



THE PEW REVIEW

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH CALAIS, MAINE

Interesting Questions

- **Why is it that people say they “slept like a baby when babies wake up every two hours?”**
- **Why does a round pizza come in a square box?**
- **Can you cry underwater?**
- **Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?**
- **Why did you just try singing the two songs above?**
- **If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?**
- **If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?**

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

Whatever I can think of because I think my thinker's broken.

Have you ever seen the Liberty Bell? Today it sits in a special pavilion near Independence Hall.

If you have not seen it in a real sense, you certainly have seen it on stamps and coins, and used as an icon or symbol by corporations. The Liberty Bell is the most recognized symbol of freedom in the United States, barring perhaps the flag and the Statue of Liberty.

The Liberty Bell, which was “born” in 1752, hung for many years in the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall. But the poor bell cracked when it was first rung in Philadelphia. Nevertheless the bell still called lawmakers to legislative sessions and served faithfully for a long time. And it was no doubt one of the bells that rang throughout the land when liberty was proclaimed on July 4, 1776, 235 years ago.

Liberty is something people value highly. Right now, as I put these words to paper, people in Egypt and Libya are struggling against dictatorships, yearning for greater freedoms and more opportunities.

LIBERTY (Romans 7:15-25)

These countries are going through some of the pains we went through when our own country was born and growing. And even after our country was established we ourselves were unable to avoid a civil war 85 years later.



The apostle Paul, in the reading above, likewise longs for liberty - and moral liberty. He de-

scribes himself as being a slave to his sinful nature and to what he calls the “law of sin.”

Fortunately, Paul discovers his own “Independence Day.” He declares it in verse 25 of today’s Scripture reading, answering the question as to who would “rescue him”: “Thanks be to God - through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Today, let’s give thanks for our liberty. Let’s pray for those who seek theirs. And let us say, as did the apostle, “Thanks be to God.”

(Timothy Merrill)

Prayer: “O liberating God, thank you for the freedom and liberty my family and I enjoy living in this country whose birthday we celebrate this week. And thank you for the spiritual freedom I have been given in Christ Jesus. In his name, Amen.”

A Christian does good deeds, but doing good deeds doesn't make one a Christian.

“The ladies of the church have cast-off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.”

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THIS 'N' THAT



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DANERGOUS WORDS

- "I heard..."
- "They say..."
- "Everybody says...."
- "Have you heard?..."
- "Did you hear?...."
- "Isn't that awful?..."
- "People say...."
- "Did you ever?..."
- "Somebody said..."
- "Would you think..."
- "Don't say I told you, but...."
- "Oh, I think it's perfectly awful..."



First of all, thank you to Karen and Nick Thomas for planting the beautiful lilies along the front walkway. Beautiful!!!!!!!

So far this summer, YouthWorks have had guests from Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Virginia, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Georgia. This church is one busy place with all the young people here.

The Burdens have been on the move. First up north to visit Matt's family, and then Rachel and Josiah went to Pennsylvania to visit her parents. Matt followed her for the second week. NO MORE breaks, you guys. We miss you TOO MUCH.

On June 5, Roy & Rose Curtis were baptized and then took the Right Hand of Fellowship on June 12. The following week, Chris Gillespie took the Right Hand of Fellowship. We are so blessed to have these people as a part of our church. Welcome to 2nd Baptist.

I traveled to Kennebunk on June 5 to see grandson Alex graduate, with honors from Kennebunk High School. The "whole gang" was there. And I, for the first time in many years, had all seven grandchildren together in one place at one time. It's a miracle!!!!!

Congrats to Emily Ginn who placed 10th in the nation at Skills USA in Kansas City. Emily's field of competition was "Teaching Assistant." Way to go, Emily, we are very proud of you.

Sonny & Rita Stewart have returned home after spending time

visiting friends in the Kittery area.

It's been a baby month here—— Billy & Arlene Gibson have a new granddaughter—Cassidy Patricia. Parents are Jesse & Katie Payne. And, Denis & Janet Lovely are celebrating a new member to the family. Everett Bingham Pierce (EB) arrived in Portland. His parents are Eric & Katie Pierce. Congratulations parents and grandparents.

Mike & Kathy Francis have returned home after visiting with daughters Katie and Miriam in Virginia. They brought Katie's twins back to spend time at BYC. Kathy is camp cook and Mike does the dishes (I think.)

And speaking of BYC, thank you so much for your generosity to help send a kid to camp.

Please keep Maurice Marden in your prayers. Maurice will be going to Brigham & Women's Hospital for a bone marrow transplant. This will take place later this month. For those of you who don't know, he is my daughter Carol's father-in-law.

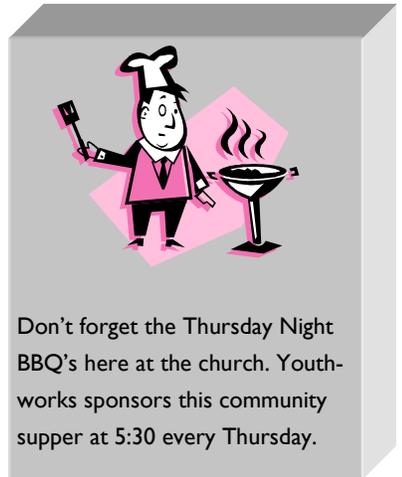
The church seems to be overwhelmed with illness of late. We have had: Mike Francis, Milford Hartin, Linda Baniszkeski, and Pastor Ray Morse fighting (and winning) their battles with cancer. Surgery patients have been Nola Hough, Vi Carter, John Baker, and Stacey Doten. Sick list includes: Muriel Doten, Issie Gibson, Bob McGraw, Morris Moffatt, Winnie Demmons, and Barbara Baird.

