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MOTHER'S DAY

A man called his elderly mother, 86, who was living in an "assisted living" facility in Fort Myers, Fla. He said to his mother, "Mom, how are you doing?"

She said, "Not so good, sonny. I've been very weak. Very weak."

The son, concerned, then asked, "Why are you weak, Mom?"

She replied, rasping into the phone, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."

The son, aghast, then asked, "Mother! How come you haven't eaten in 38 days?"

His mother replied, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food when you called."

We all like to be remembered, right? Kids these days text or type notes to their peers, but the rest of us enjoy a nice phone conversation from time to time.

I hope you get a phone

call from your loved ones on Mother's Day. If you don't, perhaps you can make a phone call yourself, or ask someone to make it for you.

You know, God likes talking to us, too. How long has it been since we've given God a call in prayer? A day? Thirty-eight days?

When you "call," please tell God all about yourself. Tell God what you're doing or not doing, what's bothering you and so on. Then take time to listen. For this you may need to "hang up" and read the

Bible for a while. I guarantee that God will have something to say to you. Be careful to listen!

By the way, Happy Mother's Day! And if you're a father, I will have special greetings for you in about five weeks.

THOUGHT: God created all mothers.



MOTHERS' MAINTENANCE

When a mother's carburetor floods it should be treated immediately with Kleenex and a soft shoulder.

See that she uses her brakes to slow down often and come to a full stop occasionally. (A squeaking sound indicates a need for rest)

Most mothers can run indefinitely on coffee, leftovers and salads, but an occasional dinner for two at a nice restaurant will really add to her efficiency.

SIGNS

In a Podiatrist's Office
"Time wounds all heals"

At a Optometrist's Office
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's Truck
"We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's Truck

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

On a Church's Billboard
"7 days without God makes one weak."

At a Towing Company
"We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

On a maternity ward door
"Push...Push...Push."

In the front yard of a funeral parlor
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a car dealership
"The best way to get back on your feet—miss a car payment."

On an electrician's truck
"Let us remove your shorts."



TRUSTEES

Did you notice the new stair-rail? Thank you, Mike Francis.

And, after 5 years I have finally got the office door fixed. It now can be locked!!!! Thank you , Roy Curtis.

The committee is still working on plans for the new roof over the lower entry.

The sermon had droned on for nearly two hours. Finally, the minister stretched his arms out wide and asked, "What more can I say?" To which a teenager sitting in the back call out, "Amen' would be nice."

MOTHERS' MAINTENANCE (CON'T)

A mother's batteries should be charged regularly. Handmade items, notes, unexpected hugs and kisses, and frequent 'I love you's' will do very well for a recharge.

Mothers need regular tune-ups. Compliments are both the cheapest and most effective way to keep a mother purring contentedly.

Oh, yes, and let's not forget to speak to mothers lovingly and respectfully, especially when she reminds you to drive carefully and have a good time.

If these instructions are followed consistently, this fantastic creation and gift from God, whom we call "Mother," should last a lifetime and give good service and constant love to those who need her most.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board met on April 1 with Bev McAdams standing in for Joe...who is part of the Mission Team to the D.R.

Voted to give \$1000 to the Baptist Church of Owego, NY for repairs after being partially destroyed by Hurricane Lee.

Received a letter stating that the church was a recipient of money from the Estate of Marjorie Morrison.

A dead end street is a good place to turn around

THIS 'N THAT

Three cheers and a big AMEN....Issie is back in church and feeling much better.

Bill & Arlene Gibson have returned from a cruise to the Grand Cayman Islands and other ports of interest with daughter Katie and family. While in Mexico

they met up with son Billy and wife.

Sally & Beth spent one day last week in Bangor...trying out new cars. After looking and driving about 5, Sally came home with a new Nissan.

So nice to have the "parents" here for Samuel's dedication. It was great to see Steve, Kathy, Faithe, and Jim.

Mike & Kathy have returned from Virginia after visiting with their daughters and grandkids.

Bruce Bailey had a surprise birthday party on April 22. "Bruce, were you really surprised?"

Judy Antoniello and I had a great shopping day in Bangor on Tuesday. Also, I had a doctor's appointment. I think I'm healthy!! And most important of

all....we both bought new purses...

Pastor Matt, Rachel, and the boys visited his parents and celebrated brother Joshua's engagement at a bridal shower for the lucky bride. Congrats to this great couple.

Mary McLellan has been away for a couple of weeks taking care of granddaughter Abby in Casco. Abby had surgery on her back. Two rods were placed on each side of her spine to straighten her back. Get well soon, Abby.

What did you think of the wind and rain the other night? It was wild for a few hours. It gave us a new pool in the front yard. Almost deep enough to do the back-stroke.

Karen Marshall spent time in Boston last week.

A MAN AND HIS DOG



The blessing of the pets will be followed by a hot dog lunch.



THIS 'N THAT CON'T

Thank you, Heidi Williams. Heidi spent the day cleaning out the weeds from the shrubbery out front and removing more from one of the flower beds. Great job!!! and badly needed....

Great to see new faces in the congregation: Kathleen Caso, Doreen Sawyer, Richard Clock; and Shirley & Frenchie Michaud. If I've missed any one, I apologize.

Sorry to report that George Murphy has not been feeling well and is scheduled for surgery on May 1. I know he would love a card from you.

Keep Kay Urquhart in prayer as she goes for more testing.

Sandra Sherrard and Rita Stewart were in Bangor recently for medical tests and appointments. Prayer for good reports.



Well, my brain is getting...
Baby Samuel's Dedication accompanied by the family

THE CHURCH MOUSE BY MAUDIE

“Oh, Maudie, this makes me nervous. We shouldn't be here. What is someone catches us?”

