

# *Independent Assemblies*

## June 2008 Newsletter



Put these words of mine in  
your heart and soul ....  
Teach them to your children ....

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

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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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

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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

***2008 Interstate Meetings & Events***

**June 9 - GROVE CHRISTIAN CENTER**

Grove, OK 918/786-4497 Pastor David Knox

**July 14-16 - I. A. MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

Bricktown Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

**August 11- FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH - Whitefield, OK**

918/967-2554 - Pastor, Rev. Bill Fitzer

**September 8 - CAPITOL HILL FULL GOSPEL --Moore, OK**

405/793-7727 --Pastor, Rev. Jim Robertson,

**September 11 &12 - IA Golf Scramble**

Purcell, OK - Call Ken 405/527-6030

**October 13-15**

**FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE - THE TABERNACLE -Blackwell, OK**

580/363-2734 or 363-4210 - Pastor, Dr. Robert Johnson

**November 3- CYRIL FULL GOSPEL CHURCH, Cyril, OK  
580/383-6675 - Pastor, Rev. Donnie Miller**

**November 10-12 - AVANT HOUSE OF PRAYER - Avant, OK  
918/263-2955 - Pastor, Rev. M.E. Anthony, Jr.**

**December 8 -MENDING HEARTS CHURCH  
Newalla OK- 405-386-4351 - Pastor, Rev. David Tompkins**

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

### ***Southeast Okla. District***

*Rev. Billy Hunter, District Rep.  
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### ***Southwest Okla. District:***

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

*Rev. Daniel Sue, Regional Rep.  
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*June 23 - Malachi Ministries, 173 Royal Lane - Waxahachie,  
TX, 972-938-0332 - Pastors Diana & Phillip Downs*

*Aug 18 - New Life Ministries, 101 S. Main St., - Red Oak, TX  
972-617-1135 - Pastor Mark Lowrey*

*Sept. 23 - Unassigned*

*Oct 20 - Abundant Harvest, 1008 Mill Run - Road, Athens, TX  
903-675-1223 or 903-681-0262 - Pastor Marc Jones*

*Nov 17 - Yearly Pastors Planning Meeting*

## ***South Central Texas District***

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## ***Special Dates for 2008***

June 14, Flag Day  
June 15, Father's Day  
June 20, First Day of Summer  
July 4, Independence Day

## ***Don't Miss Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ministers' Conference***



Register now for our July Ministers' Conference 2008. Time is running out and this will probably be your last printed reminder coming to your mailbox. Registrations received after July 7 will be slightly more for everyone.

The second mailing of the brochures were mailed several weeks ago. If you did not receive yours or need a few more, contact **Ken Anderson**, (see back of newsletter). Please use the registration form in the brochure and register as soon as possible. We are looking forward to seeing you again in Okla. City this year.

We will all be meeting at the beautiful Bricktown Hotel & Convention Center in Okla. City. The date will be Monday - Wednesday, July 14-16. Our keynote speaker will be **Pastor**

**Bob Rodgers**, Louisville KY. (See the brochure for his bio information).

One positive change in meeting at the Bricktown Hotel this year will be that we will all be the same block of rooms instead of being scattered throughout the hotel. Most every one should be closer to the conference activity.

**Dr. Ted Estes** is our conference coordinator again this year. Contact him at 918/341-8344, email: [pastorted@lifechangerchurch.com](mailto:pastorted@lifechangerchurch.com)

Display space is available for ministries, missionaries, and vendors. They are going fast. If you need display space, contact **Jan Calvert**. 405/503-9369, email: [jcb@coxinet.net](mailto:jcb@coxinet.net)

We are planning four workshops for Tuesday morning with all new speakers and topics. Here is a brief description of these workshops:

- **"Ministering to people with Addictive Behavior"** conducted by **Dr. Jerry N. Duncan**, Ph.D., ABPP. Jerry resides in Ada, OK. He is a licensed and ordained minister who received his doctorate in psychology from Oklahoma State University. He is licensed by the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and is a Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Dr. Duncan works with all ages and has special interest in treating: Senior adult issues, Depression, Marital and family conflict, Low self-esteem, Religious guilt, and Trauma. He also specializes in helping pastors in the unique struggles we all face. We are excited that he will be speaking in our conference workshop, and each of you should make an effort to meet him at the conference.

