



Senior Heartbeat



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COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

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Rolling Hills activities impress listeners

By Dale Oden

The delicious fruits and vegetables abound during these summer months. How wonderful to enjoy the bounty of the gardens!

How thankful we ought to be for the blessings of God in providing the sunshine and rain to help our gardens grow!

Our luncheon in June had a table full of all kinds of delicious food. There were peas, butterbeans, corn, squash

casserole, potatoes, tomatoes, blueberries, strawberries, watermelon, and lots of desserts.

There was a good crowd in attendance. We enjoyed having David Abernathy share with us about the Rolling Hills Ministries.

Isn't exciting to hear about all the things that are happening in this ministry that touches so many lives in so many different ways? Thanks to

David for a wonderful program.

We will not have a luncheon or program in July, but we will be meeting in August for our annual Senior Adult Summer Bible Study with Dr. Argile Smith.

I am so pleased that he can be with us again this year. His teaching is always a blessing. I hope that you will plan to be with us for the study.

The theme for this year's study is "Teach Us to Pray: A

Study of Luke 11." Dr. Smith has asked that we read through that chapter several times before Aug. 18,

Argile will preach for us on Sunday night, Aug. 18. Our weekday sessions will be held each morning, Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 19-21. Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All sessions of the study will be in the Chapel. Following the Monday and Tuesday sessions, we have scheduled a lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu on Monday: fried fish

and on Tuesday: hamburgers! Everything is furnished, so you don't have to bring anything.

Let me remind you of the trip to Oberammergau, Germany, May 26-June 6, 2020. We still have room for folks to make this exciting journey with Dr. Reggie and me.

We will be attending the presentation of the Passion Play, which is presented in this beautiful little German community every 10 years. Come by the Church Office for a brochure.

Froggy wanted a loan

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure, I have this," and he produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to con-

sult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who seems to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant, asking, "I mean, what in the world is this?"

(You're gonna love this.)

The bank manager looks back at her and says, "It's a knick-knack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(You sang it, didn't you? Yeah, I know you did.)

Never take life too seriously.

—From Fred Benefield

Advice from John Wesley

Believe evil of no one, and put the best construction on everything.

Speak evil of no one; keep your thoughts to yourself till you come to the person concerned.

If you see what you think wrong in a person, tell him plainly.

Be serious; let your motto be "Holiness to the Lord."

Be diligent; never while away time, nor spend more time than is necessary in unprofitable talk or occupation.

Beware of all affectation, and preach the gospel as the servants of all.

You have nothing to do but to spend and be spent in the work of the Lord.

—From *The Sword Scrapbook*



Chuckle Corner



Two very rich but corrupt and evil brothers attended the same church. One of the brothers died. The surviving brother sought out the pastor the day before the funeral, and gave him a check to pay for a new church building.

"I have only one condition," the brother said. "At his funeral, you must say my brother was a saint." The pastor agreed to the condition and deposited the check.

The next day at the funeral service,

the pastor went to the pulpit and declared: "_____, I regret to say, was an evil man. He cheated on his wife, abused his children, betrayed his friends, and was a selfish egotist. But compared to his brother, he was a saint!"

When a minister served as a school chaplain, an indignant parent telephoned him and complained, "I called you yesterday, but there was no answer."

When he replied that Monday was his day

off, she commented, "The devil never takes a day off."

"That's right," the minister answered, "and if I didn't take one, I'd be just like him."

The parent laughed and never complained again.

Letter to God from a 7-year-old girl:

"Dear God: We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said You did it. So I bet he stole Your idea. Sincerely, Nancy."

A little boy told his minister that he had decided he wanted to become a pastor when he grew up. When the minister asked why, the boy replied, "Because then I can stand up and walk around and talk during church."

Summertime is when some parents pack off their troubles to a summer camp and smile, smile, smile.

During a flight, a little girl looked out the window of the plane, then asked a flight attendant, "Which cloud does God live in?"

—From The Joyful Noiseletter



"Then one day I decided that if life handed me lemons, I'd sell them."

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Stanzas on Freedom

*Men! Whose boast is that ye
Come of fathers brave and free,
If there breathe on earth a slave,
Are ye truly free and brave?*

*If ye do not feel the chain
When it works a brother's pain,
Are ye not base slaves indeed,
Slaves unworthy to be freed.*

*Is true Freedom but to break
Fetters for our own dear sake,
And with leathern hearts, forget
That we owe mankind a debt?*

*No! True Freedom is to share
All the chains our brothers wear,
And, with heart and hand, to be
Earnest to make others free!*

*They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink*

*From the truth they needs must think:
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.*

—James Russell Lowell

Lessons from the ark

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark:

- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- When you're stressed, float awhile.
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

—From The Joyful Noiseletter

Comfort, guidance, direction Holy Spirit provides for us

By Ann Clark

Jesus said He came "to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18. Then Isaiah 55:10-11 tells us, "God promises to stand by every word He has ever spoken." What a promise!

