



Senior Heartbeat



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Husser to sing for January meeting

By Dale Oden

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have been blessed by God throughout 2018 and now a new year lies before us.

I pray that this year will be one where our church and our families will experience the presence of God in a special way throughout the year.

Our Heavenly Father is faithful and has promised to never leave or forsake us. Please continue to pray for Temple Baptist Church and our ministries in this community and around the world.

We were blessed with some wonderful music at our Christmas luncheon by our Deacon Quartet. Our

church certainly has lots of talented folks who are willing to share their talent. And special thanks to the folks who had the tables in Fellowship Hall decorated so beautifully. The food was plentiful and delicious.

Let me encourage you to attend our January luncheon which is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 15,

at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meat is provided, and you can bring a salad, vegetables or a dessert.

The program for this month will be provided by Temple's newest staff minister, Zach Husser.

He is our Associate Minister of Music. You may have heard Zach sing at the Sanctuary Choir's Christmas program and again at the worship service the Sunday after Christmas.

He is a talented young man and you will enjoy hearing him share with us on the 15th. Zach, and his wife, Marissa are a sweet couple and I want our senior adults to get to know and love them as you do our other staff members.

There is the possibility of a trip to South Louisiana on Jan. 28-29 (Monday-Tuesday) to attend the Louisiana Baptist Evangelism Conference at First Baptist Church, Covington, La. I am working on the

details and will have them available in Sunday School Departments.

We would leave Monday morning and drive to New Orleans and visit the World War II Museum before going to Covington for an overnight stay. On Tuesday, we would attend the Senior Adult Luncheon.

Our friend, Dr. Argile Smith, is the keynote speaker for the luncheon, and the guest musician will be David Phelps. David has been one of the featured singers with the Gaither Vocal Band.

Following the luncheon, we will drive back to Ruston on Tuesday evening. So if you are interested in a one-night trip down south, check out the information in your Sunday School Department.

I have brochures in the Church Office for a trip to Germany to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play in May of 2020. Pick one up if you would like to go with Dr. Reggie and me.

A salute to the colonel

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did.

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 favorite *live* animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office.

He laughed and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand.

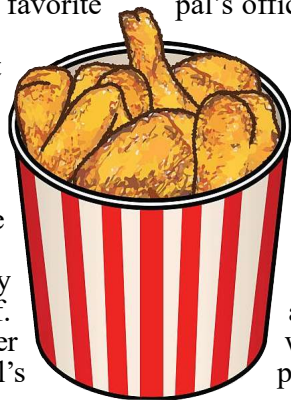
My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now!

— From Fred Benefield



Thoughts for the new year

"Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God. God loves you; He always has and always will."



"Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify."



"If you could choose one characteristic that would get you through life, choose a sense of humor."



"Celebrate your successes. Find some humor in your failures."



"A well-developed sense of

humor is the pole that adds balance to your step as you walk the tightrope of life."



"Let your face show your faith — smile!"



"Health is wealth."



"Fun forges cooperation quicker than any other human dynamic (other than catastrophe)."



"A lot of people are in debt because they spend what their friends think they make."

— From *The Joyful Noiseletter*

Rules guided court behavior

These were some rules of behavior in the court of Queen Elizabeth I of England.

- Read distinctly.
- Pray devoutly.
- Sigh deeply.

- Suffer patiently.
- Make yourselves lowly.
- Give not sentence hastily.
- Speak but seldom, and that truly.
- Present your

speech discreetly.

- Observe the 10 commandments diligently.

•Flee from the seven deadly sins mightily.

- Guide the five senses circumspectly.

•Resist temptation strongly.

- Weep bitterly.

•Have compassion tenderly.

- Do good deeds lustily.

- Love heartily.
- Love faithfully.
- Love God only.
- Love all others for him charitably.
- Love in adversity.
- Love in prosperity.

•Think always on Love, which is nothing but God himself. Thus Love bringeth the Lover to Love, which is God himself.

— From *Friendly Words and Golden Thoughts*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"...and just so you know, I had a very good day today, so I'd like more of the same tomorrow."

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What Is Good?

"What is real good?"

I asked in musing mood.

"Order," said the law court;

"Knowledge," said the school;

"Truth," said the wise man;

"Pleasure," said the fool;

"Love," said the maiden;

"Beauty," said the page;

"Freedom," said the dreamer;

"Home," said the sage;

"Fame," said the soldier;

"Equity," said the seer.

