

# *Independent Assemblies*

January 2009 Newsletter



**Restore us,  
O God Almighty;  
make your face shine  
upon us, that we  
may be saved.**

Psalm 80:7, NIV

Whereas our Lord Jesus has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," we, the members and churches of the Independent Assemblies, do associate ourselves together, and pledge ourselves to fulfill this command by giving ourselves to the service of our Lord through the operation of the Spirit, and submitting to His direction, we shall minister the "Good News" of Christ through every avenue made available unto us by God. And our lives shall be spent in this purpose and Holy calling that our Lord may be glorified on that Day that He shall gather His people unto Himself. We are not a denomination, nor do we have any desire to become one. We are simply a Fellowship of Ministers and Churches brought together by God's Love and our common beliefs.

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**Annual Credentials Fees: Exhorter- \$50.00, License- \$65.00, Ordination- \$75.00**

**Reinstatement Fee: \$10.00**

**Annual Church Fees: Fellowship Churches- \$50.00, Member Churches - \$100.00**

**Annual Ministry Fees: (Not-for-Profit)\$100.00**

## **2009 Interstate Meetings & Events**

**Feb. 9 - LIVING FAITH CHURCH – Moore, OK - 405/794-3104  
Pastor, Rev. Jimmy Milligan**

**March 9- LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH – Ada, OK - 580/427-6230  
Pastor, Rev. Mickey Keith**

**April 13 - LIFE CHANGER CHURCH – Claremore, OK - 918/341-8344  
Pastor, Dr. Ted Estes**

**May 11 - CALVARY TEMPLE - Edmond OK. 1801 S. Kelly, - 405/348-2334  
Pastor, Rev. Dale Drain**

**June 8 - FIRST GRACE CHURCH – Glenpool, OK - 918/744-4717 or  
918/809-9744 Pastor, Rev. Ronnie Spoon**

**July 13-15 - I. A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Bricktown Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK**

**August 10 - FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH – Whitefield, OK - 918/967-2554  
Pastor, Rev. Bill Fitzer**

**September 13 - World Harvest Sunday**

**September 14- CAPITOL HILL FULL GOSPEL – Moore, OK - 405/793-7727  
Pastor, Rev. Jim Robertson,**

**October 12-14 FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE – THE TABERNACLE  
Blackwell, OK- 580/363-2734 or 363-4210- Pastor, Dr. Robert O. Johnson**

**Ordination services are held at the April, and October Meetings and the Annual Conference.**

### **Southeast Okla. District**

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## **North Central Texas District**

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Feb 16 - JOHN BEARD MINISTRIES— Location to be announced  
972/291-3512, John & Elizabeth Beard.

Mar 16 - REFINERS FIRE MINISTRIES INTL., 1611 W. Ennis Ave, Ennis, TX,  
972-875-6006, Pastor Cord Blankenship

Apr 20 - VICTORY TEMPLE— 2101 Acosta Dr, Grand Prairie, TX,  
972/642-9008, Pastor Leland Hall

May 18 - MALACHI MINISTRIES— 507 North I-35E, Waxahachie, TX,  
972/923-9203 Pastors Diana & Phillip Downs

June 15 - RADIANT LIFE CHURCH— 1910 Southeast 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75051— 972/262-7887, Pastor Jim Snyder

## **Southeast Texas District**

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you on our website. [www.independentassemblies.org](http://www.independentassemblies.org)

## **Special Dates for 2008**

Jan 18-25 - Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 16 - President's Day

Feb. 22 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Feb. 25 - Ash Wednesday

## **February 2009 Interstate Meeting**

Pastor **Jimmy Milligan** and **Living Faith Church**, Moore, OK will host the next meeting February 9. We will host three incredible women of God in our day. We will have **Pat Smith**, a tremendous teacher of the Word at the 2:30pm service. The 4:00pm service will be blessed with the evangelistic ministry of **Joanna Herndon**. Joanna is the daughter of Jack Coe. The afternoon sessions will have worship led by **Claudiel Senot** from Haiti. The Psalmist anointing rests heavily upon this young man. After dinner we will begin with worship with the Living Faith Worship team followed by an inspiring message from **Caroline Jolly** of Houston, Texas. Sis. Jolly has founded and pastored a church in Jamaica as well as carrying a great anointing to deliver the word of God. There will be time

allotted for personal ministry through out the afternoon. We look forward to this time of hearing from the word and experiencing the presence of God.— Dinner will be served at approximately 5:00 — Map and contact info and More info on: [www.lfcmoore.com](http://www.lfcmoore.com) — 825 NW 24, Moore, Ok 73160, Office - 405-794-3161, Fax - 405-794-3104 See you there! Pastor Jimmy Milligan 405-863-8909 cell — See you there!

