

# *Independent Assemblies*

## *March 2008 Newsletter*

“He has risen  
from the dead ...”

Matthew 28:7, 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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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*

**April 14 - LIFE CHANGER CHURCH**  
Claremore, OK - 918/341-8344  
Pastor, Dr. Ted Estes

**May 8 & 9 - IA Golf Scramble**  
Purcell, OK - Call Ken 405/527-6030

**May 12 - CALVARY TEMPLE - Edmond OK. 1801 S. Kelly, (405)348-2334**  
Pastor, Rev. Dale Drain

**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,

**October 13-15**  
FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE  
THE TABERNACLE -Blackwell, OK  
580/363-2734 or 363-4210  
Pastor, Dr. Robert Johnson

**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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email: revd@tds.net

## **Northeast Okla. District**

Rev. Mac Blackwell, District Rep.  
Locust Grove, Ok - 918/479-6057  
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## **North Central Texas District**

Rev. Daniel Sue, Regional Rep.  
Kemp TX, 903/498-4704  
Cell 214/205-8647  
email: sued7@ednet10.net

Mar 17 - John Beard Ministries, John & Elizabeth Beard. 761  
Honeysuckle Lane, Cedar Hill, TX  
972/291-3512, John & Elizabeth Beard.

Apr 21 - Living Word Church, 404 S. Adams St., - Kemp, Texas,  
903-498-4704,  
Pastors Dr. Daniel & Edna Sue

May 19 - Malachi Ministries, 507 North I-35E, Waxahachie, TX,  
972-923-9203  
Pastors Diana & Phillip Downs

June 23 - Radiant Life Church,  
1910 Southeast 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75051 - 972/262-7887,  
Pastor Jim Snyder

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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618/931-4106  
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## Special Dates for 2008

Mar. 9 - Daylight Savings Time begins  
Mar. 16 - Palm Sunday  
Mar. 20 - First Day of Spring  
Mar. 21 - Good Friday  
Mar. 23 - Easter Sunday  
April 23 - Administrative Professionals Day

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email, let me know. Contact Ken Anderson [kda@valornet.com](mailto:kda@valornet.com)

## April 2008 Interstate Meeting

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, **Lifechanger Church** will host the Interstate meeting. Pastor, **Dr. Ted Estes** invites everyone to come together in the unity of the Spirit for this great meeting. You will be blessed with a dynamic presentation of God's Word and experience a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The afternoon service will begin at 2:30p.m. Speakers to be announced. A meal will be served at 5:30. The evening service begins at 7 p.m. The church is located at 2221 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. N., Claremore, OK, 74107. Phone (918)341-8344, (918)342-4151 or (866)341-8344. — This meeting will also be an ordination service. For those being ordained, please contact the president's office to make necessary arrangements. See back of the newsletter.

## North Central Texas District

Everyone is invited to the March meeting of the North Central Texas District on Monday, March 17 hosted by **John Beard Ministries**. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express located at 1035 E Hwy 67 in Duncanville, TX 75137. We are excited to welcome Pastor **Ken Anderson** as our speaker. Children are welcome and snacks will be served after the meeting. Hotel is on the service road of Highway 67 going south between Wheatland and Cockrell Hill Road.

Directions to the Holiday Inn Express from downtown Dallas. Take I-35 south. Take the exit for Highway 67 that veers to the right. Continue about 5 miles. Exit on Wheatland and stay on the service road. You will go over I-20. Hotel will be on the service road on the right.

Directions to the hotel from I-20 driving west. Exit I-20 onto Highway 67 south toward Cleburne. The hotel is too soon to exit — so we must proceed to the next exit on Hwy 67. Take the exit for Cockrell Hill Rd. After you exit, turn left to go over Hwy 67. Turn left again — you will be on the service road going north.

Stay on the service road until you reach the traffic signal. That is Wheatland. Turn left. Then turn left again to put yourself on the service road going south. Hotel will be on your right.

Directions to the hotel from I-20 driving east. Exit I-20 at Cockrell Hill Rd. Turn right onto Cockrell Hill Rd. Continue to Hwy 67 and turn left so that you are on the service road going north. Stay on the service road until you reach the traffic signal. That is Wheatland. Turn left. Then turn left again to put yourself on the service road going south. Hotel will be on your right.

If you need additional directions or information please call John or Elizabeth Beard at 972-291-3512 or email them at [info@miracle-center.org](mailto:info@miracle-center.org).