“Stop your fretting, Maxi, no one is going to catch us. And besides, Sally wouldn't care. I know she wouldn't.”

“But I really don't like it here. This place is so big, what if I get lost? What if Sally doesn't come back? What if she's mad? What if...”

“What if what?” Maudie interrupted quickly. “Look we're here for the adventure. No one is going to care or bother us.”

Maxi shakily replies, “ I knew it was a bad idea when we crawled into that big purse of hers; now I' m scared.”

“What are you scared off?”

“Well, Sally, put her purse down in the kitchen, we jumped out, and now she's gone,” whined Maxi.

“Listen here, Maxi, there is nothing to worry about. She'll be back soon. We will just jump back into that awful

looking purse and head back home. No problem.”

“Maudie, don't you think Perry is a long way for us to be traveling? And you do realize there is no food here, right?”

“You're wrong, Maxi, there is food here. I noticed the outside closet is full of black sunflower seeds. We will be fine.”

“Well, ok, I will try to remain calm. But, this house is too big and too close to that ocean out there. Don't go venturing too far off and getting lost. I would be really nervous than.”

“Sally will be back tomorrow. She will set her purse down, we'll just back in, and before you know it, we will be back at

the church.”

“Okay, I'll take your word for it. Let's hope she doesn't sell this place before we get back to 2nd Baptist and Calais. Oh, I think I'm going to be sick.”

“Whatever!!!!”



YUP, THIS IS ME, SAMUEL JAMES. AND I'M GETTING TIRED OF JOSIAH'S PICTURES EVERY WEEK IN THIS NEWSLETTER. SO HERE I AM AND SOON READY FOR MY OWN COLUMN.

DUMB FACTS

- On average, a secretary's right hand does 56% of the typing.
- Check this out, look at your keyboard, the only ten letter word that you can spell with the top row of letters is “typewriter.”

- The average caterpillar has 2000 muscles. The average human has 700.
- Mosquitoes have teeth.
- There are 225 squares on a scrabble board.
- A camel has a straight spine, despite its hump.
- The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the United States.
- The white powder on chewing gum is

THERE IS NO TIME LIKE SPRING

The beauty that God placed on earth
Is fairest in the spring
When all the fields and tress turn green
And birds begin to sing.
It seems as though an artist took
A palette in his hand
And, with a few deft stokes, erased
The starkness of the land.
God gave us other seasons, too,
But none I think so fair,
As that of spring when all the earth
Is crowned with beauty rare.



Two special "shout outs"
this month go to:
1) Gloria Gayton for the
courage she has displayed
while

fighting cancer. Presently there
Is not sign of the disease...God is
watching
over her. 2) Joshua Carr for the
wonderful
thoughts he shared with us about his trip
as a missionary to the D.R. Josh said his
soul was touched by the people there.

FOOD PANTRY

Most of you know that during the month of April
we collected food for the pantry. Our goal was to
have 500lbs donated by the church family. Today,
May 3, the total weight was 522.2 pounds. Thank
you to all who participated. The pantry is an
outreach in the area for those struggling
financially. Each of you helped a family in need.
THANK YOU.

And

A check was given to Dylan Gidney for \$450. Dylan
Is an 18 y.o. high school senior battling cancer. This



BAPTIST BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Something new is on the horizon...the
Diaconate is sponsoring a **BIRTHDAY
BRUNCH**. This takes the place of our
annual birthday supper. So, on May 20,
directly after church, be sure to stay and
enjoy a fun time. There will be birthday
cakes and food, food, food. Sign up for
what you can bring. There is a paper on
the table for those wanting

to help.



Kindness is a merry song

"RETARDED" GRANDPARENTS

(WRITTEN BY A THIRD GRADER)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they
spend their holiday away from school. One child wrote the
following.

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and
Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got
retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a tin box
that has wheels, but its strapped to the ground. They ride
around on their bicycles, and wear name tags, because they don't
know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck
center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay
now, they do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.
There is a swimming pool too, but they just jump up and down in
it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little
old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape.
Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts. No
body there cooks, they just eat out. And, they east the same
thing every night—early birds. Some of the people can't get out
past the man in the doll house.

The ones who get out, bring back food to the wrecked
center for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all
his life to earn his retardment and, says I should work hard so I
can be retarded someday, too. When I earn my retardment, I
want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out,

When given a frozen ham do you get a cold shoulder?

The biggest smile is the "mile" between the "s's" in smiles!

MAY FACTS

May 6-12	National Pet Week
May 13	Mother's Day
May 17	Rat Pack Day
May 18	Visit Your Relatives Day
May 19	Armed Forces Day
May 28	Memorial Day

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Jody Deacon
May 2	Ross Cookson
May 5	Stacey Doten, Wyatt Ingham
May 8	Ben Pagels
May 10	Keegan Trainor
May 12	Todd Pagels
May 17	Pam Price
May 20	Vi Carter
May 22	Joy Lyons
May 26	Mike Francis
May 29	Linda Beniszeski
May 30	Brad McFadden

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VERSE to REMEMBER

"God is our refuge and strength, a
Very present help in trouble. Therefore,
We will not fear."
(Psalm 46: 1-2)

PRACTICE THE ATTITUDE OF
GRATITUDE!

GOD LOVES YOU WHETHER YOU
LIKE IT OR NOT!

It takes a lot of
things to prove you
are smart, but only
one thing to prove
you are ignorant.

God promises a safe landing,
not a calm passage.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
TOMORROW,
GOD IS
ALREADY
THERE.....