### ***North Central Texas District***

**John & Elizabeth Beard** invites everyone to the February meeting of the North Central Texas area on Monday, Feb. 16. hosted by **John Beard Ministries**, Our guest music will be provided by **Rev. David Foudray**. His anointed singing will bless you. Then **Dr. Earl Breazeale** will bring the Word of God. Dr. Breazeale and Rev. Foudray move in power in the Gifts of the Spirit, so plan to come and be blessed. — The meeting will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, I-20 & Duncanville Rd, Duncanville, TX. We will have a buffet dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will begin after the meal.— Call for more information call 972/291-3512, .

### ***Arkansas District***

The next Arkansas meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at **New Beginnings Independent Assembly**, Center Ridge, AR with pastor **Charles Kendrick** who is also the Arkansas District Regional Representative for the IA. Two services. 4:00 pm, Evening meal served at 5:00 pm and the evening service at 7 pm. Directions: Take Hwy 9 Exit at Morrilton, go North 21 miles to Center Ridge. Turn left on 124 and the church will be 4 ½ miles on the left. — Contact info: Charles Kendrick 501/303-0831

***"Letting Congress guard your money is like letting your dog guard your food" -Barry Goldwater, Jr.***

### ***Southeast Oklahoma District***

We are having an IA fellowship for the Southeast Okla. area on January 30th at **Centerpoint Christian Fellowship**, located 10 miles West of Antlers on Hwy 3 and 1 1/2 miles South of Centerpoint Grocery. – The service will begin at 4:30. **Dean Turner** will speak in the afternoon service. A dinner will be served courtesy of CCF and **Pastors Don & Phyllis Burcham**. At 7:00 the evening service will start with Pastor Mickey Keith as the speaker. We extend a warm welcome to all and look forward to seeing you there. For more info contact Billy Hunter 580/271-2299 or email [cffantlers@yahoo.com](mailto:cffantlers@yahoo.com) Motels: Oliver's Inn 580/298-3387 or Antler's Budget Inn 580/298-1110



**NOTICE: Date & Location Change**

***ATTENTION PASTORS' WIVES & THOSE IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY***

Independent Assemblies and First Ladies & Me, joining together to SHOWER YOU WITH LOVE – Friday, March 6— Living Faith Church – 825 NW 24<sup>th</sup> – Moore, Oklahoma– We will begin at 10:00 a.m. with “THE BRUNCH” with an attitude. Prepare your hearts for hilarious fun, fellowship and blessings that can’t be contained – You will be our guest; however, registration is required by Feb. 10. Register by: E-Mail: [firstladies08@aol.com](mailto:firstladies08@aol.com) –Brenda Mullins (405) 204-7788

## LOOK FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE ONLINE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

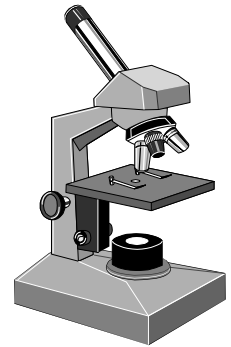
It will be a complete new design with several new features to bring us up to date on the web. Our website is available to you to access credential applications and our bylaws and other essential information about our organization.

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### The Missionary's Microscope

C. H. Spurgeon tells of a missionary in India who encountered a primitive Hindu whose religion consisted of not eating food that required the destruction of life. The missionary took his microscope and made a slide with a drop of water from the shaman's cap. The man looked and saw clearly the dozens of microscopic creatures swimming in his water.

But instead of abandoning his false religion, he grew very angry at the microscope. He took a club and beat it to smithereens, then he threatened the missionary. How often people being exposed as sinners seek to take their anger out on the messenger when their quarrel is really with God.