## ***Southeast Oklahoma District***

The next SE Area Fellowship Meeting for the IA will be on Friday, April 25, 2008. Pastor Billy and Brenda Hunter will host this meeting at their church, Christian Family Fellowship, Antlers, OK. The meeting will begin at 3:30 pm. Dinner at 5:00. Evening services at 7:00 pm. Speakers to be announced later.

Contact them at 580 / 298 - 6611 or email: [cffantlers@yahoo.com](mailto:cffantlers@yahoo.com)

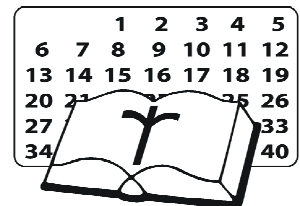
*Some people lead a cat and dog life –  
they purr at prayer meeting and growl at home.*

## **Annual Ministers' Conference in Okla. City**

The July Ministers' Conference this year will be held at the beautiful Bricktown Hotel & Convention Center. The date will be July 14-16. Our keynote speaker will be **Pastor Bob Rogers**, Louisville KY.

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

Display space is available for ministries, missionaries, and vendors. Contact **Jan Calvert**. 405/503-9369, email: [jcb@coxinet.net](mailto:jcb@coxinet.net)



**Mark your  
Calendar now**

You will be receiving a brochure soon with complete information.

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

**REGISTER NOW** to attend our sixth 2-man scramble event Thursday & Friday, **May 8 & 9**, 2008 held at the **Purcell Golf Course** in Purcell OK. We will tee-off at 12:00 noon Thursday for the first 18 hole round. The second round will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. Friday. Your registration will include the following: **(1)** One night lodging at Ruby's Motor Inn. **(2)** Two - 18 hole rounds of golf including cart rental. **(3)** 3 Meals, dinner on Thursday, breakfast and



lunch Friday. **(4)** Trophy prizes for winners of events. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. **(5)** Drawing prizes.

**(6)** Refreshments - beverages and snacks brought to you during the game for your convenience, (providing we have a volunteer to man the goodie cart).

The registration fee will be \$125.00 per golfer for a double occupancy room or \$140.00 for single occupancy. If you do not need a room, the registration fee is \$105.00. A \$25.00 deposit (non-refundable) will hold your registration, with balance payable by no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Send to: **Ken Anderson**, P. O. Drawer 1120, Lexington, OK 73051. You will receive a letter of confirmation with map, etc. You must include your current average score for the last 4 or 5 games. You may not pick your partner. Teams will be matched by handicap. Please contact me A.S.A.P. and let me know your plans on attending, even if you are not ready to register yet. We are going to have another great time of fun, food and fellowship together.

**Five Star Church** invites you to a Women's Conference to be held Friday and Saturday March 14 & 15. Special guest speaker is **DeAnna Woods**. She is currently serves in ministry for the Potter's House Rahab International Ministries in Dallas, TX. Special music by **Erica Lane**, a recording artist and songwriter of inspirational and contemporary Christian music.

The church is located at 7300 N.W. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Suite 303, Bethany, OK (located in Western Oaks Professional Tower. Contact pastor **Russell Robinson** for more information, 405/313-3040, email: groomingpastor@yahoo.com - or **Tara** at 405/413-4116, email: tskipperrobinson@yahoo.com

## Make plans for Summer Camp 2008

**Camp Fire** is an exciting, life changing experience for Jr. and Sr. high students. It will be **June 9 - 12** at **Camp Bond** in Tishomingo. Cost is only \$125 per camper and includes all lodging and food. Guest speaker is **Elijah Tindall** and worship will be led by **Nathan Isaacs** and **The Riders**. Camp director is **Drew Isaacs** and the camp is sponsored by **Grace Community Church** in Konawa, OK. We currently have many churches from OK, TX, and Arizona coming.

For more info call—580-925-3545 and talk to Pastor Drew or Nathan.



## *Congratulations to Pastors John and Iris Smith*

on the recent release of their excellent book of 365 daily devotions. The extraordinary book is entitled, "More Than Enough" and was professionally published by Morris Publishers of Kearney, Nebraska. The project took the Smiths

nearly three years to complete.

Within the pages of this book, the reader will realize the accessibility of God's abundance, and from John's and Iris' inspiring insights and testimonies, many will draw from awesome rivers of living water.

Positive reviews and initial responses are overwhelming. Members in our fellowship have obtained copies and the accolades are beginning to come in.

