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St. Andre to sing for October session

By Dale Oden

There was an excellent crowd at our September luncheon. And as usual, the food was fabulous and plentiful.

Many of you came up to me after the program by Becky Brown and told me how much you

enjoyed having her with us. She was very entertaining.

She is quite a story-teller! It was inspiring to hear her share about her Grandmother's life and legacy.

Becky apologized for forgetting to bring her guitar with her. I told her that we

would have her back if she would remember to bring the guitar with her.

Becky was amazed at how many connections she had to Temple Baptist Church. Some of you had been to her Grandmother's store.

Others remembered her Dad as a

Pastor in Louisiana and as a SBC missionary to Israel.

Her Dad performed the wedding of Wayne and Betty Parks.

Of course, I had mentioned that she knew Rick and Jonann Byargeon at Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary.

She has known Reggie and Leslie Bridges for several years. She also worked with Darryl Ferrington at the seminary.

Our October luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15. We will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

I am constantly impressed with the wide variety and amount of food that is on display at our luncheons. Come join us if you can.

The program for October will be presented by a Temple Baptist Church member.

He is Dave St. Andre. Dave has

a beautiful voice and will bless us with some old favorite hymns.

He will be accompanied on the piano by Margie Hearn. He is active in the Adult choir.

Come join us for this special musical program.

Thank you for your response to my appeal for help in reestablishing our Homebound Ministry.

I will be getting everything ready and in the hands of those who are willing to make visits to our shut-ins.

This should be a very rewarding ministry. Please let me know if you might be interested.

We are planning another trip to Dallas to help with the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center in December.

Samaritan's Purse organization will not begin to take reservations until October 2. So be watching for details.

The atheist and the bear

Author unknown

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!", he said to himself.

As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look, he saw a 7-foot grizzly charging towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him.

His heart was pumping frantically, and he tried to run even faster.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him.

At that instant the atheist cried out: "Oh my God! ..."

Time stopped.
The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice came out of the sky saying:

"You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light.

"It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the bear a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice. The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful, Amen."

—From Fred Benefield





Chuckle Corner



Just as a pastor began his sermon, electricity went off in the church. He and the ushers found some candles, and he returned to the pulpit saying, "Where was I?"

A tired voice from the congregation replied, "Near the end."



During his fourth week of Army basic training, a man's grandson called home. The man was glad to hear that the grand-

son attended church regularly. The young man commented, "It's the only place where we don't get yelled at."



A 4-year-old girl enjoyed going to Sunday School for lessons about Moses, but she suddenly showed little interest in attending. When her mother asked why, the girl replied, "It's not the same since Moses died."

—From the Joyful Noiseletter

Pa put hands to his prayers

By W.A. Thompson

Helping hands make a difference

An incident is related of a group of people who gathered to pray for a family in financial straits.

While one of the deacons was offering a fervent prayer for blessing upon the family, there was a loud knock at the door. The door was opened and there stood a young boy.

"What do you want, boy?" asked one of the elders. "Pa wouldn't come so I brought his prayers in the wagon," the boy

said.