### Herb Hawthorne accepts appointment



Herb Hawthorne has recently been appointed the Regional Representative of the I. A. Southeast Texas District. Bro. Hawthorne was credentialed with the I.A. in 1996 and has been a bi-vocational minister for over 20 years. In 1988 after receiving a Bachelor degree from Southwestern Assemblies of God University, God called him into the evangelistic/helps ministry. Over the years Bro. Hawthorne has experienced various ministries which include: youth pastor, senior pastor, evangelist, gospel singing artist, planting small group ministries, starting credited biblical study centers, and leading short term mission teams into various parts of the world. In 2003 he received a Masters degree from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in biblical literature. A short time following his graduation, Bro. Hawthorne and family move to San Diego, CA and worked with the Dream Center ministry for a

year. This opportunity provided more training in helps ministry by reaching out to the homeless, drug addicts, gang members, and prostitutes with the love of Christ. For the past 23 years Bro. Hawthorne has also worked in the Chemical Industry in the Houston area. Most recently God has opened up a new opportunity to minister at his place of employment. He posts a daily “Quote

of the Day” on the company intranet which has encouraged some to find Christ as Savior and others to return to Him. Bro. Hawthorne believes the opportunities for ministry are countless. His desire is to come along side ministers and assist them in the building of God’s Kingdom. In 2009 he plans to launch the Ministers Fellowship Meetings in the Southeast Texas Region and wants to encourage all the ministers in the area to get involved. For more information Bro. Hawthorne can be reached at 281-723-2278 or by email at Brotherherb26@aol.com. His mailing address is 37 Wellington Park, Baytown, TX 77520.

## ***THE DIFFERENCE GOD MAKES TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION ...***

Max Jukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or Christian training. He refused to take his children to church, even when they asked to go. He has had 1,026 descendants: 300 were sent to prison for an average term of 13 years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family, thus far, has cost the state in excess of \$420,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state, at the same time as Jukes. He loved the Lord and saw that his children were in church every Sunday, as he served the Lord to the best of his ability. He has had 929 descendants, of these 430 were ministers; 86 became University professors; 13 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; 5 were elected to the United States Congress and 2 to the Senate. One was Vice Pres. of his nation. His family never cost the state one cent but has contributed immeasurably to the life of plenty in -this land today

## ***Hitting Your Ministry Sweet Spot***

By David Shibley

### ***The five elements to more effective ministry***

When I was 11 years old, our Sunday school teacher took a station wagon full of us boys on my most unforgettable childhood trip all the way from Tulsa, Okla., to Kansas City, Mo. We took this pilgrimage to watch the old Kansas City Athletics play the 1961 New York Yankees (now considered perhaps the greatest baseball team in history).

I’ll always remember that night: Roger Maris hit one of his 61 home runs that broke Babe Ruth’s long-standing record. Forty-seven years later, I still recall it was a line drive over the right-field fence. Yet what I remember most about that night wasn’t Maris’ home run. It was a certain sound I had never heard before and have not heard since.

We arrived at the stadium early to watch the Yankees’ batting practice. There were my heroes warming up: Yogi Berra, Elston Howard, Bobby Richardson. But then, up to the plate walked Mickey Mantle. And when his bat connected with the ball, it produced a sound that was almost otherworldly. Mantle had found the secret of consistently connecting the ball with the "sweet spot" of his bat. The tone was heavenly. Mantle obviously knew how to leverage his strength for maximum impact by connecting with the ball at just the right place on his bat.

In the same way, you can play to your strength when you connect with certain ministry elements at just the right spot. This union forms your unique "sweet spot" for ministry, and when you’re





connecting at that spot, nothing is more gratifying. You will know it, and those who watch will know it.

Have you ever noticed that when a batter knows he has connected at the sweet spot and hit a home run, he doesn't immediately start exerting himself and running? He knows he has connected at just the right place. And before he treks around the bases, he can pause for a moment to watch the thrilling result of having connected at the sweet spot.

Your ministry sweet spot is where you'll experience your greatest fruitfulness and your most gratifying contributions. The results will be some serious home runs for the kingdom.

