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SOME TIMES A NAP IS THE BEST MEDICINE



wrong move and found he was hanging by his nails. Somehow he was able to pull himself up onto the ledge where he saw he was in a very bad, impossible situation and what did he do? He took a nap and sure enough the Lord took care of the situation while he was asleep.

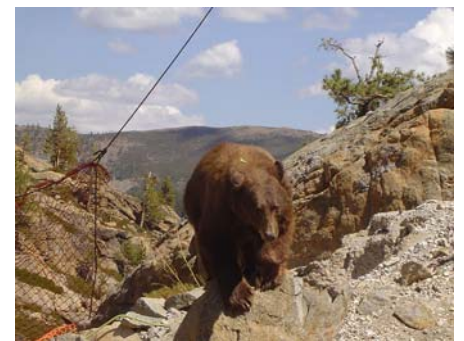
jumping over the edge of the bridge. Somehow the bear caught the ledge and was able to pull itself to safety. Authorities decided that nothing could be done to help it Saturday night. They returned Sunday morning to find the bear sound asleep on the ledge.



After securing a net under the bridge the bear was tranquilized, fell into the net, lowered, then woke up and walked out of the net.

There is a moral to this story; this old bear made a

The moral of the story is that when confronted with a



bad situation, sometimes the best solution is to take a nap and let the Lord take care of the rest.

I think I'm going to take a nap right now. The Lord is on the job.

◆ *Received from Joe Downs*



This bridge is on the Old Donner Pass Highway . It has a spectacular view of Donner Lake and Donner Pass on Route 80. A bear was walking across Rainbow Bridge (Old Hwy 40 at Donner Summit, Truckee) on Saturday when two cars, also crossing the bridge, scared the bear into

THE KNOTS PRAYER*Author Unknown*

*Dear God,
please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.
Remove the **have nots**,
the **can nots** and the **do nots**
that I have in my mind.*

*Erase the **will nots**,
may nots, and
might nots that find
a home in my heart.*

*Release me from the **could nots**,
would nots
And **should nots** that obstruct
my life.*

*And most of all, dear God,
I ask that you remove from my
mind
my heart and my life all of the
am nots
that I have allowed to hold me
back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.
Amen.*

FELLOWSHIP HALL **UPDATE**

Praise the Lord, the leveling of the Fellowship Hall is completed. Roger Iverson has done a wonderful job.

Lloyd Nederlander is now working on the sheet rocking,

installing the cabinets, repairing the plumbing and laying the floor. We will be laying a tile floor. The cost of each tile is \$2.00. We could have bought cheaper tiles but they would not have held up as well as the ones we choose. If you would like to purchase one or more tiles in memory of someone just let us know. We will be making a map of the tile so each one can see the tiles they bought. If you are willing to help Lloyd, please contact him or Katie Nederlander.

The final electrical work will be done when the sheet rocking is completed.

This has been a long process and little more expensive than we had first anticipated but God is ever faithful and we know that He will provide what we need.

We are looking forward with great anticipation for the final completion and will have a dinner in celebration.

PROCRASTINATION

It is said that Satan once called to him the emissaries of hell and said he wanted to send one of them to earth to aid women and men in the ruination of their souls. He asked which one would want to go. One creature came forward and said, "I will go."

Satan said, "If I send you, what will you tell the children of men?"

He said, "I will tell the children of men that there is no heaven."

Satan said, "They will not believe you, for there is a bit of heaven in every human heart. In

the end everyone knows that the right and good must have the victory. You may not go."

Then another came forward, darker and fouler than the first.

Satan said, "If I send you, what will you tell the children of men?" He said, "I will tell them there is no hell."

Satan looked at him and said, "Oh, no; they will not believe you, for in every human heart there's a thing called conscience, an inner voice which testifies to the truth that not only will good be triumphant, but that evil will be defeated. You may not go."

Then one last creature came forward, this one from the darkest place of all. Satan said to him, "And if I send you, what will you say to women and men to aid them in the destruction of their souls?"