- **"Spirit Empowered Ministry"** - conducted by **Kirk Pankratz**. (See our brochure for his bio information).

- **"Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette"** - conducted by **Jerry Edmon**,

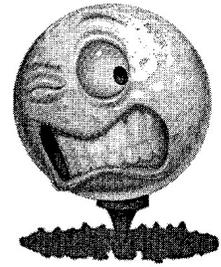
- **"Missions Fund-raising and Pastoral Relationships with Missionaries"** - conducted by **Kerry Ruggles**. Kerry and his wife Twyla have been actively involved in training bible students in Mexico for many years. They are presently directing the Bible School in Saltillo, Mexico.

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

Pastors **Diane & Phillip Downs** invites everyone to the June meeting of the North Central Texas District on Monday, June 23rd. hosted by Malachi Ministries, Waxahchie, TX. They have a new location, 173 Royal Lane. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm. Call for more information 972-938-0332. Our guest speaker will be missionary, Brother **Jim Lowery** from Mexico.

## **2008 2-man Golf Scramble**

The Golf Scramble was rescheduled for September 11 & 12, 2008. Contact Ken Anderson for complete information. If you are a golfer interested in email updates, send me your email address at [kda@valornet.com](mailto:kda@valornet.com)



### **Attention all Licensed & Ordained Ministers:**

#### **Conducting Weddings Legally.**

This information is current as of May, 2008

In all states your License or Ordination credentials must be recorded in a county court house of the state that the wedding is to be performed in. Your current credential card should be enough, but your certificate (or copy) may also be needed.

In Oklahoma, your License or Ordination credentials must be recorded at a county court clerk's office one time only and is effective only as long as you are licensed or ordained. There is no waiting period as long as it is recorded before or on the day of the wedding. The Book and page number must be filled out on the Marriage License along with your signature. It is recommended to memorize or write this down in a secure place.

In Oklahoma, the marriage license is good for 10 days and is \$50.00 unless a requirement of 4 hours pre-marital counseling by a pastor or counselor is met. Then it is reduced to \$5.00. The minister should have the form in his possession (copies, etc.). Check with your nearest county courthouse. The couple will then be required to meet all the other requirements by the county court clerk's office.

If a minister conducts a wedding in another state other than his own, he must register his credentials at a county courthouse in that state. Check with the state for specifications. Each of them will have different rules concerning weddings. Some may have a waiting period after the credentials are recorded to be legal.

# *Paul Harvey and Prayer*

Paul Harvey says:

I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a Ho-Ho-Ho song in December. I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught his Theory of Evolution. Life, liberty or your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered because someone says a 30-second prayer before a football game. So what's the big deal? It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking him to grant safety to the players on the field and the fans going home from the game. But it's a Christian prayer, some will argue. Yes, and this is the United States of America, a country founded on Christian principles. According to our very own phone book, Christian churches outnumber all others better than 200-to-1. So what would you expect -- somebody chanting Hare Krishna?



If I went to a football game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer. If I went to a soccer game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer. If I went to a ping pong match in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha. And I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit.

When in Rome ... But what about the atheists? Is another argument What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer! Unfortunately, one or two will make that call. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot do. I don't think a short prayer at a football game is going to shake the world's foundations. Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating; to pray before we go to sleep.

Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying. God, help us. And if that last sentence offends you, well .. just sue me.

The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we let that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard that the vast majority don't care what they want. It is time the majority rules! It's time we tell them, you don't have to pray; you don't have to say the pledge of allegiance; you

don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right ... But by golly, you are no longer going to take our rights away. We are fighting back ....and we WILL WIN!