## The Five Sweet-Spot Components.

How do you connect at your sweet spot in ministry? You must first discover the five components that coalesce to form your ministry sweet spot. Those components are:

**Anointing.** More easily described than defined, anointing is, essentially, the Holy Spirit activated in you in a particular ministry arena. Anointing unleashes the supernatural. When you minister under the anointing, all things are possible.

Many airports today employ what some call a "human conveyor belt." When you "get in the flow" of this belt, although you are exerting no greater physical energy, you are simply getting farther faster. You have the sense that you are being carried along by a power greater than your own.

The Spirit's anointing is much like walking on that conveyor belt. There is a holy momentum in all you do. When you minister in the realm of your anointing, there is a certain ease in what you do. Although you may grow physically tired, there is also a built-in rejuvenation even as you are ministering. Anointed ministry is edifying and fulfilling. When you're anointed, God's enabling grace is dynamically working, enabling you to fulfill your calling, your life assignment.

There is a realm of anointing unique to every believer. Some are anointed for business; others for evangelism, administration, teaching or deliverance. A few rare folks are anointed for all of the above and more. Under the Spirit's anointing, spiritual gifts function easily. That leads us to the second component of the sweet spot.

**Gifts.** Certain spiritual gifts are dominant in your life. These gifts are dispensed expressly to equip you for your life calling and for fruitful ministry. But spiritual gifts can ossify through disuse or when you rely on past patterns rather than present-tense sensitivity to God's Spirit. That is why Paul urged Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God which is in you" (2 Tim. 1:6). When spiritual gifts are activated and administered with the Spirit's anointing, you've found the sweet spot.

**Abilities.** Natural abilities aren't spiritual gifts, but they almost always complement them. An ability to speak well, for example, is often coupled with the spiritual gift of exhortation. A proclivity for study is often linked with the spiritual gift of teaching. A keen sense of justice and injustice may be tied to a prophetic gifting. Sensitivity to suffering is often heightened by the spiritual gift of mercy.

God has uniquely blessed you with natural abilities. Some pastors are great at creating and maintaining their churches' Web sites; the rest of us need outside help. Some pastors are energized by counseling; others find it draining. The key is identifying those natural gifts.

In the movie Chariots of Fire, Eric Liddell makes a profound statement about natural abilities and finding your unique calling and sweet spot. "God made me for a purpose for China," Liddell observed in reference to his destiny. "But He also made me fast, and when I run, I feel His pleasure." This is a reference to the smile of God on Liddell's employing a God-given natural ability. What ability do you have that, when you exercise it, you feel God's pleasure?

**Passion.** What do all great leaders possess in common? In a word, passion. Passion is the internal fuel that propels you toward your God-ordained destiny. Ministry does not begin with vision but with passion. Before there can ever be vision, mission statements or structure, your heart has to be in white-hot upheaval.

In tribute to Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision and Samaritan's Purse, Paul Rees observed that these ministries were not first organizations, they were "the spurting blood from Bob Pierce's broken heart." Pierce's costly prayer set the tone for his life: "Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God."

What breaks your heart? What makes you weep or want to pound the pulpit? This is a huge clue to your core passion which is, in turn, a huge clue to your distinct destiny.

**Need.** What do you personally view as an intolerable condition? William Wilberforce came to see slavery anywhere in the British Empire as simply intolerable. William Carey could not tolerate an unevangelized, illiterate India. Martin Luther could not tolerate a perversion of the gospel, and Martin Luther King Jr. could not tolerate a segregated America.

If you can rest comfortably with a blind eye to the ravaged conditions of our world, then frankly, you are way too comfortable. Far too many American Christians are couch potatoing their way through life with no sense of holy calling and mission. The apostle Paul wrote, "Necessity is laid upon me" (1 Cor. 9:16). What is your holy imperative? Where is your laser focus of need? What work does your heart say, "This I must do"?

Our planet is engulfed in human need. Yet the whole global tsunami of pain is not your assignment that would be literally overwhelming. But if you will search your soul, God will trigger your passion; a clear call to throw your life into alleviating a specific need will tug at your heart. It will demand your involvement and intervention. That is your specific assignment and an indispensable component in your ministry sweet spot.

