



CHURCH OF GOD BANNER



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SHOES IN CHURCH:

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*I showered and shaved...
I adjusted my tie.
I got there and sat...
In a pew just in time.*

*Bowing my head in prayer...
As I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to
me...
Touching my own. I sighed.*

*With plenty of room on either side...
I thought, "Why must our soles
touch?"
It bothered me, his shoe touching
mine...
But it didn't bother him much.*

*A prayer began: "Our Father"...I
thought,
"This man with the shoes...has no
pride.
They're dusty, worn, and scratched.
Even worse, there are holes on the
side!"*

*"Thank You for blessings," the
prayer went on.
The shoe man said...a quiet Amen."
I tried to focus on the prayer...
But my thoughts were on his shoes
again*

*Aren't we supposed to look our best
When walking through that door?
"Well, this certainly isn't it," I
thought,
Glancing toward the floor.*

*Then the prayer was ended...
And the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud...
Sounding proud as he sang.*

*His voice lifted the rafters...
His hands were raised high.
The Lord could surely hear...
The shoe man's voice from the sky.*

*It was time for the offering...
And what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man
reached...
Into his pockets so deep.*

*I saw what was pulled out...
What the shoe man put in.
Then I heard a soft "clink"...
As when silver hits tin.*



*The sermon really bored me...
To tears, and that's no lie.
It was the same for the shoe man...
For tears fell from his eyes.*

*At the end of the service...
As is the custom here,
we must greet new visitors...
And show them all good cheer.*

*But I felt moved somehow...
And wanted to meet the shoe man.
So after the closing prayer...
I reached over and shook his hand.*

*He was old and his skin was dark...
And his hair was truly a mess.
But I thanked him for coming...
For being our guest.*

*He said, "My name is Charlie.
I'm glad to meet you, my friend."
There were tears in his eyes...
But he had a large, wide grin.*

*"Let me explain," he said...
Wiping tears from his eyes.
"I've been coming here for
months...
And you're the first to say 'Hi.'"*

*"I know that my appearance
Is not like all the rest.
But I really do try...
to always look my best."*

*"I always clean and polish my
shoes...
Before my very long walk.
But by the time I get here,
They're dirty and dusty, like chalk."*

*My heart filled with pain...
And I swallowed to hide my tears.
As he continued to apologize...
For daring to sit so near.*

*He said, "When I get here...
I know I must look a sight.
But I thought if I could touch you...
Then maybe our souls might unite."*

*I was silent for a moment...
Knowing whatever was said,
would pale in comparison...
I spoke from my heart, not my head.*

*"Oh, you've touched me," I said...
"And taught me, in part;
That the best of any man...
Is what is found in his heart."*

*The rest, I thought,
This shoe man will never know;
Like just how thankful I really am...
That his dirty old shoe touched my
soul.*

● Received from Eve Dean Stone

TEN GUIDELINES FROM GOD

Author Unknown

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. Please, follow these 10 guidelines.

1. QUIT WORRYING: Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

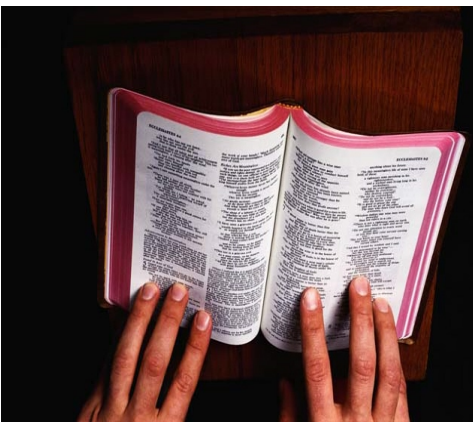
2. PUT IT ON THE LIST: Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME: Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it on My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE: Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do

you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME: I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.



6. HAVE FAITH: I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. SHARE: You were taught to

share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT: I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. BE KIND: Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF: As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only -- to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. Don't ever forget, you are very precious to me.

ONALASKA'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

SUP & STUDY

We will gather at **6:30 PM** for a light supper and then at **7:00 PM** we will have a Bible Study.