All proceeds from book sales will be directed entirely to the "StraightForward" missionary outreach in Monterrey, Mexico. Each devotion fills an entire page making it a large book and well worth the \$14.95 asking price. Until the devotional is distributed, our readers may purchase the book for \$12.50 and the Smiths will pay the postage. Kudos to John and Iris. John and Iris Smith. P.O. Box 477, Lexington, Ok. 73051, 405/527-7477

## **THE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE OPEN HOUSE**

for Missionaries, Dean & Doris Turner's new home. We would like to invite everyone to come see what a wonderful thing the Lord did for them through His people. Saturday, April 5th, 2008, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at 901 SE 5th, Antlers, OK. Weather permitting, there will be a barbecue lunch in their lovely backyard. There will also be a dedication and presentation of warranty deed to the property. Come see before and after pictures of the project. For more info, please contact Billy or Brenda Hunter at 580-298-2740 or 580-271-2299.

## **Revival at the Promise Church**

**Pastors, Roger and Dawn Layne** extend to you a cordial invitation to attend a Revival meeting at the Promise Church in Moore OK with **Rev. Irvin McCorkle**, Elgin TX. The date is March 30th - April 2nd., Sunday 10:30 am , Monday - Wednesday 7 p.m. 620 NW 5th Street. Suite F, Moore, OK 73160 for further info call: 405-517-9546, 405-615-3181, 405-527-8320 home. Promisechurch@earthlink.net

## *Remember the Resurrection!*

**By Victor Knowles**

If you're human at all you get discouraged once in awhile, even though you are a believer.

Sometimes, even though we know better, we lock ourselves in a room with fear, doubt, and anxiety as our depressing

companions. We know it's not right but perversely we would rather dwell with such unholy company than we would with such pleasant companions as faith, hope, and love.

I was that way early this morning—living in a blue funk instead of remembering the rainbow of God's promises. I was behaving badly, much like the disciples after the death of Jesus. They were so overcome with discouragement that they forgot all about the many times He had told them that He would arise from the dead. Christ was not a part of their crisis. Nor was He of mine.

How very much like them we are. I say "we" because you've probably been in that dark and depressing room too. We get so down because of our present circumstances that we cannot

look up to the promised in days in the on us. "Not Lord's good house of Israel one was 21:45). Are

we not the

I wonder if disappointed morning when the dead. None were there to back to the living! You often as He He would be third day—they camped out at instead, they in a gloomy barred doors.

But some the tomb—not alas, but to body. And they worries too: away the stone

respond to this appalling atmosphere of fear and unbelief, the very ground on which they walked heaved and quaked; an angel descended from heaven, and the massive stone was instantly and easily rolled away.

"Why seek the living among the dead?" The angelic message was almost a rebuke. "He is not here! He is risen—just as he said!" Ouch! "Go quickly and tell his disciples." The women were quick to do so. But the disciples, acting more like dolts and dunderheads, were not quick to believe the Sunday morning message on the resurrection of Christ.

Sunday night service rolls around. The same small crowd is there. Crouching in the semi-darkness. Three unwelcome visitors are also there: fear, doubt, and anxiety. Making a wreck of them. Taunting. Teasing. Tormenting. Then another visitor enters. Right through locked doors! Jesus! He speaks: "Peace be with you!" He could have given them a piece of His mind, but instead He gave them the peace of His heart.

"After he said this, he showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord" (John



"He has risen,  
See he is not here.  
the place where they laid him."

Mark 16:6

One who has the past better future. Shame one of all the promises to the failed; every fulfilled" (Josh.

Israel of God?

Jesus was that Sunday He arose from of His disciples welcome Him land of the would think—as had told them raised on the would be the tomb; were holed up room behind

women came to to greet Him, anoint His dead had their "Who will roll for us?" As if to



20:20). The resurrected Christ banished their fear, filled them with joy and granted them peace. Exit the dark visitors! And He will do the same for us today—if we will only remember the resurrection!

The sabbath of sorrow is past. Long past. The darkness of despair is gone. The dawn of a new day, a day of bright hope, is here. The first day of the week, like the longed-for first flower of spring, has come. It's Sunday! Friday's finished! The sun, in all its radiant glory, has risen. The Son, in all His splendor, has risen "with healing in his wings."

Throw away your spices, reserved for things that are dead. Worry no more about a stone too heavy to move. The stone has been rolled away! Enter the tomb. See? The tomb is empty! He is not there. Jesus is risen! Run with the message. Tell everyone you can...beginning with the church: "Jesus is alive!" "He's alive and I'm forgiven! Heaven's gates are open wide!"

