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## NOBODY MAKES THE JOURNEY ALONE.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:4 (GW)** *Don't be concerned only about your own interests, but also be concerned about the interests of others.*

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package.

"What food might this contain?" He wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house." The pig sympathized but said, "I am so sorry Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do but pray. Be assured that you are in my prayers."

Then the mouse turned to the cow. She said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse, I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So the mouse returned to the house, head down, and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap

alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Now everyone knows that you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.



But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well. She died, and so many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

So next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it doesn't concern you, remember that when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and be willing to make that extra effort to encourage one another.

◆ *Received from Bob & Reva Sparks*

John and Linda Crone are missionaries with Campus Crusade for

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Christ. Their work takes them all over the world. John works with publishers to get Josh McDowell's books published and into the hands of pastors, leaders and missionaries in some of the remotest places in the world.

Why work so to get something other than the Bible published in places like Spain, Romania, and countries in Africa, Asia, Middle East, and Europe? It's complicated, but it has to do with import laws and censorship. Josh McDowell is an apologist – a defender of the faith. His books "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" and "More than a Carpenter" have helped more Christians gain confidence in their faith (myself included) as well a better defense for why they believe what they believe. Thousands of high school and college students have used "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" as a resource for papers and speeches that have impacted thousands more (teachers and students) and brought them to Christ. In other countries, many national

pastors, church leaders or missionaries (to say nothing about the average Christian) cannot get these books unless they are published in the local country. Josh's books present the facts of the faith. His books are translated into local languages. One of his books was one of the first Christian faith books to receive permission to be published in a formerly closed country.

## Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read straight through, and you'll get the point.



1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

Share this with those who have made a difference in your life.

*"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."* (Charles Schultz)

◆ Received from Larry and Pam Schmidt

## THE REFINING & PURIFYING OF SILVER

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God

holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." Malachi 3:3

She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at Her, and answered OH, that's easy--when I see my image in it"

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye

on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you. And,



whatever they're going through, they'll be a better person in the end.

◆ Received from Eva Dean Stone

## SORROW

*Not until each loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Will God unroll the pattern  
And explain the reason why  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skilful hand  
As the threads of God and silver  
For the pattern which He planned.*

◆ Anonymous

God sometimes washes the eyes of His children with tears, in order that they may read aright His providence and His commandments.

◆ Theodore Ledyard Cuyler

# ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

## SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM  
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM

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EVENING SING & PRAISE SERVICE  
6:00 PM

## WEDNESDAYS

MEN'S BREAKFAST  
@  
THE BURGER BAR 6:00 AM

## THURSDAYS

KID'S CLUB  
3:30 PM

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

MARK ELEFRITZ  
GUEST SPEAKER  
11:00 AM

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

BIBLE STUDY  
6:00 PM

## WCG LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
12:00 NOON

## PNA LADIES RETREAT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17  
DOUBLE K CHRISTIAN  
RETREAT CENTER

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
10:00 AM

## THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5  
CARSILE PARK  
12:00 NOON — 4:00 PM

POTLUCK PICNIC WITH HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS PROVIDED



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&  
WATER  
BALLOONS



RAISING MONEY FOR OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## CHURCH PICNIC

*Will be held at the Lewis & Clark  
County Park  
Sunday, September 18  
Following our morning service  
Parking permits are available  
at the Church office.*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

SENIORS ON THE GO  
POTLUCK  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
12:00 NOON

## FALL BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday, September, 14 we will begin our Fall Bible Study. We will meet at 6:00 PM for a light refreshment and discuss different ideas on what we would like to study and if we wanted to include a meal. If you are interested in attending a mid-week Bible Study, please come and share with us what kind of Bible Study you would like.



# ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING



Following Morning Service on Sunday, October 9 we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Church Business Meeting. During this meeting we will vote for three Church Council positions, and other officers of our Church. We will also vote on the proposed budget for 2006.

There will be three purposed changes in our By-Laws. **1. The Council would need only three members present to be a quorum. 2. The secretary of the Church Council would be chosen by the Church Council but would not necessarily have to be a member of the Church Council. 2. The Chairperson of the Church Council would have the right to vote on all matters that are brought before the Church Council.** Please plan on attending the important meeting, we want and need your input.

## JUST CHECKING IN

Author Unknown

A minister, passing through his church

In the middle of the day,  
Decided to pause by the altar

And see who came to pray.

*Just then the back door opened,*

*A man came down the aisle,*

*The minister frowned as he saw*

*The man hadn't shaved in a while.*

His shirt was kinda shabby

And his coat was worn and frayed,  
The man knelt, he bowed his head,  
Then rose and walked away.

*In the days that followed,  
Each noontime came this chap,  
Each time he knelt just for a moment  
A lunch pail in his lap.*

Well, the minister's suspicions grew,  
With robbery a main fear,  
He decided to stop the man and ask,  
"What are you doing here?"