He said, "I will tell them there is no hurry."

Satan said, "Go!"

◆ *Bruce Thielemann, "Tide Riding,"
Preaching Today No. 30; submitted by
Kevin A. Miller, Wheaton, Illinois*

APATHY

The following is a dialogue from the once-popular sitcom, *Seinfeld*, between Elaine and her boyfriend.

Elaine asks, "Do you believe in God?"

"Yes," her boyfriend replies.

Elaine asks, "Is it a problem that I'm not religious?"

"Not for me," her boyfriend answers.

"How's that?" she asks.

Her boyfriend says, "I'm not the one going to hell."

◆ *Citation: John Fehlen, Stanwood, Washington*

ONALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
 EVENING SERVICE 5:pm

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TUESDAYS

AL-ANON MEETING
 6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAYS

BIBLE STUDY
 7:00 PM

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SUNDAY, JULY 3

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
 1:00 PM

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SATURDAY, JULY 10

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 9:00 AM

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SATURDAY, JULY 17

BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
 10:00 AM

PNA
EVENTS

SENIOR ADULT CAMP

JULY 18 - 20
 DOUBLE K

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CLIMB 10

FAMILY CAMP MEETING
 JULY 20 - 25
 DOUBLE K

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JUNIOR CAMP

JULY 29 - 31
 DOUBLE K

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

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AMERICAN LEGION

THERE WILL BE NO LEGION
 MEETING IN JULY



On Saturday, July 17th we will have our budget planning meeting. This meeting is to help plan the budget for the coming year. We need your input so please come with your thoughts and ideas and join with us for this very important meeting.

MUSIC & DRAMA
CAMP

This summer we are once again hosting a Music and Drama Camp. This year's theme will be "I SURVIVED THE FLOOD". A play on the story of Noah and the Ark.



The Music and Drama Camp will be held at the Onalaska Middle School from Monday, July 26th through Friday, August 6th, from 8:30 am to 11:30 noon, with the final performance on Friday, August 6th at 6:30 pm.

Breakfast will be provided at 8:00 am in the Elementary School's lunch room and lunch at 11:30 am.

This will be a joint endeavor with other churches in our community.

If you would like to help, please contact the church office 978-4161.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

This year our Annual Church Picnic will be held at the home of the Massey's. 747 Deggle Road (past the school) 880-8287. The Massey's have a large barn that will accommodate us if it rains. It will be held on Sunday, July 4th following the Sunday Morning Worship Service. The beginning time will be around 1:00 PM. This will allow time for those who need to return home to pick up their food. The church will supply hotdogs, hamburgers, buns and the stuff that goes with it. The rest of the picnic will be potluck. Please come and expect to have a great time of fellowship.



CHURCH IN THE WEEDS

Just two little boys walking down
a dusty lane
They came upon this old white
house, with broken window
panes.

The paint was faded, the shine
was gone the grass had grown so
high,
Still they made their little feet go
see what was inside.

*They opened up the squeaky door
and then it came to light
This must have been an old
church house once upon a time.
Dirty, dusty wooden pews a pulpit
that still stood
A Bible laid upon it though the
pages weren't too good.*

An offering plate and song books
too were lying on the floor.
They must have left this old
church fast the day they closed
these doors.
And over in the corner...a piano
was still there.
It must have played a pretty tune
but I guess nobody cared.

*So little Bill looked up at Tommy
and Tommy looked at Bill
Why don't we clean this old
church up, and get these old
pews filled?'*
*They took a rag and wiped the
dust to try and make things shine.
And then they took the offering
plate and put in it their last dime.*

They took a broom and swept the
floor and picked up broken glass
They got it all so nice and neat
and then they mowed the grass.
They lifted up the old church sign
and stood it by a tree
Right down by that old dirt road
where every one could see.