How are we bruised? Maybe from past mistakes, by harsh criticism, by crippling fears, by wrong thinking, by physical, emotional, mental and spiritual handicaps.

No matter how bad our past has been, the future Jesus has in mind for us is better and it is worth pursuing and fighting for.

Then how is He going to set us free? The word says by the power of the Holy Spirit that He sends us. Jesus said, "and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter." John 14:16. This was said in perhaps one of the most important points Jesus made to his disciples in the Upper Room.

He was telling them that

this comforter would say exactly what He would say, and do exactly what He would do. Amazing!

Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit's presence would make it seem as if Jesus, Himself, was still here with us. It would be identical to having Jesus with us here in the flesh.

Therefore, it is important to get to really know Jesus, and get His story deep down in our heart. Why? Because Jesus taught that this Spirit would be just like Him. If you want to know what the spirit of God is like, look to Jesus in the four gospels.

As you learn what He did, how he acted, and how He responded to different situations, it will help you know the Holy Spirit better.

You see, Jesus said He and the Holy Spirit are identical in all of these ways. So whatever Jesus did is exactly what the Holy Spirit will lead you to do in every situation of life as you lean on His guidance

and direction from within.

As we get to know Jesus better from the New Testament, it will prepare our hearts and minds to accept and walk in the freedom given by the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We should be emptied of self and filled with scripture and then take one step at a time as we go through the day.

J. Vernon McGee wrote: "As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit within us, enabling us to walk by faith. What does it mean to walk by faith? Every morning we should say 'Lord, I belong to You today. I ask for Your will to be done every moment during the next 24 hours. May I be filled with your Spirit so Jesus can live and work through me.'"

The whole Christian life, from the moment we are born again until we come into His presence, is a walk by faith, a faith that rests upon the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Enjoy your summer!

By Paul Holte

If you can't have more fun during the summer, when can you?

Christians have an unfortunate reputation in many quarters for being serious, dour, critical, long-faced, even mean-spirited. But where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is great joy!

Re-read the first chapter of the Bible: even God knocked off work, rested on the seventh day, and just enjoyed the heavens and the earth. Let summer be an extended Sabbath time for you.

Rejoice in the Lord and the beauty of His Word and His world. Again I say, rejoice! No one on earth has as much reason to be fun-filled as those folks who know that God has defeated sin, death, and the devil!

Smile! Sharing the fun of Christian fellowship is the best way to evangelize. May all your gatherings be joyful; may you continue to green out and grow spiritually; may all your comings and goings this summer be faithful, as you share the good news of Jesus Christ!"

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Congratulations!!!

July Birthdays

1 Donna Small	7 Delinda Coleman	17 Wayne Harris	25 Katherine Lolley
2 Henry Grant	8 Skip Stinson	18 Carolyn Estes	25 Rachel Calahan
2 Eddie Blick	9 George Stone	19 Steve Blackwelder	25 Jessie Mae Frazier
2 Norma Elmore	10 Ron Adams	20 Glenn Echols	25 James Anderson
2 Sue Ledford	10 Shirley Colvin	20 Truman Potts	26 Mary Alice Harlan
3 B.K. Miller	11 Mary Belle Kilpatrick	20 Martha Barham	26 Richard Alexander
3 Freddie Jo Nichols	12 Vera Watson	21 Tom Church	27 Donny Crowe
4 Donna Hipp	13 Jerry Moore	22 Suzanne Rainer	27 Virginia Wilkinson
4 Norm Pumphrey	13 Leo Hyde	22 Linda Storms	29 Curtis Barham
6 Joanne Barlow	14 John Henson	23 Don Edington	29 Dean Dick
6 Rodney Plummer	14 Christine Martin	23 Tom McIntyre	
7 Ben Westerburg	14 Keith Rowe	24 Jean Cole	
7 Colin Ringle	16 Cecil Barham	25 Pam Jones	

July Anniversaries

3 Elsie and Ed Spiller (1948)	19 Carolyn and Hubert Estes (1956)
8 Jan and Charles Beck (1967)	26 Lynda and Eddie Blick (1981)
9 Delinda and Dennis Coleman (1972)	27 Teri and Mike Fulton (1974)
10 Kay and Dwight Anderson (1965)	27 Vernaughn and Clint Scott (1973)
14 Janece and Louie Miller (1954)	28 Frances and Barney Sumrall (1951)
14 Shirley and Bill Colvin (1962)	

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