## Connecting for the Kingdom

When the Spirit's anointing, spiritual gifts, natural abilities, dominant passion and human need connect, believe me, you will recognize your ministry sweet spot. When these five components coalesce, everyone on the field and in the stands snaps to attention. You will also find the more you connect there, the greater your impact will be.

This is easier said than done. In church ministry, as in all callings, there are some tasks you simply must do. There are meetings that demand your presence, people pleading for an hour of your time, e-mails screaming for your response. Though these and other "urgent" assignments beg for your attention, they should not have all or even most of your focus. I believe one of the master strategies of the enemy in our day is distraction. The tyranny of the urgent can often be the greatest hindrance to fulfilling your life calling and producing lasting fruit.

Today it's likely that dozens of these "urgent" things will try to pull you away from your sweet spot. And if you allow that, what should have been a killer home run will be nothing more than a disappointing pop fly. I urge you to calibrate today and every day to spend maximum time in your sweet spot of ministry. One thing is certain: The more you are in God's presence, the more you will hit at your ministry sweet spot.



It's time for you to step up to the plate. The stands are packed with heaven's "great cloud of witnesses." They're cheering for you. Likewise, those you influence are watching on the edge of their seats. They're wondering, Will his next swing be a hit for the kingdom, or will he strike out? My prayer is that you will connect at the sweet spot, do some serious damage to the opposition, and enjoy the thrill of moving His team ahead and increasing the fame of our team's Captain.

**David Shibley is founding president of Global Advance, a Dallas-based ministry that provides on-site training and resources for some 40,000 developing world church and business leaders each year. His latest book is Living as if Heaven Matters. Check out his website at [www.globaladvance.org](http://www.globaladvance.org)**

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## *We Welcome These New Members*

***James R. Reed, Sr. - Chatfield, TX***

***Edward M. Wright - Glenpool, OK***

***Mary L. Cunningham - Masek - Ferris, TX***

***Robert J. Wall - Stigler, OK***

***Leo J. Melle - Dallas, TX***

***Don W. Broadway - Disney, OK***

***Dennis O'Daniel Ministries - Monroe, OH***

***Beverly Wells*** has recently published a book, "Weavings from my Nigerian Journal," in which she describes missionary life with her husband Delbert and sons during the years that span the late 1950's to late 1960's in Nigeria. The Wells were caught in the Biafran war and while escaping, Delbert was marched off with a gun at his back. There are many stories in her book that show the protection and guidance of the Lord. Pastor John Keith and Pastors Harold and Thelma Moll came to minister after the Wells had resettled after their escape.

The book is available for a suggested donation of \$10.00 ea plus \$2.50 postage. Make checks payable to Beverly Wells. Send requests to Beverly Wells, PO Box 7163, Goodyear, Az. 85338, or request a copy by calling 623-925-2913 or e-mailing [ballife2@aol.com](mailto:ballife2@aol.com)

## **Want to take a missions trip into Mexico?**

Border or interior, lodging, food, and transportation provided. We can create a trip to meet your groups desire. Contact: Eagle's Nest Ministries [rb@eaglesontheborder.com](mailto:rb@eaglesontheborder.com) – or phone 417-693-2941. Visit us at [www.eaglesontheborder.com](http://www.eaglesontheborder.com)

**ORDAINED IA MEMBERS:** When you reach the age of 65 and have been a member in good standing for two years, you are eligible for a Complimentary card which will be reviewed and issued on an annual basis. You may request this card as soon as you are eligible. This is not an automatic office procedure. Contact the Ada, Ok. office or the Lexington, Ok office (see back of newsletter).

**YOUR NOT-FOR-PROFIT MINISTRY** may be included under the covering of the 501c3 of Independent Assemblies. You will have the same IRS covering as churches. Go to our website to print application form for Not-for-Profit and the instruction sheet to make application, or contact the Ada or Lexington office (See back of newsletter).