God bless us one and all ... especially those who denounce Him , God bless America, despite all her faults. She is still the greatest nation of all. God bless our service men who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God.

May this be the year the silent majority is heard and we put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions... and our Military come home from all the wars.

Keep looking up.

**"AND THAT'S THE REST OF THE STORY"**

## **F O R G I V E N E S S**

As far as I can remember, my father *never forgave a soul*. It didn't even matter if the "offending" individual was part of our family or not. Take Uncle Otto for example, my dad's only brother-in-law. Dad told him, "Stop speaking German in my house or you will never be permitted back inside these doors. We're in America now, so speak English. "

Otto spoke German again, and that was that. No more Otto. He was never permitted in the home again. At Thanksgiving, Otto would park his car on the road at the end of the lane and his wife (my mom's sister) would walk 100 yards to our house and eat with us. Otto stayed in the car the entire time. I would sneak out the back door with a plate of food, hop the fence, scurry along the fence line until I was behind the car, and then climb back over the fence to give Otto his Thanksgiving meal.

My father had three sisters, but only one of them came to America.

She lived just 40 miles from our home in California. At my birth, she had the misfortune of mentioning that I had large ears. From that moment on, my dad refused to talk to her. So, for 35 years, despite the fact that she lived close by and that she was my father's only relative in this country, he never spoke to her again!

No matter how hard or awkward it made life for him or our family, he refused to forgive anyone. As a child, I would be playing with a friend one day; then the next day my dad would tell me that I could never play with that boy again. Because Dad had a disagreement with ,

the boy's father, I was not allowed to associate with my friend or any member of his family. Countless friendships were broken as a result of my dad's unwillingness to forgive.

***Don't get me wrong. I love my dad.*** He was an absolute genius in many, many areas. I trace my determination to him, my constant quest for improvement definitely comes from his influence, and my industrious work ethic emanates from his example. He was a phenomenal teacher and example, and I thank God for him.

Without question, I would not be the man I am today if it were not for him, but he had a problem with forgiveness. He died agonizingly over a seven-year period, probably giving himself more than 5,000 shots of Demerol during those seven long years! I'm not a doctor, but I have a suspicion that much of what ailed him came as a result of his unforgiving attitude.

My mother, on the other *hand*, ***forgave absolutely everyone.*** One evening when I was young, my mother had prepared a delicious dinner, working most of the day to get it just right. When my father came home, he was in a bad mood for some unknown reason and decided to take his frustration out at dinnertime. He took the four corners of the tablecloth, folding the entire meal of food and dishes up into a bundle, and threw it out the back door!

I couldn't believe my eyes! When I asked my mother why she didn't throw a skillet at him, she said, "I've been married to him for 20 years and have always turned the other cheek." Then she added, quoting from a Bible verse (Matthew 18:22) that meant a lot to her, "I have a long way to go until I reach 'seventy times seven.'" I could not believe my ears, but I never forgot what she said.

She could forgive because she wanted to forgive. She chose to forgive. She preferred to live with forgiveness than to live with unforgiveness. As a result, she had such peace and joy that it bubbled out of her life.

There I was, stuck between polar opposites. I loved both my parents and am still indebted to them for what they taught me, but in this area, I knew I had to *choose* forgiveness or *reject* it. Which was the better offer? When I was about 16 years old, I made a conscious decision to start forgiving people and to live a life of forgiveness. I had watched my parents and knew which of the two had more peace and joy. The difference was not hard to see.

"I like your deal better," I told my mom one day. "You're happy and have lots of friends, but Dad's unforgiving and doesn't have as many."

My mom explained, "Paul, you are at a crossroads.

Your choice to forgive or not to forgive will impact the rest of your life." She was exactly right. So I chose forgiveness!

