battle, as a pilgrimage; and as a race. Select your own metaphor, but the finishing necessary is all the same. For if life is a journey, it must be completed. If life is a battle it must be finished. If life is a pilgrimage, it must be concluded. And if it is a race, it must be won. Live every second of your life.