Unlock the doors that cannot keep Him out anyway. Make way for the King! Receive His message of peace. Experience the peace that passes understanding. Behold His hands and side. Be not faithless, but believing. Know Him in the "breaking of bread." Let your hearts "burn within" as you rediscover the resurrected Christ. Doubt no more. Say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" Then sing with all your heart, "My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly thine!"

Victor Knowles is executive director of Peace on Earth Ministries (POEM)

## Billy Graham's Suit

Billy Graham is now 86 years old with Parkinson's disease. In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, 'We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you.' So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, 'I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it. The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.'

Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein,

Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are. No problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'

Having said that Billy Graham continued, 'See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My wife, my children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am . I also know where I'm going.'

**May your troubles be less, your blessings more,  
and may nothing but happiness, come through  
your door.**

submitted by Pastor Leland Hall



## Ministry Highlights

### ***Brad & Blonnie Smith***

Pastor Brad Smith and his wife Blonnie are ordained through the IA and are full time youth pastors at Gospel Beams Church in Duncan, Oklahoma. They have served as associate pastors and evangelists and now God has placed a burden on them to see a new generation filled with the Spirit and shaking schools, colleges, and churches for Jesus. They have a vision to see young people worshiping, being called into the ministry, operating in the gifts of the Spirit, and winning their friends and families to Christ. If you are interested in them coming to your church to share their vision and impartation for youth ministry, or you would just like to have a power packed Holy Ghost revival, you can contact Pastor Brad cell -phone 580-475-4055 or email [christisking83@yahoo.com](mailto:christisking83@yahoo.com) - Pastor Brad and Blonnie Smith Matthew 11:12 "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

***Victory Christian*** Center in McKinney, TX .(not affiliated with I.A.) is looking for a full-time pastor. Average attendance is 85 people on Sundays- Call 469/371-7552 Gary Rickerson or Liz Quinten, board members to contact. Email-[ladyquinten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ladyquinten@sbcglobal.net).

***Lighthouse Family Worship Center*** is taking resumes for a full-time pastor. P.O. Box 100, Huntington, ARK. 72940. Contact Jim Phelps (board member) at 479/650-3121 Church number is 479/928-5654

**Rev. Tom and Allene Ogden** have resigned their church in McKinney, Texas. They are available to minister in your church for weekends and fill-ins or revivals. You will be blessed by their ministry. Brother Tom Ogden traveled for 22 years as an evangelist and also has 22 years pastoral experience. You may contact them at 972/978-0869

**Dennis O'Daniel** has released a new gospel CD entitled, "I'll Sing My Song". His website is [dennisodaniel.com](http://dennisodaniel.com). He is excited about this addition to his ministry. He would also love to have the opportunity to preach, teach, and sing for any churches or Christian organizations that love to hear the Word of God. If interested please contact him at this email address: [odanieldennis@yahoo.com](mailto:odanieldennis@yahoo.com)

*A blind man was discovered sitting at the corner of a city street with a lantern beside him. When he was asked why the lantern was there since light and darkness were the same to him, he said: "I have it, so that no one may stumble over me."  
- - - What a message for Christians who have the Light! Let others see the Light shining!*