*from "Forgiveness ... The Ultimate Miracle"*  
by Paul J. Meyer

## A Daddy's Love

On a cold winter evening a man suffered a heart attack and after being admitted to the hospital, asked the nurse to call his daughter. He explained, "You see, I live alone and she is the only family I have." The nurse went to phone the daughter. The daughter was quite upset and shouted, "You must not let him die! You see, Dad and I had a terrible argument almost a year ago. I haven't seen him since. All these months I've wanted to go to him for forgiveness. The last thing I said to him was 'I hate you.'" The daughter cried and then said, "I'm coming now. I'll be there in thirty minutes."

The patient went into cardiac arrest, and code 99 was alerted. The nurse prayed, "O God, his daughter is coming. Don't let it end this way." The efforts of the medical team to revive the patient were fruitless. The nurse observed one of the doctors talking to the daughter outside the room. She could see the pathetic hurt in her face. The nurse took the daughter aside and said, "I'm sorry." The daughter responded, "I never hated him, you know. I loved him, And now I want to go see him." The nurse took her to the room, and the daughter went to the bed and buried her face in the sheets as she said good-bye to her deceased father. The nurse, as she tried not to look at this sad good-bye, noticed a scrap of paper on the bed table. She picked it up and read: "My dearest Janie, I forgive you. I pray you will also forgive me. I know that you love me. I love you, too. Daddy."

--James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988) p. 201.

**Good News from the Front—the Progress of US Troops in Iraq** by Aimee Herd : May 18, 2008 : Troop Scoop Staff – Troop Scoop  
<http://www.troopscoop.typepad.com/>

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soldiers are shown tremendous support by the villagers and are invited back for future meetings."

(Iraq)—Throughout most of the War on Terror, it seems we've only heard of the difficulties, casualties and the toll of the fight on our troops, and very seldom do we hear of the remarkable progress that actually has been made in this fledgling Middle Eastern democracy.

In an effort to make up that slack, an email list has been developed to disseminate various reports of the progress of our troops in securing Iraqi cities from insurgents, and their weapons, and in rebuilding both the communities and the lives of the people living there.

If you are interested in signing up to receive these Troop Scoop reports via email,

## **Ceremony marks completion of school construction**

By Sgt. 1st Class Kerensa Hardy

BAGHDAD - Iraqi citizens celebrated the completion of construction at the Omah Moktar School for Girls in the Qadisiyah Apartment Complex in Mahmudiyah, about 20 km south of Baghdad, May 8. "The educational environment was greatly enhanced and helped to bolster pride in their school," said 1st Lt. Jason Potter, Moktar School project mgr, 3rd Bn, 320th FA, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn Div (Air Assault). "This project was significant in that it showed the residents of the neighborhood that the CF are really here to help." At the end of the ceremony, Iraqi Soldiers distributed school supplies.

## **Tal Afar special weapons and tactics team captures four terrorists**

BALAD, Iraq - An Iraqi SWAT team captured 4 suspected terrorists members of the ISI in Tal Afar, approx. 240 miles northwest of Baghdad, May 13. ISI is a front organization for the foreign-led AQI. The captured terrorists are suspected of recent IED and indirect fire attacks against the citizens of Tal Afar and CF. This op is believed to have rendered this terrorist cell ineffective and is expected to assist in disrupting terrorist activities in Ninawa province.

## **FA Soldiers bond with local villagers in northeastern Iraq**

By Capt. Shannon Wolf 1-10 Mtn. Div., 3-6 FA

KIRKUK - Since arriving to Kirkuk in September, Soldiers with the 1-10th Mtn Div's 3rd Bn, 6th FAR, have been conducting routine patrols to villages in their area of ops in an effort to establish lasting relationships with the local populace. "When we enter these villages, the first thing we see is kids waving their hands and smiling. They are always very curious as to see what we will be doing in their village", said 1st Lt. Jocephus Carlile, HHB, 3-6 FA. "We strive to interact with the children to make them feel more at ease, and as an avenue toward good relationships with their parents."

Shortly after arriving to the villages, the soldiers begin handing candy and other treats for the children before meeting with the local leaders to discuss the area.