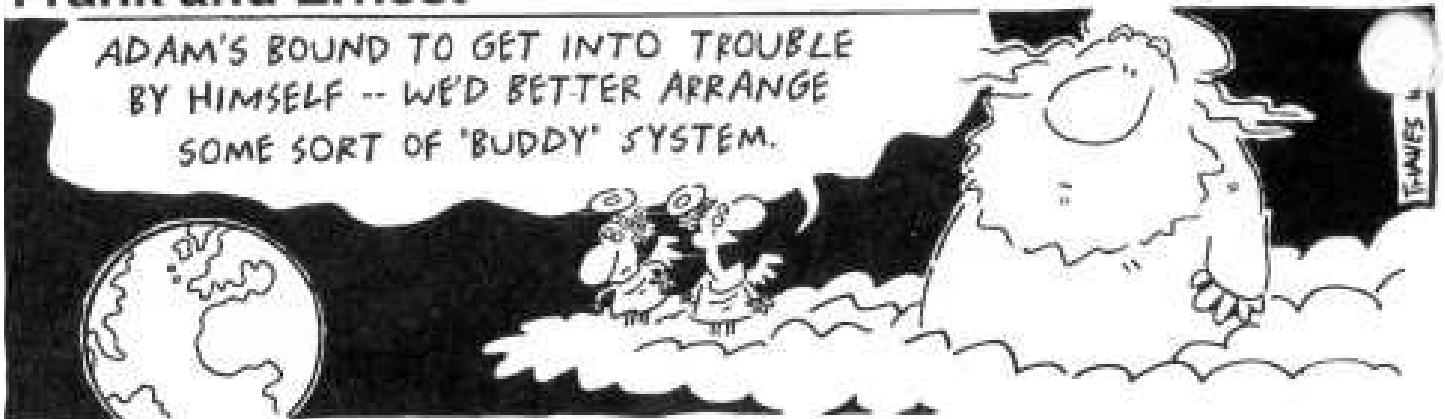
"What do you mean?" asked the astonished elder.

"Yes, I've brought his prayers, just come and help me, please, and we'll bring them in." On reaching the wagon, the fact was disclosed that Pa's prayers consisted of potatoes, flour, beef, turnips, apples and jellies. It is said that the prayer meeting adjourned quickly.

It reminds me of what my granddaddy told me in the early 1930s, "Son, the hands that help are holier than the lips that pray."

—From Jo Ellen Clark

Frank and Ernest



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So Long as There Are Homes

*So long as there are homes to which
men turn*

At close of day;

*So long as there are homes where
children are,*

Where women stay—

*If love and loyalty and faith be
found*

Across those sills—

*A stricken nation can recover from
Its gravest ills.*

*So long as there are homes where
fire burns*

And there is bread;

*So long as there are homes where
lamps are lit*

And prayers are said;

*Although people falter through the
dark—*

And nations grope—

*With God himself back of these little
homes—*

We have sure hope.

—Grace Noll Crowell

'God shall supply all your needs ...'

With God, you can overcome all obstacles

By Ann Clark

Ever feel like there is no way all the obstacles can be overcome for the dream of your future to become a reality?

Don't give up! There can still be life in the dream of your future! God can and will restore it, and if you let God do the restoring, that life will be better than you can ever imagine. God wants to prove that to you; will you let Him?

The Bible has a multitude of promises and one of them is about our "needs" — "God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory." (Phil. 4:19)

It's sometimes in the middle of the journey to fulfill your dream, when you experience fatigue, question your purpose, and wonder if you should just give up because the needs surrounding the dream seem impossible to overcome.

But God says — "Don't give up." "But continue in the things which

you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them." (2 Tim. 3:14)

At the cross of Jesus, dead things come to life. And not just a barely-getting-by kind of life, but an overflowing-with-abundance kind of life! His shed blood not only brought salvation, but the Bible says it breaks the bonds that hold us captive.

That Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now works in and for you. That power will accomplish more than you can even imagine. Your dream may seem to be dead, but now it can be alive in Christ.

As we live and move as His Holy Spirit directs He will show us what it means to truly experience a full-to-the-brim life of abundance.

In fact, Ephesians 3:20 promises us that God will do "exceedingly, abundantly" above all that we could ask or think according to that Holy Spirit power that is already working in and for us.

The men and women of Hebrews 11:33-34 "hall of fame of faith" obtained promises. Can we hope to be just as victorious? The answer is "yes"! Because none of those people fought in their own strength.

They simply took God at His Word. They could not see the outcome yet, but when the word of God came to them, they believed and that set them on a course to obtain the victory.