## The Pastor's Cat



Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

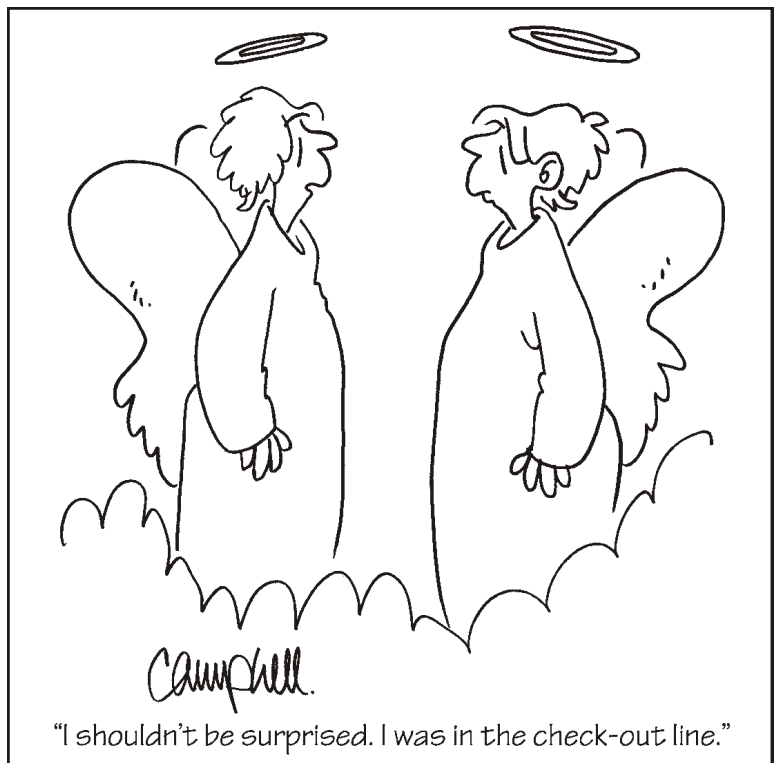
That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went 'boing!' and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten.

So he prayed, 'Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping, and went on about his business. A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, 'Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?'

She replied, 'You won't believe this,' and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing.

Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, 'Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it...'



She told the pastor, 'I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her.'

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

*Submitted by Breanna Graves*

## ***“A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine”***

PROVERBS 17:22

One day a man passed by a farm and saw a beautiful horse.— Hoping to buy the animal, he said to the farmer: "I think your horse looks pretty good, so I'll give you \$500 for him."— "He doesn't look good, and he's not for sale," the farmer said. — The man insisted, "I think he looks good and I'll up the price to \$1000!"— "He doesn't look so good," the farmer said, "but if you want him that much, he's yours."— The next day the man came back raging mad. He went up to the farmer and screamed, "You sold me a blind horse! You cheated me!"

The farmer calmly replied, "I told you he didn't look so good, didn't I?"

At a high School in Montana a group of high schoolers played a prank on the school. They let three goats loose in the school. Before they let them go they painted numbers on the sides of the goats which were the numbers 1, 2, & 4. Local school administrators spent most of the day looking for #3.

Last night, my friend and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."— So she got up, unplugged the TV, and threw out my soda.

One of the best marksmen in the FBI was passing through a small town. Everywhere he saw evidences of the most amazing shooting. On trees, on walls, and on fences there were numerous bull's-eyes with the bullet hole in dead center. — The FBI man asked one of the townsmen if he could meet the person responsible for this wonderful marksmanship. The man turned out to be the village idiot. — "This is the best marksmanship I have ever seen," said the FBI man. "How in the world do you do it?" — "Nothing to it," said the idiot. "I shoot first and draw the circles afterward."

The chef instructs his apprentice: "You take two thirds of water, one third of cream, one third of broth..." — The apprentice: "But that makes four thirds already!" — "Well - just take a larger pot!"

At the end of their first date, a young man takes his favorite girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for that important first kiss. With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a goodnight kiss?"

Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!" — "Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

"No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?" — "Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!" — "No way. It's just too risky!" — "Oh

please, please, I like you so much!!" — "No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!" — "Oh yes you can. Please?" — "NO, no. I just can't." "Pleeeeeeease?..." — Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says: "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"

"The reason congressmen try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed."

The Senate is investigating deceptive sweepstakes practices. These companies target the elderly and make them think they will receive a bunch of money, but in reality they never see any of it. The most popular of these scams is called Social Security.

Fisherman: One jerk on one end of the line waiting for a jerk on the other end!

*That's All Folks !*

