

• **THINGS I'VE
LEARNED IN
LIFE**

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- Over prepare, then go with the flow.
- It's OK to get angry with God, he can take it.
- Believe in miracles.
- Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
- No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
- Don't take yourself too seriously—no one else does.
- Growing old beats the alternative; dying young.
- Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.



A man asked his wife how she liked his new rainbow patterned tie. "We'll," she responded, "It would look much better if there wasn't such a big pot at the end."

THE PEW REVIEW

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A JOURNEY CALLED LIFE

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

"What food might this contain?", the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house; there is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

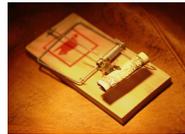
The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray....be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the

house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's not skin off my nose."



So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mouse trap....ALONE...

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house—the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

When she returned home she still had a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued.

Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them the farmer butchered the pig.

But, alas, the farmer's wife

did not get well...she died.

So many people came to her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon.

And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.



So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you,

REMEMBER—

When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

"TO EVERYONE WHO HAS EVER HELPED YOU OUT...LET THEM KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE."

MONEY may not be everything, but it keeps you in touch with your children.





WHAT IS A PRAYER PARTNER?

The following are Prayer Partners in the Sunday School classes:

Nursery (no one)

K-2 Sally Doten

3-4 Issie Gibson

5-6 Muriel Doten

Jr.-Sr Janet Lovely

Adults Beverli McAdams

These people signed up to pray for their design-

ated class.

It would be great if someone would take the Nursery Class for the remainder of the year.

It's a very easy job—you just have to pray. Some people do more. For example, you can send birthday cards, you can visit the classroom and introduce yourself, or you can offer to help the teacher if needed.

Personally, I visit my class on the last Sunday of each month and bring a small treat. I also send each a birthday card. It is such a joy to know I've touched a life.

If you're not a partner to a class, you can pray for the Sunday School as a whole. We need these young people to grow and know that they are loved. Our church will not grow without them.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3	Bruce Bailey	March 27	Elaine Trainor
	Melanie Pagels	March 29	Cecil Moreside
March 7	Nick Thomas	March 31	Brian Marshall
March 9	Emily Ginn		
March 10	Heidi Fitch		
March 14	Patty Gagner		
March 17	Jean Leach		
	Jeremy Putnam		
March 20	Judy Antonello		



THIS 'N THAT

As I write this today (2/24) our prayers are with Linda Baniszkeski as she goes through cancer surgery . 2nd Baptist is thinking of you.

Mike Francis is finished with his chemo and radiation treatments. He will go back in a few days for a complete evaluation. Good Luck, Mike.

Also on the sick list, again, is Stella Kneeland. Stella is at the

Ross Manor Rehab Center after having hip surgery. This is her third surgery in 2 months. Drop her a card.

Congrats to Rick and Barbara Baird who are our newest members. They received the Right Hand of Fellowship at church on Feb. 20. Welcome to the family.....

Billy & Arlene have returned from Delaware after visiting with their children and grand-

children.

Jim & Sally's home is back to normal after having their grandsons visiting. Pat & Alex have returned safely to Kennebunk and Dale is back in Dedham.

If you see someone from the Public Works Department, tell him "Thank You" for keeping our roads safe this winter. They have worked long hours to date. And, by the looks of the forecast, will have a few



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more storms to work through. Our new Head Usher is Abe Holmes. Abe took over for John Demmons who is extremely busy with the Trustees.

Muriel Doten is suffering with much pain. Prayerfully she will get to a pain specialist shortly to be relived from this very miserable condition.

Congrats to Mary McLellan on her recent retirement for Calais Regional Hospital. Happy "lazy" days, Mary.

For those of you who know

Betty Greenlaw, she is now at Brewer Rehab and receiving chemo treatments at Cancer Care of Maine. Send prayers her way.