*The old man said, he worked down the road.*

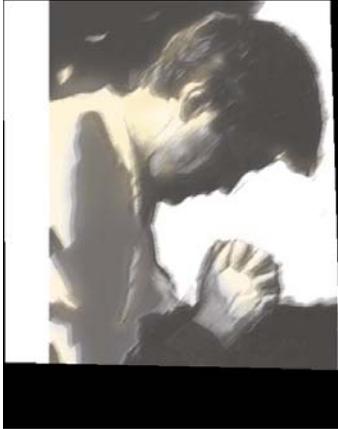
*Lunch was half an hour.  
Lunchtime was his prayer time,  
For finding strength and power.*

"I stay only moments, see,  
Because the factory is so far away;  
As I kneel here talking to the Lord,  
This is kinda what I say:

**"I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL  
YOU,  
LORD, HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN  
SINCE WE FOUND EACH  
OTHER'S FRIENDSHIP  
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.  
DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW  
TO PRAY,**

**BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU  
EVERYDAY.  
SO, JESUS, THIS IS JIM  
CHECKING IN TODAY."**

*The minister, feeling foolish,  
Told Jim that was fine.  
He told the man he was welcome  
To come and pray just anytime.*



Time to go, Jim  
smiled, said "Thanks."  
He hurried to the door.  
The minister knelt at  
the altar,  
He'd never done that  
before.

*His cold heart melted,  
warmed with love, and  
met with Jesus there.  
As the tears flowed, in  
his heart,  
He repeated old Jim's  
prayer:*

**"I JUST CAME AGAIN TO  
TELL YOU, LORD,  
HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN  
SINCE WE FOUND EACH  
OTHER'S FRIENDSHIP  
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY  
SIN.**

**I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF  
HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK  
ABOUT YOU  
EVERYDAY.  
SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME  
CHECKING IN TODAY."**

Past noon one day, the minister noticed

That old Jim hadn't come.  
As more days passed without Jim,  
He began to worry some.

*At the factory, he asked about him,  
Learning he was ill.  
The hospital staff was worried,  
But he'd given them a thrill.*

The week that Jim was with them,  
Brought changes in the ward.  
His smiles, a joy contagious,  
Changed people, were his reward.

*The head nurse couldn't understand  
Why Jim was so glad,*

*When no visitors, calls or cards  
came,  
Not a visitor he had.*

The minister stayed by his bed,  
He voiced the nurse's concern;  
No friends came to show they cared.  
He had nowhere to turn.

*Looking surprised, old Jim spoke  
And with a winsome smile;  
"The nurse is wrong, she couldn't  
know, that in here all the while  
Everyday at noon He's here, a dear  
friend of mine, you see, He sits  
Right down, takes my hand, leans  
over and says to me:*

**"I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL  
YOU, JIM,  
HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN  
SINCE WE FOUND THIS  
FRIENDSHIP  
AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN.  
ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU  
PRAY,  
I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY  
DAY,  
AND SO, JIM, THIS IS JESUS  
CHECKING IN TODAY."**

◆ Received from Bob & Reva Sparks

*"The spectacle of a nation praying  
is more awe-inspiring than the explosion  
of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer  
is greater than any possible combination  
of man-controlled powers, because prayer  
is man's greatest means of trapping the  
infinite resources of God."*

◆ J. Edgar Hoover

*In the morning, prayer is the key  
that opens to us the treasures of God's  
mercies and blessing; in the evening, it  
is the key that shuts us up under His  
protection and safeguard.*

◆ Anonymous

*O, do not pray for easy lives. Pray  
to be stronger men. Do not pray for  
tasks equal to your powers. Pray for  
powers equal to your tasks.*

◆ Phillips Brooks: Going up to Jerusalem

## JUST FOR FUN PAGE

### 11 PEOPLE ON A ROPE

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter; ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to name that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids, or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. When she finished her speech, all the men started clapping their hands...

◆ Received from Joe & Freda Downs

My sister, Katie, from Scottsdale, Arizona, called and gave to me the answer to last month's quiz, but I was able to stump everyone else. The story was taken from the thirtieth chapter of the First Book of Samuel. It concerned David and his men when they pursued the Amalekites who had attacked Ziklag and taken their families captive.

Let see how well you do this month.

*Our names are there  
And not too hard to find,  
But no breath did we take  
At any time.*

*We are strong  
And we are tall  
Next to us  
Goliath seems so small.*

*We're not hidden  
Behind a tree  
But we are where  
All may see.*

*Now tell us our names  
If you can,  
And a candy bar  
Will be in your hand.*

### WORM EXPERIENCE

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - Dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead.

Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead.

Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation - What can you learn from this demonstration?

A little old woman in the back quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

◆ Received from Larry and Pam Schmidt

### THINGS I'VE LEARNED FROM MY BOYS (HONEST AND NOT KIDDING)

The following came from an anonymous Mother in Austin, Texas...

- a) For those with no children - this is totally hysterical!
- b) For those who already have children past this age, this is hilarious.
- c) For those who have children this age, this is not funny.
- d) For those who have children nearing this age, this is a warning.

- e) For those who have not yet had children, there is birth control.

A King size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.

A 3-year old Boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.

If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound Boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.

You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh", it's already too late.

Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.

Certain Lego's will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old Boy.

Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.

Super glue is forever.

Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.

Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.

You probably DO NOT want to know what that odor is.

Always look in the oven before you turn it on; plastic toys do not like ovens.

The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.

It will, however, make cats dizzy.

Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.

80% of Men who read this will try mixing the Clorox and brake fluid.

Women will pass this on to almost all of their friends, with or without kids.

◆ Received from Ruth Bushnell