They ran back home, to find

*Daddy gone, but their Momma
was inside
Just to find her hurt again where
Daddy had made her cry.
'Don't cry Momma, wipe those
tears,' Little Bill and Tommy
smiled
'Cause we have a big surprise
for you just down the road a
mile.'*



Hand in hand they tugged at
her, until they made her run
'What is it Bill, Oh Tommy, just
what have you two kids done?'
And then they came upon the
house once hidden by the
weeds

And there it stood a country
church just like it used to be.

*'But what is it, Mother? What's
with your tears? We thought
this would bring you joy.'*
*'Yes, but hush kids now and lis-
ten close my two sweet precious
boys.'*

*They both got quiet and stood
real still for the words they heard
so true*

*Was Daddy praying in the
church with his head bowed on
the pew.*

'Forgive me Lord! Forgive me
Lord! though I'm not worthy of
Your love

shine down on this sinner man,
sweet Salvation from above.'

'For I've been out in the world,
You know living my life all wrong,
Until I came upon this church; the
place where I belong.'

*'I never noticed it before all those
times I passed it up.
I guess I wasn't looking, Lord or
maybe I was drunk.'*
*'Bless oh Lord, yes, bless oh Lord
the one who made me see
This little church that used to hide
behind all those tall weeds.'*

And then he raised his head and
stood with his hands high in the
air
To find two dirty, tear-faced boys
with Momma standing there.
They ran up to him, hugged him
tight as their tears fell on the floor.
'Don't worry kids, I'm not the Dad,
the one you've known before.'

*Things are different for us now, so
keep on those pretty smiles
And let's go gather people in to
walk down these church aisles.'*
*Then Bill looked up at Tommy and
Tommy looked at Bill
'Come on brother, let's get to work
to get these old pews filled.'*

'For we need no special blessing
for cleaning up this church
'Cause, God gave us back our
Daddy and that's more than gold
is worth.'

Sunday morning, pews all filled
and smiles on every face
Especially two little country boys
the ones who found this place.

*Though it was hid back in the
weeds and so far out of sight
Nothing's ever hard to find if
you're walking toward God's light.*

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the
light as He is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another, and
the blood of Jesus Christ His Son
cleanses us from all sin.*

◆ Received from James Sparks

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Last month we had two winners for the quiz. Kevin Massey and Nathan Fuss both came up with the correct answer. The answer is found in the eighth chapter of 2 Kings.

The king was Benhadad of Syria who was killed by his servant, Hazeal as was prophesied by Elisha.

Here is this month's quiz.

I stayed in the ark how long I don't know

But it saved my life I can tell you so

I must have cried my eyes out For out of the ark I came with a shout.

I lived a long time once from the ark I came.

The life I lived brought me great fame.

I had great riches far more than you'll ever know But one eventful day I let it all go.

From riches to rags I went in one day

But I'm not sad I can truly say. I left the throne that once was mine

To live in the desert for a very long time.

Then God sent me on a difficult task

Why me I had to ask.

I lead these people who only griped and grown But I was leading them to their new home.

Now tell me MY name its quite easy you know

And if you don't know it to the Bible you must go.

But that's not the hard part of this quiz

It's the other names to me you must give.

It's the name of my brother and sister that you must know,

And if you can name my father and mother a candy bar to you will go.

So think real hard and scratch your brain,

And if you're first a candy bar you'll gain.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL?

Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, everyone else in the class laughed.



My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of **PETA**. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my fa-

vorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders". Guess where I am now...

◆ Received from Joe Downs



HOW TO INSTALL A HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

1. Go to a secondhand store and buy a pair of men's used size 14-16 work boots.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of Guns & Ammo Magazine.
3. Put a few giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazines.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads:

"Bubba, Bertha, Duke, Slim, & I went for more ammo. Be back in an hour. Don't mess with the pit bulls; they attacked the mailman this morning and messed him up bad. I don't think Killer took part, but it was hard to tell from all the blood. Anyway, I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside. Be right back."