Along with security, water is one of the biggest concerns for all villages within the battalion's area of ops. Currently, villagers get their water from small diameter

pipes that run unprotected across the open fields. During a recent visit, the 3-6 FA Soldiers gathered water samples that will be tested for possible bacterial or chemical contaminants.

Sipping hot chai tea with the local leaders, the soldiers discuss a number of projects that will eventually lead to the development of new playgrounds for the children and new job opportunities for the parents. In each meeting, the soldiers are shown tremendous support by the villagers and are invited back for future meetings.

"The type of support we receive will help maintain the momentum toward a secure, stable area, and allow the electrical and oil infrastructure of northeastern Iraq to grow and continue to serve the people of Iraq as a whole," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Sutphin, HHB, 3-6 FA.

## *We Welcome These New Members*

Bradford R. Ware - *Afton, OK*  
Rosia Cilestene Jay - *Dardanelle, AR*  
James Reed, Jr. - *Scurry, TX*  
Floyd D. Forrester - *Tecumseh, OK*  
Kevin S. O'Connor - *Coffeyville, KS*  
Jimmy W. Phillips - *Atoka, OK*  
Sara S. Callaway - *Lordsburg, NM*  
Vickie Anderson - *Rice, TX*  
William S. Wheeler, Jr. - *Elcho, WI*  
Linda M. Chatman - *Trent Park, IL*

***New Home Full Gospel*** is searching for a pastor. You must be bi-vocational. They are located at 10305 State Highway 39, Blanchard, OK 73010. Contact J. B. Newsom at 405/344-6399

***Rev. Bill Cope*** is available to minister in your church and to your congregation. He will be a real blessing with a fresh message from the Word.

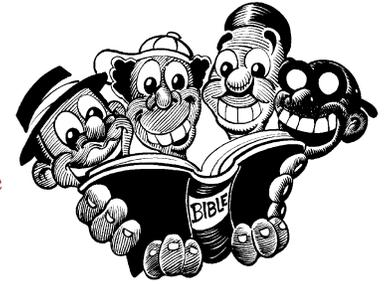
He and his wife, Ethel, reside in Carnegie OK. He is an experienced pastor and missionary who has been very effective in winning souls. He is a trust worthy man of God and a man of faith. You may contact him at 405/929-0402. Robert O. Johnson gives him a very good recommendation - 580/363-2734 or email: roj@clarionmissions.org

***Dottie Rambo*** went to be with the Lord last month, as most of you know by now. She was 74 years old. In case you didn't know, she was in her last concert in one of our I.A. churches on Saturday night just before she died in an accident as her tour bus ran off the road in a weather related mishap. It happened in the early morning hours of Sunday, May 11 near Mt. Vernon, MO. Pastor Mark Maynard of Calvary Life Church, Granite City, IL hosted Dottie in a 2 hour Saturday night concert. Pastor Mark Maynard described her death as "a huge loss for the gospel music world," saying the concert "was a wonderful night of laughter and tears." Mark said her appearance had been "met with a lot of enthusiasm." Dottie published more

that 2500 songs and was the undisputed "Queen of Gospel Music". We will all miss her and continue to sing her great gospel songs.

## True Courtroom Humor

Based on Actual Courtroom cases



Q. Now, Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?

A. By death.

Q. And by whose death was it terminated?

Q. Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?

A. No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.

Q. What is your name?

A. Ernestine McDowell.

Q. And what is your marital status?

A. Fair.

Q. Are you married?

A. No, I'm divorced.

Q. And what did your husband do before you divorced him?

A. A lot of things I didn't know about.

A witness to an accident was testifying...The following exchange took place between the lawyer and the witness:

The lawyer: "Did you actually see the accident?"

The witness: "Yes."

Lawyer: "How far away were you when the accident happened?"

Witness: "Twenty-one feet, five inches."

