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SHIRLEY AND MARCY

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with an neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to



Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to

school all week? Do you know her?'

Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.'

The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?'

'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.'

'Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?'

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, ' Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

◆ *Received from John & Bernice Lax*

WALKING THE DOG

A nice story but not true.

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?"

The blind lady said, "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this:



All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog for

the blind! Even worse, the pilot was wearing sunglasses!

People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

ONE MORE ROUND

Dag Hammarskjold once wrote: "When the morning's freshness has been replaced by the weariness of midday, when the leg muscles quiver under the strain, the climb seems endless, and suddenly nothing will go quite as you wish--it is then that you must not hesitate." He was unwilling to give up; he refused to quit!

The successful life prescribed by Christ requires faithfulness until death: a hand on the plow with no looking back, steadfast perseverance; racing hard for the tape, fighting the good fight of faith. The devil loves it when we simply relax our efforts. He has a good day if we become discouraged.

There are temptations to overcome, disappointments to handle, personal sins that beset us, burdens that depress us. And Satan is standing by urging that we quit trying. But wait; Christ is present. "Consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb. 12:3).



Some-
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asked
James J.
Corbett,
at that
time the
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weight

champion of the world, what was the most important thing a man must do to become a champion. He replied, "Fight

one more round." The Duke of Wellington said that the British soldiers at the Battle of Waterloo were not any braver than Napoleon's soldiers--but they were brave for five minutes longer.

That is about it for the Christian. A secret for success is: "fight just one more round. Be brave for five more minutes." It is the difference between defeat and victory.

NEW SCHOOL PRAYER

*Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the
rule*

*For this great nation under
God*

*Finds mention of Him very
odd.*

*If scripture now the class
recites,*

*It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter
now.*

*Our hair can be purple, or-
ange or green,
That's no offense; it's a free-
dom scene.*

*The law is specific, the law is
precise.*

*Prayers spoken aloud are a
serious vice.*

*For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with
no faith at all.*

*In silence alone we must
meditate,
God's name is prohibited by
the state.*



*We're allowed to cuss and
dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues
and cheeks...
They've outlawed guns, but
FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book
makes me liable.*

*We can elect a pregnant Sen-
ior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our
Senior King.
It's 'inappropriate' to teach
right from wrong,
We're taught that such
'judgments' do not belong.*

*We can get our condoms and
birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and
totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments
are not allowed
No word of God must reach
this crowd.*

*Its scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's
a mess.*

*So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul
please take!
Amen*

◆ Received from Joe Downs

**AS LONG AS THERE ARE
TESTS,
THERE WILL BE PRAYER IN
SCHOOL!**

ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

PNA EVENTS

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

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MONDAYS
 LADIES BIBLE STUDY
 2:00 PM

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TUESDAYS
 AL-ANON MEETING
 6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAYS
 SOUP & SANDWICHES
 6:00 PM

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 BIBLE STUDY
 6:30 PM

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FRIDAY, MAY 11th
 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 7:00 PM

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12th
 MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON
 12:00 PM

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SATURDAY, MAY 19th
 MEN'S BREAKFAST
 AT
 KIMBERLY ELLEN'S
 8:00 AM
 ~
 BUILDING COMMITTEE
 MEETING
 10:00 AM

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SUNDAY, MAY 20th
 FOOD BANK SUNDAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 5th
 SCRAP BOOKING
 10:00 AM

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MONDAY, MAY 14th
 TEA & PRAISE
 At
 WINLOCK
 SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
 10:00 AM

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th
 SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17th
 AMERICAN LEGION
 6:00 PM

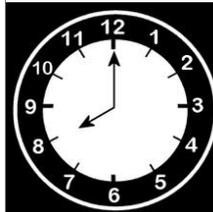
WOMEN'S RETREAT
DISCOVER, RECOVER & RESTORE
 OLY/LACEY CHURCH OF GOD
 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE

Beginning the first Sunday in June, June 3rd we will be adding a early morning service. It will begin at 8:00 am. Sunday School will remain at 9:45 am and our regular 11:00 am service will remain.

The purpose for this early service is to give people the opportunity to attend the early service thus opening more room in the 11:00 am service.

This will also allow people to come to the early service and have the rest of the day free.



NEW CHURCH UPDATE

We are still waiting for the completion of phase one. This is where they determine the condition of the soil and what will be required of us to make the ground acceptable to build on.

It will also determine where we will need to place the well and the kind of well we will need.

They will also tell us the type of septic system we need and where it is to be placed.

Following this we will know what the cost will be before we can build.

Please remember us in prayer as we seek God's direction.



THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, 'GOD BLESS YOU' and he walked off the stage.

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class



had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

This is a true story; it happened at Eastern Shore District High School in Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia.

◆ Received from John & Bernice Lax

A ROSE FOR MOTHER

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away.

As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing.

He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose."

He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers.

As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home.

She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother."

She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

WHICH LOVE BEST?

by: Joy Allison, The Book of Virtues

"I love you, Mother," said little John;
Then, forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
And left her the water and wood to bring.

"I love you, Mother," said rosy Nell -
"I love you better than tongue can tell";
Then she teased and pouted full half the day,
Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you, Mother," said little Fan;
"Today I'll help you all I can;
How glad I am that school doesn't keep!"
So she rocked the babe till it fell asleep.

Then, stepping softly, she fetched the broom,
And swept the floor and tidied the room;
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and happy as child could be.



"I love you, Mother," again they said,
Three little children going to bed;
How do you think that mother guessed
Which of them really loved her best?

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U
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Z



This last month only two were able to come up with the answer to the quiz. My wife Kathleen and my sister Katie Jackson. I guess I get to keep the candy in the family. The answer is found in the 21 chapter of I Kings. David came to the priest Ahimelech while fleeing from Saul.

Here is this month's quiz.

*My master was a mighty man,
A mighty man of prayer.
But there were times I didn't
understand
Because for riches he didn't
care.*

*His fame was known far and
wide
Even into lands so far away.
It brought a man to us for help
Upon one fateful day.*

*He sought to see my master's
face
But my master's face he did
not see
My master sent him a message
and told him what to do
It made him mad, "Does he
think that I'm a silly fool."*

*But then he had a change of
heart
And did just what he was told
His obedience brought him
good,
So he offered my master gold.*

*But my master told him no,
Gold he did not need
He sent him on his way back
home
But my heart was filled with
greed.*

*Now tell me what my name
may be
And my master's name as well
The name of the man that he
helped
And a candy bar in your hand
will dwell.*

HEAVENLY HOME

A minister died after serving his church for many years. He found himself standing at the Pearly Gates with another man.

He introduced himself and told how he had been a pastor for over 40 years.

The man said his name was Joe and he had been a New York cab driver for the past 20 years.

Just then Peter came to the gate and said to Joe. "Come on in, your mansion is ready. If you will look up on the hill you will see a very large and stately home. That is yours for all eternity."

The minister thought, if this New York cab driver gets a home like that, how much more beautiful will be the one I get to live in.

Peter turned to the minister and said, "Come on in your house is ready for you. Just look down into the valley. See that

shack that is just past the railroad tracks. That's the home you will live in for eternity."

The minister was shocked. He asked Peter, "I have served the church for 40 years. I have preached countless sermons, why does that New York cab driver get such a glorious mansion and I have to live in that shack?"

Peter replied, "While you preached those many sermons, the people slept. While Joe was driving his taxi, the people prayed."



THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE . God is watching.'



Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.



A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

◆ Received from Mary Noland