Sorry to report that the Calais Blue Devils basketball teams lost their bid for another state champion. Both teams were defeated in the quarter finals. A very rare event.

Glad to report that Rick Fitch now has employment at the local paper mill. This means that he and Heidi are no longer thinking of moving. Yea!!!!

Bev McAdams has returned from Portland where she cared for her sister after a surgical procedure.

Are you interested in being part of the "sound board operators?" If so, see Pastor Matt or Abe Holmes. We need more people to learn the ins and outs of the sound booth.

Kristi Wescott is now employed at "Freshies Mobile" on North Street.

Just heard Winnie Demmons is in the hospital. Get well soon, Winnie.



No matter the storm, when you're with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



IRISH BLESSINGS

-May your purse always

hold a coin or two

-May there always be work for your hands to do.

-May the sun always shine on your window pane.

-May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

-May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

THE CHURCH MOUSE by Maudie



It was nice having last month off and letting Sally do a special column. It gave me more time to thing about what to say this month. I have been busy...let me think.

I did sit on the pulpit last week for a few minutes. I nearly fell off when Pastor announced that he and the Missus were expecting their second child. Well, knock me over with a feather! I knew it would happen sooner or later but I was

thinking maybe a little later. But, then, whatever!!!

One thing I did take particular notice of was all the young people in the congregation. It's so nice to have them here. I love it...they're my favorites.

Maxi has been away visiting with relatives, so there's nothing new to report from her corner. I'll be glad when she gets back. I miss our coffee

time. ...and maybe, maybe just a little gossip. Would you believe?

My little nest has been very comfortable during this recent cold spell. The snow keeps me inside, so my foraging has been limited to the kitchen; and the pickings have been very slim. I did find a few crumbs on the stove top, but not much. The next time you folks eat, please leave something on the counter top for me. Thanks...see ya..

IT'S A BIG SHOUT AND THANK YOU TO:

Alissa Lovely!!!!



Did you know that Alissa shows up to almost every church service, concert, and Bible Study to make herself available to care for the little ones. If you don't see her it's because she is working at Shop 'n Save. Alissa is a student at WCCC in the Early Childhood Development program. She will graduate in May. She is presently doing her internship with Heidi Fitch at her day care program.

Take time to say "thank you" to this young lady who gives way above and beyond. How many young people can you find today with her dedication to our church and little ones.

Thank you, Alissa, for being here and working in the nursery program. You are loved and admired for your work and thoughtfulness.



GUESS WHAT? WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BABY IN SEPTEMBER...CONGRATS TO MATT & RACHEL!!! (just because this picture is blue doesn't mean a thing)



"Oh, what to do?"

"My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or Leave it!"

"C" IF YOU CAN COMPLETE THIS BIBLE TRIVIA QUIZ!

All correct answers begin with the letter C. Circle the correct answer.

1. What was Nehemiah's occupation? centurion, cook, carpenter, cupbearer.
2. Who was the Bible's first murderer? Caleb, Cain, Caiaphas, Cush.
3. Where did Jesus perform his first miracle? Caesarea, Capernaum, Cana.
4. Which of these books contains the great chapter about love? 2 Chronicles, 1 Corinthians, Colossians, 2 Corinthians.
5. A man named Simon was forced to carry the cross of Jesus to Golgotha for Jesus. Where was he from? Cyrene, Caesarea, Cush, Chicago.
6. Which of these "C words" has nothing to do with the crucifixion of Jesus? crown, cross, Calvary, cypress.

ON THE RECORD!

Who made the following statements as read in the Bible?

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew.
2. "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give unto you." Peter, James, John, Paul.
3. "What is truth?" Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius.
4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!" Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua.
5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul.
6. "Almost you persuade me to become a Christian." Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas.
7. "Entreat me not to leave you for your people will be my people. Where you lodge, I will lodge." Rebekkah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab.
8. "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith." Paul, Peter, James, Barnabus.



Answers in next week's church bulletin