This year we will be doing studies on different characters in the Bible. We are studying the life of Moses.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
10:00 AM

WCG LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
12:00 NOON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

FOOD BASKET SUNDAY
11:00 AM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
7:00 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

"REDEEMED"
a Gospel Quartet
6:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

POT LUCK
FOLLOWING THE MORNING
SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

OLD FASHION HYMN SING
6:00 PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TEA & PRAISE

MONDAY
OCTOBER 9

@
SALKUM CHURCH OF THE
BRETHERN
10:00 AM

SENIORS ON THE GO

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 18
12:00 NOON

AMERICAN LEGION

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 19
7:00 PM

PNA EVENT

PNA'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

@
DOUBLE K CHRISTIAN
RETREAT CENTER
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7
9:30 AM

MISSION FEST IN SEATTLE

OCTOBER 6-7
See bulletin board for details

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING



Annual Meeting

On Sunday, October 8, following the Morning service we will be holding our Annual Church Business Meeting. At this meeting we will review what has transpired during the year 2006, and look forward with anticipation to what God will do for and through us in 2007.

There will be several important items that we will address:

1. We will be voting on positions of church leadership.
2. We will be voting on the proposed budget for 2007
3. We will be addressing the option of building a new fellowship hall.
4. We will be taking a very important survey that will help us to see where our weakness and strength are.

If you consider the Onalaska First Church of God as your home church you should attend this meeting. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, are eighteen years of age or older and have attended the Onalaska First Church of God for the past six months, you are eligible to vote in this meeting.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS JESUS DOING?

In His Sign and Deaf Missions are working together to establish a place for training, equipping, sending and supporting deaf and hearing American who desire to take their evangelism and discipleship internationally. Please keep this venture in prayer, there are thousands of hearing impaired around the world who need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

On a personal note praise God for the success of Vicki's knee surgery and pray for a quick recovery.

Continue to pray for Debbie: the recent spot on her breast bone has not changed but she will be continuing the chemotherapy for several more months.

"I TOOK YOUR PLACE."

Author Unknown

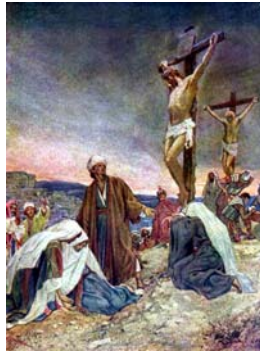
One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up and the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and

said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"



place."

◆ Received from Ruth Bushnell

SHINING THROUGH

A little girl, on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and he lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

I like that little girl's way of putting it. If God lives in us, then

there's no way of keeping Him from "showing through". That's the essence of Christian living; living in such a way that people around will see God in our lives. A simple question as you start this day: Is God "showing through" in your life?

◆ Received from Eva Dean Stone

THE BUZZARD, THE BAT AND THE BUMBLEBEE

BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up.

THE YEAR'S BEST HEADLINES OF 2005:

The following are actual headlines in Newspapers and they expect you to pay to read the paper.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges !

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Local High School Dropouts Cut In Half

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

And the winner is...

TYPHOON RIPS THROUGH CEMETERY; HUNDREDS DEAD

The only thing that wakes you up faster than drinking a hot cup of coffee is spilling a hot cup of coffee.

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken.

The answer to last month's quiz was, David, Saul and Doeg. The story is found in the 21 & 22 chapter of 1 Samuel. My sister, Katie, was the only one to come up with the correct answer.



Here is the quiz for October.

*When I was born the nation cried,
When I was born my mother died.
There was a war we had to fight
But everyone was put to flight.*

*A secret weapon we did bring
And thought the war we would win.
But we lost and so we ran
And left the weapon in other's hands.*

*They jumped for glee and shouted for joy,
When they found the weapon that would destroy
They thought for sure they won the prize
But instead brought pain into many lives.*

*They planned and schemed to get rid of it
Because so many had gotten sick.
They sent it back into our land
For they had developed a master plan.*

*And when it came back to us,
The people made quite a fuss.
We laugh and shouted, full of glee
Yes we were happy it was plain to see.*

*But then we made a fatal mistake
When a peek we tried to take
Fifty thousand, three score and ten
Died that day, all mighty men.*

*Name the secret weapon is the test
And who we are is the rest.
If you're number one my friend
A candy bar is what you'll win.*

CLASSMATES

Author Unknown

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his D D's diploma, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could he be the same



guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then??

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding gray-haired man with

the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. Hmmm. Or could he???

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan park high school.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a mustang," he gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1966. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed!

He looked at me closely.

Then, that ugly, old, wrinkled, balding man asked, "What did you teach?"

◆ *Received from Joe & Freda Downs*

COMMENTS MADE IN 1955

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."