



Second Baptist Church

The Pew Review

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

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WISDOM

The easiest way to find something that is lost is to buy a replacement.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then you body and you are really good friends.

He who hesitates is probably right.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.

We cannot change the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery even on a detour.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.



Dear Meredith

Our 14-year-old dog died last month. The day after she passed away my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey.

She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could, so she dictated these words:

Dear God,

Will you please take care of my dog? Abbey died yesterday and is with you in heaven.

I miss her very much.

I'm happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick. I hope you will play with her.

We likes to swim and play with balls.

I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog.

I really miss her.
Love, Meredith

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith, and addressed it to GOD/HEAVEN. We put our return address on it.

Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into



the letter box at the post office.

A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a

book by Mr. Rogers called, "When a Pet Dies."

Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith:

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognized her right a way. Abbey isn't sick any more. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart.

Abbey loved being your dog.

Since we don't use our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I'm sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you.



"We're old buddies ..."
Irene Gallway and
Patsy Hill



Familiar Faces
MayBelle Clark and
Lori Frost



**A cardinal lands in
Baring.**

ONE LINERS

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

Quit gripping about your
church; if it was perfect, you
couldn't belong.

The good Lord didn't crate
anything without a purpose,
but mosquitoes come close.

Some minds are like
concrete—thoroughly mixed
up and permanently set.

OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFERS ARE:

Dec. 3 Sonny Stewart

4 Chris Gillespie

10 Sharon Goding

12 Cindy Richendol-
lar Makayla Hodson

13 Sandra Skillman

14 Mary McLellan

17 Karen Thomas

18 MayBelle Clark

19 Heidi Wil-
liams

20 Jeff Doten

20 Beth Doten

22 Carole Smith
Paul Waycott

25 Pastor Chris Stevens

28 Nathan Marshall

29 Josiah Burden

31 Krystal Murphy

Happy Birthday



The Church Mouse (by Maudie)

I'm not sure, but I think there are less than 60 days before Christmas. We just got over Halloween and haven't had Thanksgiving yet. More pressure on this poor, old mouse. Where did this year go? Why am I always behind? Am I disorganized? Am I just a little "late on the draw" here?

I like to get my Christmas decorations up early but I don't even know where they are and no idea where to look for them.

Do you get these same anxieties before Christmas? We put too much pressure on ourselves and forget the meaning of the holiday.

Today, Nov. 3, I pledge to myself in front of all of you, I will not let this become a season of depression or anxiety. I am going to take time to smell the holly. I am going to understand the full meaning of Christmas and tell others to "cool it!"

"Jesus is the reason for the season." That

Dear Meredith (cont'd)

I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I'm easy to find.
I am wherever there is love.

Love,
God.

Please don't be too busy to share this story with someone you love.

Time

It takes a minute to have a crush on someone!

An hour to like someone!

And a day to love someone!

...But it takes a lifetime to

Forget someone!.....



The Church Mouse
(cont'd)

has been repeated for many years and this year I am going to remember it. I will give what I can afford as gifts, but the most important thing I will give to each of you is my love.

I'm sorry TX Maxx, Wal-Mart, LL Bean, etc., but this year I am celebrating the season not the commercials.

Life's Journey

Life is a complex journey
In God's celestial plan
So live it well and wisely,
Be the best that you can.

Ignore the slings and the arrows,
Stay fast and you'll always find
His love and hand there to guide you,
Bringing joy and true peace of mind.

THIS 'N THAT

What's happening?
Well, it's like this.....

Bud Barnard has had his son from New York visiting for a week. It's great to reminisce!

Please keep Jean Doten Pike in your prayers. Jean is fighting cancer and it's been a long struggle. She is a sister to Irene Gallway.

Praise & Worship practice has started up again. They meet every Wednesday at 5pm.

Pauline McFadden has had knee surgery. She is up and about but still with pain.

Jim Doten is finally on the mend. He has been under the weather off and on since May.

Gloria Gayton is now free of pain and home with the Lord. Gloria passed away on Oct. 16

after a long battle with cancer. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Congratulations to Denis & Christine Gillespie on the birth of a granddaughter and to Irene Gallway for a new great granddaughter. Both Moms and babies are doing fine. I'm not sure about the grandmothers. ...

Welcome back to Carmella Walton. Carmella has an apartment at Palmer Lane Estates. It's so nice to have her here.

Marlene Bryant has been going to doctors in Calais and Bangor. Pray that her health problems are resolved.

John & Sally Baker are both on the sick list. John has been a patient at EMMC and Sally is suffering with kidney stones.

Did you know that Sandra Sherrard, Mary McLellan, and Rick Baird have been cruising with their spouses. They all ended up on the same cruise out of Boston to Bermuda. A great time!

Attending the STRIVE program at the Red Rock Church with chaperones Debbie Little and Abe Holmes are: Stephanie and Samantha Look, Brynne Lander, James Hodson, Christian Emery, Kianna Pike, and Amber Cookson. This is a great program for our youth. Have fun, you guys & gals!!!

Congratulations to Bradley McFadden. He is the treasurer of the freshman class at Calais High School.

Thank you to all who donated so generously to Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. A gift of money

WHY I LIKE RETIREMENT:

How many days in a week?

6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

When is a retiree's bedtime?

Three hours after they fall asleep in the recliner.

What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

There is not enough time to get everything done.

Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors

The term comes with a 10% discount.

Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Tied Shoes

Why do retirees count pennies?

They are the only ones who have the time.

What do retirees call a long lunch?

Normal.

THIS 'N THAT (cont'd)

well deserved gift. You are loved, Pastor, and you will just have to put up with us.

Are you musically inclined?

Tammy Ginn is looking for you! She will be directing the Christmas Concert this year and needs participants. You could be just the one to fill that empty spot.



**JOIN
THE
FUN**

HARVEST PARTY FUN



OLD WITCHES



REAL PUMPKINS



PRETTY PRINCESSES



NEW WITCHES



A SMILING LADY BUG



TEENAGERS



TIRED SUPER HEROES



MUMMY MONSTERS



And **MIDDLE AGERS**



NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

Will you volunteer as a nursery helper during worship service? Your turn happens about once every 6 weeks. If you want to help see Debbie Little.

Thank you

God is like COKE—He's the real thing.

God is like HALLMARK CARDS—He cares enough to send the very best.

God is like TIDE—He gets the stains out others leave behind.

God is like SCOTCH TAPE—You can't see him but you know He's there.

God is like ALLSTATE—You're in good hands with Him