Spake my heart full sadly

"The answer is not here."

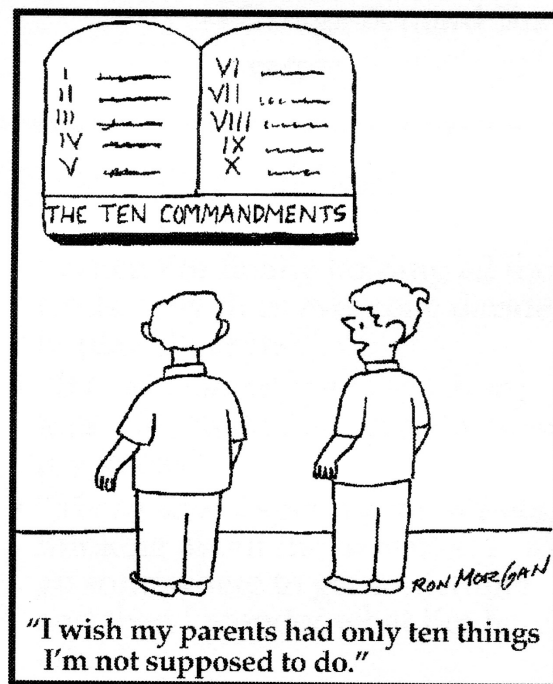
Then within my bosom

Softly this I heard:

"Each heart holds the secret,

Kindness is the word."

— John Boyle O'Reilly



"I wish my parents had only ten things I'm not supposed to do."

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He just had to learn to trust in God to provide

By Dorothy C. Haskin

Jim stood by the window, looking out so he would not be expected to play with the other boys. He felt too miserable to play. Life had been tough enough when his father died and he and his mother lived alone.

But now, she was gone. The man at the church said she had gone to be with Jesus. Then, this day, Aug. 8, 1839, the man had brought Jim to this orphanage in Bristol, England.

A boy came up to him and said, "I'm Davey. You'll like it here." Jim didn't answer. He wasn't sure he would ever like it.

"Look, that's him," Davey whispered.

"Who?" Jim asked, staring out at the man who was coming out of a house across the street. He was an ordinary-looking man, except he had such a pleasant expression.

"Why, Mr. Muller who prays for us orphans! He says he himself doesn't take care of us; he just prays for us every day, and God does the work."

"That's a lot of praying," Jim answered. He had not done much praying though he knew his mother had.

"Mr. Muller has to pray if we are to eat."

Jim's eyes grew big. He had hoped that at the orphanage he wouldn't miss any meals. He had missed a lot of them since his mother had been sick, and missing meals gave him an awful gone feeling. "Doesn't he have any other way to get food?"

"No, he doesn't have any money at all, but God

sends what we need."

That didn't sound too dependable to Jim. He glanced at the bunch of boys and figured it would take a lot of food to feed them. "Are there many of us?"

"I heard that you are boy number 92."

That was a lot, and maybe God had only enough food for 91 boys! He was 92 and if there wasn't enough food, he'd be the one who didn't get any!

Jim shook his head. It was all new to him. All he had ever heard was you worked and got money and bought food. It was bad enough losing his mother without having been brought to a place like this, where the only way to get food was to pray for it.

A loud gong struck. Davey said, "Come on, that's supper."

Good!" Jim thought.

Now he'd see if there was enough food. Shortly Jim sat down at one end of a long table and glanced down. There was a spoon, plate and mug for each boy, but no food! He swallowed a big lump.

At the end of the table stood George Muller. He "smiled kindly and said, "Boys, as you know we have a Father who is Father of the fatherless. Some of you have been with me several years. Have you ever gone to bed hungry?"

"No," answered the boys.

"And we know that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. As He provided for us in the past He will provide for us today. We do not, as yet, have our evening meal. But I have gathered that we might say Grace, thanking our Father, for we know He will provide."

The boys bowed their

heads and George Muller prayed.

There was a long, shrill ring of the doorbell. Jim looked up. Mr. Muller said, "Wait, boys, this is our answer." He disappeared into the hall.

