

# The Pew Review

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## Whether Or Not You Have Enough

**THOUGHT:** Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

Do you ever fret over the question of whether or not you have enough—enough money, enough time, enough strength, enough patience? When I worry about such things, it's usually because I've misplaced my trust. Take money, for example: If I'm trusting in my IRA or my pension to provide for my needs and then the economy falters or the stock market takes a plunge, of course I have reason to worry. Jesus warned that wealth is deceitful . It

cannot be trusted. Likewise, jobs come and go. And so we worry.

The error lies in thinking that our source of income is our security. Not so! God alone is our provider. God is the one who gives us the opportunity and ability to earn a living. And if the job disappears or we become unable to work, God is undaunted. He will provide for his children through other means. When we trust in God we can be certain that there will always be enough.

I wonder if the better question is not whether we have or will have enough, but whether we are giving

enough. Most of us have been blessed with far more than financial resources — even though our mobility may be more limited than in the past. Health, education, gifts, talents, time, community —we often think of these blessing, but they are also valuable resources. Maybe we should ask ourselves whether we are using

what God had given us wisely in the service of others. Are we giving enough?



“OH, DARN, WAS THAT TODAY?”



### Ponderings

- *Why are there flotation devices under the plane seats instead of parachutes.?*
- *Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?*
- *Why do fat chances and slim chances mean the same thing?*
- *Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?*
- *How does the guy that drives the snowplow get to work in the mornings?*

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## BIG SHOUT-OUTS THIS WEEK TO:



*Ron Bubak....hope you are feeling better. Please avoid swimming with outboard motors for a while.*

*Courtney Cowart ...who left Youthworks early to start her teaching position in Arizona. Way to go, Courtney!!!! We are proud of you!!!*

*Muriel Doten...one of our most sincere prayer warriors. Muriel never misses a chance to pray for those out of Christ, or for any of us that have a need. Thank you, Muriel...*

Before you put on your clothes for the day,  
Put on a good attitude;  
Everything will fit better.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- August 2 Carmella Walton
- August 5 Bruce Pierce
- August 11 Carley Davis
- August 11 Bud Barnard
- August 12 Gary "Coach" Carter
- August 17 Amy Holmes
- August 17 Sandra Woodward
- August 19 Ruby Johnson
- August 21 Beverli McAdams
- August 24 Madge Gibson
- August 25 Brent Francis
- August 26 Emily Stevens
- August 29 Mary Lou McGraw
- August 31 Steve McFadden

Happy Birthday

## THE CHURCH MOUSE

I am so excited, Maxi will be home today from her vacation. We will have a chance to catch up on all the news or argue about the facts, whatever they may be. Oh, well look who's coming.....

"Hi, Maxi, I've missed you. Did you have a good vacation?"

"Oh, Maudie, you would have loved it. The ocean is simply the place to be during the hot summer months."

"So you enjoyed the Bar Harbor area?"

"Bar Harbor, we didn't go Bar Harbor, we went to Mount Desert Island," Maxie snapped back. "Whatever made you think we were going to Bar Harbor? Honestly, Maudie, you just can't keep anything straight."

Maudie sat back very straight in her chair, "Maxie, if you knew anything at all, you would know they're both the same place. Bar Harbor is the community on Mount Desert Island."

Now it was Maxi's turn to sit up straight, "You think you know everything. I never saw a sign saying Mount Desert Island. I saw some that said, "Bar Harbor." "I was in Bar Harbor."

Suddenly a smile crept across Maudie's face; then a chuckle could be heard. "Maxi, we've been together for 5 minutes; we haven't seen one another for two weeks, and already we are in a spat. I have missed you and glad you're home. Just as long as you had a great vacation and have returned safely is the main thing. I am so glad we're friends!"

"Me, too! Now let's eat some of that delicious cake that you made to welcome me back."

# THIS 'N THAT

Congratulations to our two newest members; Marlene Bryant and Rachel Burden.

We were saddened to learn of the death of James Hamilton. Jim never missed a concert and enjoyed socializing with the people. Rest in Peace, Jim.

How did you like that stretch of hot, humid weather we had? I am glad most of it has gone away.....way away.

For anyone who did not purchase the book that Pastor Matt wrote, more can be ordered. Let either the Pastor or me know.

It's nice to have Gary "Coach" Carter and Mary Margaret Brown in church.

Shamus, Elaine, Elizabeth, and Keegan Trainor have returned after spending several days on Cape Cod with Shamus's family. What a way to spend a summer!!! Beautiful area!!!

