

The Pew Review

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2009

THE BIBLE ACCORDING TO KIDS

The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

The seventh commandment is thou shall not admit adultery.

Samson, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monogony.



IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

I would have talked less and listened more. I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and sofa faded. I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth. I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed. I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains. I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life. I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day. I would have never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a life-time. Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realizing that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle. When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later, now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more 'I love you'...more 'I'm sorry'...but mostly, given another shot of life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it...live it...and never give it back.

If I had my life to live over....

Erma Bombeck



MY PROFILE

Name: Bill Gibson

Occupation: Retired Insurance Agent

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

Hobby: Woodworking

Favorite Food: Hamburg

The person who has encouraged me most in my Christian walk: Rev. Al Coffey and Rev. Walter Lyons.



People would be surprised to know that: ???????

What do I enjoy most about 2nd Baptist? Fellowship and friendly people.

August Birthdays

Aug. 2 Carmella Walton
Aug. 11 Bud Barnard
Aug. 17 Sandy Woodward
Aug. 19 Ruby Johnson
Aug. 24 Madge Gibson
Aug. 25 Brent Francis
Aug. 26 Emily Stevens
Aug. 29 Mary Lou McGraw
Aug. 31 Steve McFadden



Christian One Liners

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.



The Church Mouse

Everyone that's tired of the rain...raise your hand! Has this been a wet summer or am I getting old and incontinent. My clothes are damp, my carpets are damp, my towels won't dry well, and the animals won't go out. I know I shouldn't complain, but there is nothing worse than sleeping on soggy dust and molded grass. My nest is getting mighty smelly from this weather and I've about had it. Gee, wonder what I can do about it?

Now let me see, I could keep complaining, but then again, no one listens. I could try a "sun" dance, but I don't know how. I could stay in and sulk, but then I wouldn't know what's going on. I think I have to scratch my head just a little more and see if I can think of something.

Oh, I know! I can get down on my knees (ouch! that hurts) and thank God he's given me another day on this earth. Yea, maybe that's what I should do,

Dear God, here I am on soggy dust
Knowing you're the guy I should trust.
Do you hear me complaining about the rain,
Do think you "yup, there she's goes again?"
I'm sorry God for being a grouch,
Sitting here grumbling on my couch.
But this weather, God, is getting me down.
When I go out, I almost drown.
I'm so little I just can't get around,
There's too many raindrops on the ground.

Other than that, God, I'm okay.
I have food in my nest, and can wait a day.
You have blessed more times than I know
Thank you for listening, but now I must go.
You take care, God, there much to be done

And before I know it, you will be sending the sun.



Maudie



THIS 'N THAT

It doesn't seem possible that another month has gone by. Here is August, and soon we will be admiring our fall foliage.

This is the last Sunday you will see Youthworks in church. They pack up and leave on Saturday 8. I for one will miss them.

SoulFest kids are traveling and you know they are having a great time.

Jim & Sally celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on July 27. He was at home with the dogs, and, she was traveling in New Hampshire. Now that's the way to celebrate!

Bud Barnard has had his daughter and family home for a few days. Bud really enjoyed having them around.

The Brothers & Sisters Mission group took to the high seas on July 28th. They chartered the Sylvina Beal in Eastport and had a great time...even saw a whale.

Did anyone notice that Carole Smith is sporting around in a new SUV? Must be nice to have the money!!

The Trustees recently hired a new custodian. Janet

Lovely gave up the job to have more time at home. So welcome Jeremy Putnam on board. He's even going to remove the snow this winter. You go, Jeremy.

Congratulations to Dale and Heidi Newell on the birth of their new baby girl. That means a granddaughter for Paul & Sharon Waycott.

Issie Gibson's grandson Joshua Wescott got married to Stacey Poole last week. Josh is the son of Craig & Kristi Wescott.

Glad to see you back and going strong, Jean Leach. We missed you during your illness.

Nice to see Rick Baird back in church and sorry to hear that Barb is not feeling well.

Chris Sherrard has returned home after being a patient at EMMC. He had a serious blood infection.

Had a nice note for Ron & Ginny Bubak. It is posted on the bulletin board.

Carole Thornton has returned to Texas after enjoying time with her family in Maine.

Pastor Al and Norma have recently had surgeries.

They would love getting a card from you.

Karen Marshall, Alena, and Lara had a great trip to New Mexico. While there they celebrated family birthdays.

Issie, Sally, and Sandra enjoyed visiting Pastor Chris and family, Sally's sister Debbi, and Pastor Chet and Barbara. They left Saturday morning, traveled to New Hampshire and on to Augusta, and Bangor to shop. It was a great weekend getaway and a total surprise to our former pastors.

Bill & Arlene went to the Downeast Boys concert in Greene, Maine. Pastor Chet and Barbara could not believe their eyes when they walked in.

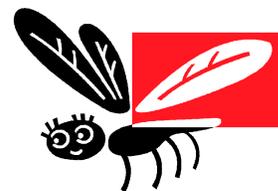
Cindy Richendollar recently treated Issie to a concert in Caribou. They also attended the committal service of Gerry Taber.

Diane Peek has returned to Texas after visiting her Mom, Muriel, and sister, Mary. A great get-together for all.

Jeff & Stacey have purchased a home in Kennebunk. They should be in their new surroundings sometime this month.



Trip over love, you can get up. Fall in love and you fall forever.



Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?



AUGUST PEOPLE

WELCOME

OUR GREETERS

August 2 Issie/Nola
August 9 Phyllis/Sandra S.
August 16 George/Kathleen
August 23 Sharon W/Sandy W.
August 30 Bob W/Joe M.

Nursery Caretakers

Aug. 2 Elaine Trainor
Aug. 9 Lara Marshall
Aug. 16 Kelly Hodson
Aug. 23 Karen Marshall
Aug. 30 Heidi Fitch



SPECIAL MUSIC



Aug. 2 Nancy Beal
Aug. 9 Kathy Francis
Aug. 16 Pauline McFadden
Aug. 23 Emily Ginn
Aug. 30 Isaac Johnson

“People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.”



To John Benner for keeping track of the attendance and ushers in Dana’s absence.

YOUTHWORKS

This is the last week for Youthworks to be in our church. They have done a great job this year and have worked hard to keep the building up to “par.” Each week they have worked with an average of 70 young people and their leaders. The kids have been welcomed into the community and have been praised with the work they have done. When you see the leaders in church today, shake their hands and tell them how much we appreciate the program

KUDOS CORNER

The group “Released & Unleashed” would like to thank everyone who came out to the concert on Thursday evening. And, they also, give a big “shout-out” to Issie Gibson for the hours she puts into arranging for concerts. In case you missed it, Issie earned her “wings” during the festivities.

A special thank you to Pastor Dave and Nancy for their open house dessert nights. Great food, great company, and great fellowship. Thank you for having each one of us.

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. “Here’s a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But you’ll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about finances.” During the service,

the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up. At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star Spangled Banner.” And that is how the substitute became the regular organist.