Lawyer: (thinking he'd trap the witness),

"Well, sir, will you tell the jury how you knew it was 'exactly' twenty-one feet, four inches?"

Witness: "Twenty-one feet, \*five\* inches."

Lawyer: "OK, Twenty-one feet, \*five\* inches."

Witness: "Because when the accident happened I took out a tape and measured it. I knew some stupid lawyer like you would ask me that exact question."



# *"A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine"*

PROVERBS 17:22

A professor asked a student to remain for a few moments after class. Holding out the young man's assignment, the professor said, "Did you write this poem all by yourself?" – The student said, "Every word of it." — The professor said, "Well, then, I'm glad to meet you, Mr. Poe. I thought you were long dead."

Mr. Quinn, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court judge said. "And, I have decided to give your wife \$775 a week." — "That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then, I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

Two men take a wrong turn and walk into a room in the San Francisco City Hall. A man walks up to them, says a lot of junk, and finally declares, "I now pronounce you spouse and spouse." — One man looks at the other and tells the Justice of the Peace, "We just came in here to get fishing licenses!"

A little girl asked her father, "How did the human race come about?" – The father answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so all mankind was made." – Two days later she asks her mother the same question. – The mother answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys, and we developed from them."

The confused girl returns to her father and says: "Dad, how is it possible that you told me that the human race was created by God and Mom says we developed from monkeys?" — The Father answers, "That's simple, honey. I told you about the origin of my side of the family, and your mother told you about her side."

A doctor wrote about an epitaph he had seen in a local cemetery: – "In memory of my father: gone to join his appendix, his tonsils, his olfactory nerve, a kidney, an eardrum, and a leg prematurely removed by an intern who needed the experience."

Noah opens up the ark and let all the animals out, telling them to "Go forth and multiply!"– He's closing the great doors of the ark when he notices that there are two snakes sitting in a dark corner.– So he says to them, "Didn't you hear me? You can go now. Go forth and multiply."– "We can't," said the snakes. "We're adders."

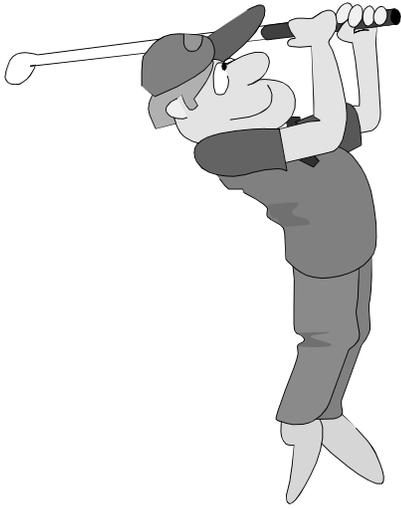
A guy was typing away at his home computer, when his six- year-old daughter sneaked up behind him. – Suddenly, she turned and ran into the kitchen, squealing to the rest of the family, "I know Daddy's password! I know Daddy's password!"  
"What is it?" her sisters asked eagerly.  
Proudly she replied, "Asterisk, asterisk, asterisk, asterisk, asterisk!"

Thinking his son would enjoy seeing the re-enactment of a Civil War battle, my niece's husband took the boy, Will, to the event but the poor child was terrified by the booming cannons. During a lull, Will's dad finally got him calmed down. That's when the Confederate general hollered, "Fire at will!"

A young boy arrived late for Sunday school. He was usually very prompt, so his teacher asked him if anything was wrong.

The boy replied, "No, I was all set to go fishin', but Daddy told me that I needed to go to church."– The teacher was very impressed. "Did your father explain why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing?"– To which the boy replied, "Yeah, he sure did. Daddy said he didn't have 'nuff bait for the both of us."

Bidding at a local auction was proceeding furiously when the auctioneer suddenly announced, "A gentleman in this room has lost a wallet containing \$10,000. If it is returned, he will pay a reward of \$2,000." There was a moment's silence, and then from the back of the room came the cry, "Two thousand five hundred!"



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All folks !*