Mary McLellan and Tammy Ginn entertained their Sunday School classes at Pocomoonshine Lake. The kids had a great time; Mary & Tammy were tired...is that called "getting old?"

Abe Holmes and a propane gas tank had a serious argument the other day. Abe lost.

Jeff, Stacey, and Alex Doten have been in town for a few days. The boys went to camp with Jimmy and Stacey spent time visiting with her parents, friends, and me.

From all that I hear, BYC has been a rousing success this year. Pastor Matt had the experience of being Camp Pastor during the second week. Now he knows how junior high kids act and how hard it is to keep up with them. He said it was a great experience and looks forward to next year.

Mike Francis has returned from Virginia Beach..He went down to bring Katie Potter and the twins back. Katie's husband Adam has been sent out to sea for maybe three months.

Youthworks said good-bye to Courtney Cowart this week. Courtney got a teaching position in Tucson and had to be back early. Katy Hallock from Colorado is here to fill her shoes for the next two weeks. Good Luck, Courtney, we will miss you.

Alan & Carole Smith enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast at Bruce and Sharon Bailey's last week. HmMMM, good.

Judy Antoniello had the good fortune to have her son, Vic, and family home for a week. Vic got a lot of small projects accomplished around the yard for Mom while here.

Joy Lyons has returned to church after having her knee replaced. Way to go, Joy.

Ethel Fitzpatrick has returned to Washington Place after spending a few days in the hospital.

Bill, Arlene, Issie, and Sandra enjoyed a Kevin Spencer Concert in Talmadge. Issie is an "elder groupie" and never misses a chance to see him.

The traveling quartet: Flo Russell, Issie Gibson, Judy Antoniello, and Phyllis Murphy are on the road again. This time they went to Bar Harbor, "just for lunch." You go, ladies, and have wonderful adventure.....

Aidan, Tom & Debbie's grandson, had oral surgery in Bangor on Wednesday. Poor little guy is experiencing a sore mouth.

Glad to report that Walter Lyons has returned home from Eastern Maine Medical Center and Calais Regional Hospital after a bout of ill health. He is much improved.

Hey, ....we miss you: Karen Hastings, Laura & Ian Currie, Tonia Griffin, Jean Leach, Joe Moses, and Jeremy & Wendy. Did I miss anyone?

Issie Gibson has returned home after be-



**A good friend will bail you out of jail, but a true friend will be sitting next to you saying. "WOW—that was fun!"**



If you don't have a teddy bear, you don't have anything nice to say.



"Come, sit next to me."

being an overnight patient at EMMC. All her tests were okay. That's answered prayers, Issie.

At the time I am writing this, Bruce Howland is feeling a bit under the weather. Get well soon, Bruce. .... no one knows how to water the camel!

Youthworks will be leaving on August 7th. Please take time to wish them well.



### Fun Things To Do In An Elevator

~ Start grinning at another passenger for a while, and then announce, "I've got new socks on!"

~Whistle the first seven notes of "It's a Small World" incessantly.

~Walk on with a cooler that says "human head inside"

~Offer name tags to everyone getting on the elevator. Wear yours upside down.

~When arriving at your floor, grunt and strain to yank the doors open, then act embarrassed when they open by themselves.

~Stand silent and motionless in the corner facing the wall, without getting off.



## CHOICES

Some people sit—some people try.  
Some people laugh—some people cry.  
Some people will—some people won't.  
Some people do—some people don't.  
Some people believe and develop a plan.  
Some people doubt—never think that they can.  
Some people face hurdles and give it their best.  
Some people back down—when faced with a test.  
Some people complain of their miserable lot.  
Some people are thankful for all that they've got.  
And when it's all over—when it comes to an end,  
Some people lose and some people win.  
We all have a choice—We all have a say.  
We are spectators in life, or we get in and play.  
Whatever we choose— how we handle life's game,  
That the choices are ours—no one else is to blame



The love of a family is life's greatest blessing.

I FOUND THE SECRET  
OF ETERNAL YOUTH.  
I LIE ABOUT MY AGE.



Don't be afraid, honey.  
God is with you.



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- A sled dog never barks. He is a male mute.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away. An onion should take care of everyone else.
- Don't let aging get you down...it's too hard to get back up.

The next time you feel like complaining, remember that your garbage disposal probably eats better than 30 percent of the people in this world.