## Special Holiday



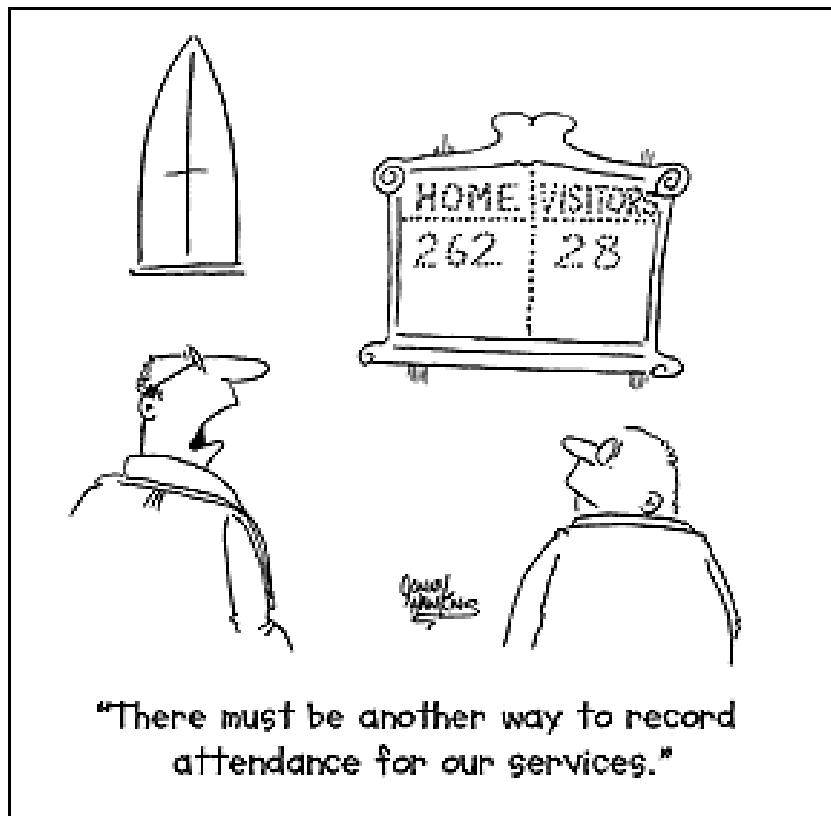
In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel and declared, 'Case dismissed!' The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, 'Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah...yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!'

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, 'Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate, his own atheists' holiday!'

The lawyer pompously said, 'Your Honor, we are unaware of any such holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honor?'

The judge said, 'Well it comes every year on exactly the same date---April 1st! Since our calendar sets April 1st as 'April Fools Day,' consider that Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture, he is a fool, and April 1st is his holiday! Now have a good day and get out of my courtroom!!



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

PROVERBS 17:22

The racehorse owner was annoyed with the running of his horse at the race. He turned on the jockey. "Flaherty, could you not have raced faster?" – "Sure I could have, but you know we are supposed to stay on the horse."

A completely inebriated man was stumbling down the street with one foot on the curb and one foot in the gutter. A cop pulled up and said, "I've got to take you in, pal. You're obviously drunk." – Our wasted friend asked, "Officer, are ya absolutely sure I'm drunk?" – "Yeah, buddy, I'm sure," said the copper. "Let's go." – Breathing a sigh of relief, the wino said, "Thank goodness, I thought I was crippled."

Two old friends met one day after many years. One attended college, and now was very successful. The other had not attended college and never had much ambition. – The successful one said, "How has everything been going with you?"

"Well, one day I opened the Bible at random, and dropped my finger on a word and it was oil. So, I invested in oil, and boy, did the oil wells gush. Then another day I dropped my finger on another word and it was gold. So, I invested in gold and those mines really produced. Now, I'm as rich as Rockefeller." – The successful friend was so impressed that he rushed to his hotel, grabbed a Gideon Bible, flipped it open, and dropped his finger on a page. He opened his eyes and his finger rested on the words, "Chapter Eleven."

It was Palm Sunday, and the family's 6-year old son had to stay home from church because of strep throat. When the rest of the family returned home carrying palm branches, the little boy asked what they were for. – His mother explained, "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by." – "Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed. "The one Sunday I don't go to church, and Jesus shows up!"

This guy decides he wants his dog to be able to dance, so he enrolls the pet in dance classes. Dutifully, he takes this dog to class every week, but he sees no improvement. Finally, he takes the instructor aside and says, "I'm spending a fortune here. Why isn't my dog's dancing improving?" – "I'm sorry," the instructor replies, "but there's not much I can do. Your dog has two left feet.

A shoplifter was caught red-handed trying to steal a watch from an exclusive jewelry store. "Listen," said the shoplifter, "I know you don't want any trouble either. What do you say I just buy the watch, and we forget about this?" – The manager agreed and wrote up the sales slip. The crook looked at the slip and said, "This is a little more than I intended to spend. Can you show me something less expensive?"

A substitute teacher was trying to make use of her psychology background. She began her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, please stand up." Right away, Little Johnny stood up. – The teacher said, "Why do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?" – "I don't, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Sam and Ruth from Maine had just bought a new car when winter hit with all its fury. "I wonder if the car has seat warmers," Ruth wondered. – "It sure does," said Sam, looking through the owner's manual. "Here it is.....rear defrosters."

A politician was running for re-election and was talking at a campaign stop to his constituents. – "My opponent has called me a liar. Rest assured, I have never lied to you. The only problem I have is that the facts don't always match up with what I believe."

*That's All Folks !*