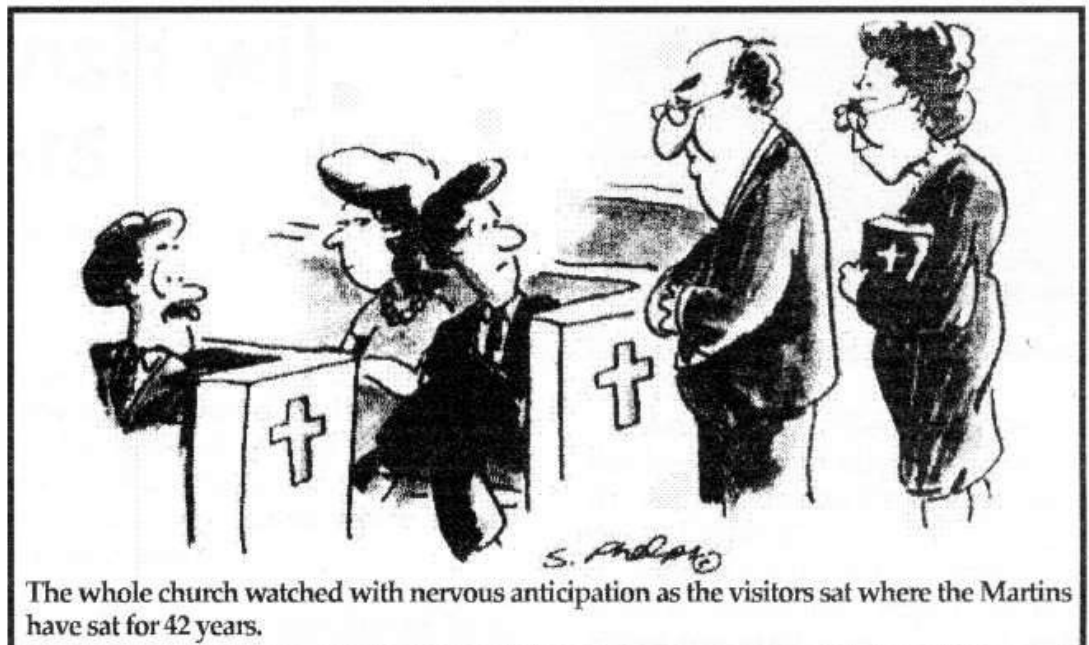
"Do you think it is?" Jim whispered.

"Sure." Davey nodded.

Jim gritted his teeth as he waited.

In a few minutes Muller came back into the room. Smiling he said, "That was a man with some money for us. It will take a little while to get the food but soon it will be on the table. Boys, always trust God. In the years I have run this orphanage no meal ever has been more than a half hour late, and it won't be tonight."

Jim sighed. He felt fine. It was wonderful to know that he, too, could have a heavenly Father to take care of him!



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

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Congratulations!!!

January Birthdays

1	Lon Bass	8	Francis Carson	15	Jo Farley	22	Alverne Morton
1	Gay Carter	9	Jack Cox	15	Donna Haight	22	Barney Sumrall
1	Betty Lucas	9	Ellen Davis	15	Kay Lueg	22	Hedy Norsworthy
1	Jean Hall	9	Myra Nelson	16	Ronnie Cole	23	Janell Colvin
1	Betty Taylor	9	Darene Larance	16	Tony Osbon	23	Bonnie Thomason
2	Jerri Underwood	9	Connie Eagles	17	Trudy Potter	23	Royce Wall
3	Jan Murphy	10	Priscilla Barfield	18	Bennie Loflin	25	Betty Wall
3	Nancy Darland	10	Glenda Robbins	19	Rachel Sibley	26	Mary Miller
4	Susie Woodard	11	Martha Vail	20	Beverly Aswell	27	Bridget Jones
5	Ted McKinney	12	Peggy Bain	20	Tommy Durrett	27	Jeannie McCartney
6	Margaret Hoogland	12	Stephanie Sisemore	20	Donna Ewing	28	Buddy Smith
6	Kay Anderson	13	Joe Lanning	20	Donna Henson	28	Royce Watson
7	Randy Alexander	13	Don Skains	20	Beverly Johnson	29	Diana Grigsby
7	Larry Neal	14	Joan Marie Edinger	21	Charles Winstead	31	Ronald McKneely

January Anniversaries

16	Betty and Rodney Fuqua (1965)	27	Margaret and Ed Aston (1957)
18	Shirley and Gerald Cobb (1957)	30	Zilla and Pat Cone (1981)
21	Bernadine and Don Skains (1959)	31	Linda and Bill Graham (1955)

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary added to the lists published each month in Senior Heartbeat, please call the Church Office (255-3745).