Kelly Hodson, Makayla, John, and James have been visiting family in Texas.

Have you picked up the Birthday Book from "the table?"

The Executive Board recently approved the money to have the cement work done at the lower entrance. Next will be a roof to cover the walkway.

Brian Marshall is in England visiting relatives. A long ride over the Atlantic.



Don't forget the Thursday Night BBQ's here at the church. Youthworks sponsors this community supper at 5:30 every Thursday.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her bathroom scales.

That's when the fight started.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

July 3 John Hodson
 July 5 Bonnie Moffatt
 July 6 Shamus (James) Trainor
 July 11 George Murphy
 July 12 John Wentworth
 July 13 Winnie Demmons
 Jenny Stevens
 July 16 Trinity Newell
 July 18 Brooke Smith
 July 22 Jon Lander
 July 23 Norma Coffey
 July 24 Patrick Doten
 July 26 Kelly Hodson



Never criticize your wife's faults. It might have been those faults that kept her from getting a better husband.

Never go to a doctor's office whose plants have died.

QUESTION????

I NEED SOME INPUT FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

Do you enjoy this newsletter?

What do you like best about the newsletter?

What would you like to read

about each month?

Is this a worthwhile project?

Would you like to submit something to be published? It can be your own work or an article you have read.

I am asking these questions because I need to know your interests and what you think about what is being written.

Where can I improve?

Please let me know what you think. You can email me at:

sdoten@roadrunner.com or you can leave a note on my desk. Of course, you can always call me. I would love to hear from you.

Thank you, Sally

THE CHURCH MOUSE

What is wrong with this picture? It's June 23rd and I had to turn on the heater to keep my little nest warm. Isn't that just a little odd for June? I mean, let's face it, we are in an economic crunch here and I'm running my heater in June!!...so much for trying to save money. Is there any such thing?

Trying to get some repairs done around here. Really had to work hard cleaning the nest. The kids (YW) have so much food around that I can't fit another thing. I started in the pantry and removed all the old crumbs from the last concert and put in the most recent things in the empty space. My favorite dish was the rice and cheese that someone made— that cheese was direct from Wisconsin, I know. It was "melt in your mouth" elegant. That word, "elegant" is used by a very dear friend when she describes good food. I just thought I'd throw it in.

Maxi and I have enjoyed all the extra food. In fact, last week we ate so much that both our tails were so heavy we could barely move. We just laid on our backs, belly up, and laughed.

Have a great month....see you in August.

Mr. Gable has a leak in the roof over his dining room table, so he called a repairman to take a look at it.

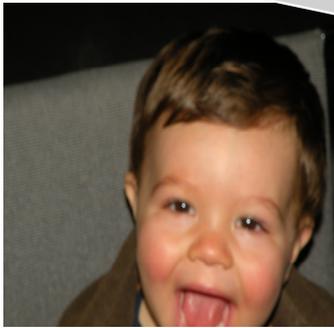
"When did you first notice the leak?" the repairman inquired.

Mr. Gabe scowled, "Last night, when it took me two hours to finish my soup."



Josiah

Says:



Gee, it's good to be home. My poor bottom was so sore after sitting in the darn car seat all the way from Pennsylvania. Dad & Mom don't understand how uncomfortable those things are...maybe someone needs to make an adult size and stick them in it for a 12 hour ride.

But, it was nice to see my Grammy and Grampy. I love them soooooo much.

How about getting more names into that blue jar. Daddy & Mama reviewed some, but still need more to choose from....HELP!!! "Hey you" will be here before we know it.

A child's Opinion

On the first day of school, a first grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read; "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of the parents"



WARSHING CLOTHES

Years ago an Alabama grandmother gave the new bride the following recipe; this is an exact copy and found in an old scrapbook.

Build fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water

Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is pert

Shave one hole cake of lie soap in boilin water

Sort things, make 3 piles

1 pile white - 1 pile colored — 1 pile work britches and rags

To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down with boiling water

Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, and boil, then rub colored don't boil just wrench and starch

Take things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench and starch

Hang old rags on fence

Spread tea towels on grass



Pore wrench water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water

Turn tubs upside down

Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs. Brew cup of tea, sit and rock a spell and count your blessings

PASTE THIS OVER YOUR WASHER AND DRYER

Next time when you think things are bleak, read it again, kiss that washing machine and dryer, and give thanks

First thing each morning you should run and hug your washer and dryer

For you non-southerners—wrench means, rinse

MINISTERS

Good News: You baptized seven people today in the river.

Bad News: You lost two in the swift current.

Good News: The Trustees finally voted to add more church parking.

Bad News: They're going to hot-top the front lawn of the parsonage

Good News: The youth of the church came to your house for a visit.

Bad News: It was the middle of the night and they were armed with toilet paper and shaving cream