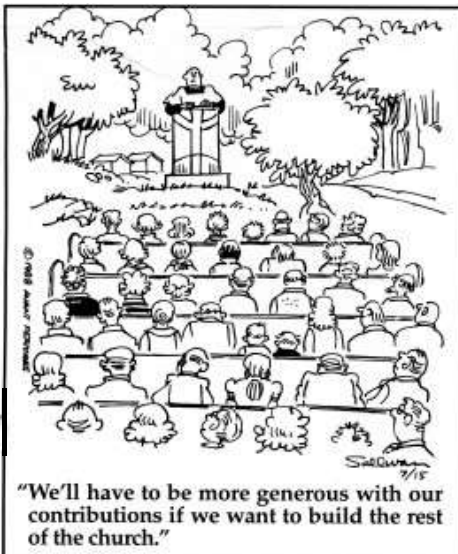
Whatever is going on in your life today, just remember the battle belongs to the Lord. Take Him at His Word — the dream is not dead.

Trust and believe and watch God tear down those walls, remove that mountain, and break loose the bonds that have held you captive.

Watch Him do it all for you. Why, because He loves you. And if you have accepted Him as your Savior then you are His child and He will take care of you.

He never thought that the concept would get off the ground

Bishop Milton Wright was a leader of the United Brethren Church. A pastor Light, also of the UBC, recalled an incident about the bishop and his family.



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In the 1890s Wright led the denomination in starting Huntington College in Huntington, Ind. He repaired bicycles to supplement his small salary.

One day, Bishop Wright was having dinner with a college president. The bishop made the observation that he believed everything that could be invented had been invented.

The college president disagreed, and predicted that many more inventions would come, including a machine that would fly through the air. "Flight is reserved for angels," Bishop Wright replied, "and you are guilty of blasphemy!"

At the time Bishop Wright had two sons living at home — Wilbur (1867-1912) and Orville (1871-1948).

Pastor Light, who did not retire from the ministry until he was well into his nineties, took part in commencement activities in 1933 when Huntington College awarded Orville

Wright an honorary degree for inventing the flying machine with his brother.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Can we 'God bless' dogs, too, or just people?"

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October Birthdays

1	Edith Hawkins	10	Phyllis Ramin	16	Pam Williams	22	Mike Jones
1	Randy Moore	10	Melba Sumlin	16	Shirley Stephens	23	Karen Bender
1	Paula Osbon	11	Glenn Scriber	17	Bruce Helm	23	Sharon Franklin
1	Kevin Witten	12	Bill Belding	18	Ann Futrell	23	Suellen Turner
2	Gary Acklin	12	Rachel Gay	18	George Thomason	24	Philip Johnson
3	Erma Hudson	12	Susan Rasbury	18	Sadel Oden	25	Marilynn Lewis
3	Tom Yung	12	Bob Woody	18	Margaret Alexander	25	Carolyn Mahaffey
4	Steve Coyle	13	Linda Echols	18	Ronnie Vail	25	Brenda McIntyre
5	Robert Davis	13	Lou Ann Smith	19	Loyd Elkins	26	Jack Potter
7	Tim Babcock	13	Julie Post	20	Inez Payne	26	Frances Rich
8	Larry Causey	14	Martha Miller	20	Larry Ginn	26	Sharon St. Andre
8	Cliffo Crump	14	Jane Sherrard	20	Curtis Tubbs	28	Alan Trammell
8	Sandra Perdue	15	Leonard McAdams	21	Ben Gullatt	30	Murray Rasbury
8	Joy Carol Rowe	15	Babs Barham	21	Doris Humble	30	Byron Williams
9	Patty Slaughter	16	Margie Hearn	21	Rosemary Reeves	31	Kay Church
9	Pam Owen	16	Rose Butler	22	Wanda Ginn	31	Mike Haight
10	Peni Armstrong	16	Delaine Moseley	22	Mary C. Ayres	31	Graham Morris

October Anniversaries

2	Connie and Gary Acklin	14	Susan and Murray Rasbury (1966)
4	Carolyn and Mickey Sumrall (1998)	26	Brenda and Gene Smith
8	Mildred and Dennis Smith		