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## WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN

I dreamed that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section.. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world..

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them. "I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed "How is it that there is no work going on

here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.



"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy."

"And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of

the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world!"

"If your parents are still alive and still married ...you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair."

OK, what now? How can I start?

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you want, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

ATTN: Acknowledge Dept; "Thank you Lord, for giving me the ability to share this message and for giving me so many wonderful people to share it with"

◆ Received from Jeanne Hossler

**HAVE YOU TASTED JESUS?**

*Pastor Gene A. Dasher, Sr.  
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At the University of Chicago Divinity School each year they have what is call 'Baptist Day.' On this day each one is to bring a lunch to be eaten outdoors in a grassy picnic area. Every 'Baptist Day' the school would invite one of the greatest minds to lecture in the theological education center.

One year they invited Dr. Paul Tillich. Dr. Tillich spoke for two and one-half hours proving that the resurrection of Jesus was false. He quoted scholar after scholar and book after book. He concluded that since there was no such thing as the historical resurrection the religious tradition of the church was groundless, emotional mumbo-jumbo, because it was based on a relationship with a risen Jesus, who, in fact never rose from the dead in any literal sense. He then asked if there were any questions.

After about 30 seconds, an old, dark skinned preacher with a head of short-cropped, woolly white hair stood up in the back of the auditorium. 'Docta Tillich, I got one question,' he said as all eyes turned toward him. He reached into his sack lunch and pulled out an apple and began eating it.

'Docta Tillich... CRUNCH, MUNCH 'My question is a simple question... CRUNCH, MUNCH... 'Now, I ain't never read them books you read...CRUNCH, MUNCH..' and I can't recite the Scriptures in

the original Greek...CRUNCH, MUNCH ....' I don't know nothin' about Niebuhr and Heidegger...CRUNCH, MUNCH... He finished the apple. 'All I wanna know is: This apple I just ate . . . was it bitter or sweet?

Dr Tillich paused for a moment and answered in exemplary scholarly fashion: 'I cannot possibly answer that question, for I haven't tasted your apple.' The white-haired preacher dropped the core of his apple into his crumpled paper bag, looked up at Dr. Tillich and said calmly, 'Neither have you tasted my Jesus.'

The 1,000 plus in attendance could not contain themselves. The auditorium erupted with applause and cheers. Dr. Tillich thanked his audience and promptly left the platform.

Have you tasted Jesus? Please pass this on Saints! Jesus has risen... and He's coming back one day... Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Psalm 34:8 If you have, rejoice in the hope of the resurrection that your faith in Him brings.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion Psalm 145:8a The Lord upholds all who fall and raises up all those who are bowed down. Psalm 145:14

◆ Received from Katie Jackson

**ONE'S WORTH**

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I

am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill in his hand. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well, what if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still, the hands went up.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But, no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless.

The worth of our life comes not in what we do or who we are, but in WHOSE we are.

◆ Received from Joe Downs



**WORDS OF WISDOM**

"Joy runs deeper than despair"  
 "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God"  
 "The first step on the way to victory is to recognize the enemy"  
 "Let the promises of Christ shine on your problems"  
 "The measure of a life is in its donation not its duration"  
 "Worry is a cycle of inefficient thoughts whirling around a center of fear."

◆ Received from Mary Warner

# ONALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM  
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM  
 EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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**WEDNESDAYS**

BIBLE STUDY  
 7:00 PM

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
 9:00 AM

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 HAMBURGER & HOTDOG FEED  
 12:00 NOON  
 FUND RAISER FOR NEW  
 FELLOWSHIP HALL

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

KIDS CLUB RESUMES  
 3:30 — 4:30 PM

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

LADIES LUNCHEON  
 12:00 NOON

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
 FOLLOWING THE MORNING  
 SERVICE & POTLUCK

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

LOU ANN HOULE CONCERT  
 6:00 PM

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT  
 6:30 PM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

HARVEST FESTIVAL  
 5:00 PM

**COMMUNITY  
 EVENTS**

**MONDAY, OCT. 13**

TEA & PRAISE  
 10:00 AM  
 SALKUM COMMUNITY  
 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15**

SENIORS ON THE GO  
 12:00 NOON

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**THURSDAY, OCT. 16**

AMERICAN LEGION  
 6:00 PM

**PNA  
 EVENTS**

**"SHAPED BY GOD'S HEART"**

Conference  
 With Milfred Minatrea  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

**PNA ANNUAL  
 MEETING**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4  
 9:00 AM

**PRAYER SUMMIT**

OCTOBER 21 - 23

ALL PNA EVENTS WILL BE AT  
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 RETREAT CENTER

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

On Sunday afternoon, October 12, following the morning service and potluck we will be holding our Annual Business Meeting. This is a very important meeting as we will be electing the leaders for the next year. We will also be voting on the budget for 2008 - 2009, voting on the new By-laws and discussing the building of our new fellowship hall. It is of paramount importance that everyone who considers the Onalaska First Church of God as their home church to 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 6 months, you are eligible to vote in this meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting you may request an absentee ballot two days before the meeting. Please be in prayer for this meeting.



## 1 MINUTE EACH NIGHT

This is the scariest election we as Christians have ever faced and from the looks of the polls, the Christians aren't voting Christian values. We all need to be on our knees.

Do you believe we can take God at His word? Call upon His name, then stand back and watch His wonders to behold. This Scripture gives us, as Christians, ownership of this land and the ability to call upon God to heal it. I challenge you to do so. We have never been more desperate than now for God to heal our land.

**2 Chronicles 7:14** *If my people, which are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

During WWII, there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America.

The United States of America and our citizens need prayer more than ever !!!

If you would like to participate: each evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time (8:00 PM Central, 7:00 PM Mountain, 6:00 PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the

safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, for peace in the world, the upcoming election, that the Bible will remain the basis for the laws governing our land and that Christianity will grow in the US.



If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass this along.

Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless.

Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.

◆ *Receiver from Bob & Reva Sparks*

## THE PIT

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.



A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

A mathematician calculated how he fell into the pit.

A news reporter wanted an exclusive story on the pit.

An IRS Agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit!"

A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."

A Christian Scientist observed, "The pit is just in your mind."

A psychiatrist noted, "Your

mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."

A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."

An optimist said, "Things could get worse."

A pessimist claimed, "Things WILL get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

◆ *Received from James Sparks*

## THE SAFEST PLACE

Here is the secret of how to stay safe in the world today.

Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.

*Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.*

Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

*Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.*

Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

BUT,

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.

*Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!*

And Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

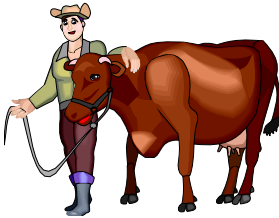
**So, for SAFETY'S sake - Attend church, and read your Bible IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

## COWBOY'S FAVORITE BIBLE

The devout cowboy lost his favorite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range.

Three weeks later, a cow walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the cow's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the cow. "Your name is written inside the cover."



question?"

The preacher said "Sure."

The man said "Where was Jesus born?"

The preacher said "Palestine."

The man mumbled to himself, "I knew it was in East Texas somewhere."

◆ Received from Joe Downs



Texas



## Q U I Z

## WHERE WAS JESUS BORN?

An old Texan went to the local church and asked to join. The preacher said, "OK, but you have to pass a small Bible test first."

"The first Question is 'Where was Jesus born?'"

The man answered, "Longview."

The preacher said "Sorry, you can't join our church."

So, he went to another church and asked to join. The preacher said, "We would love to have you, but you have to pass a Bible test first. Where was Jesus born?"

The man said "Tyler."

The preacher said "Sorry, you can't join our church."

So, he goes to another church and asks, to join.

The preacher said "That's great. We welcome you with open arms!"

The man said "I don't have to pass no Bible test first?"

The preacher said "No."

The man said "Can I ask you a

Last month two people came up with the correct answer. Mildred Dunham was first and Mary Yoder-Fast was second. The answer was Jacob and Laban. The story is found in the book of Genesis chapters 29 - 31. Several thought that it was Samson and Delilah. The key to it being Jacob and Laban instead of Samson and Delilah was ***I asked him to stay with me, I was sure that I would win. But when he left me He took away my kin.***

I hope you have better luck this time.

*I took some money that wasn't mine,*

*I gave it back after a time.*

*And then some was given back to me*

*In the form of a god I could see.*

*And then one day there came a holy man.*

*He came from the town of Bethlehem.*

*He was looking for a place to stay  
So I hired him that very day.*

*I hired him my priest to be  
I wanted to keep him for eternity.  
But some men who were very strong  
Took him away from me and that is wrong.*

*I tried to stop them don't you know  
But they said they would kill me if I didn't let him go.  
So tell me my name if you think you can.  
And a candy bar will be place within your hand.*

## STEWARDESS ANNOUNCEMENT



A few years ago, I landed at the Honolulu airport and the stewardess made the following announcement: 'Ladies and gentlemen, we have landed at Honolulu and in a few minutes we will be at the gate. In order to prevent any injuries, please remain seated and keep your seat belt on until we stop at the gate. Captain Phillips is an excellent pilot, but he's a lousy driver.'

## FREEDOM

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Ronald Reagan