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WISDOM FROM A NINETY-YEAR-OLD

Everything can change in the blink of an eye.
But don't worry; God never blinks.

Burn the candles, use the best towels, wear the expensive perfume or after-shave. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today IS special.

Forgive everyone everything.

What other people think of you is none of your business.

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

God loves you because of who God is, not because of who you are or what you did or didn't do.

CBC WILL HOST JBQ MATCH

On Saturday, March 6th, Clarkson Baptist Church will welcome Junior Bible Quizzers from around the region as they gather here for a match. About 150 quizzers, parents, and officials representing teams from various churches will quiz against each other on quick recall questions over Bible events, people, places, and lessons.

The competition is quick, exciting, and amazing. Participants range in age from kindergarten through fifth grade. These young people know the Bible and would cause many older, more mature Christians some embarrassment if put in competition against them.

The match begins at 9:30am, and everyone is invited to come and watch, or, if you would like, come and help with the many tasks that go into hosting this many people.

Best wishes to our CBC teams!

(The state matches will be held March 26-27 at Bullitt East High School in Mt. Washington. The CBC teams are already making plans for that competition.)



Attention YOUTH!

Beginning the first Sunday of March the Youth group will meet at 4:30 on Sunday afternoons instead of on Wednesday nights.

Make plans to be a part of this group that will be doing some studying and some fellowship activities each week.

Great Food For All

The Great Food For All March food orders will be taken on Tuesday, March 2nd, from 10 - 11pm and on Wednesday, March 3rd, from 5-6pm at Clarkson Baptist Church. Orders may be made with cash, money order, or EBT card.

Orders may also be made online through March 4th. Orders will be taken at CBC any time the office is open through March 5th. The March food will be distributed on Saturday, March 20th, from 11:30am until 12:30pm.

"If you eat, you qualify!" No membership fees, no paperwork, no hassles, no purchase limit, no income guidelines. This program is for everyone who wants to stretch food dollars.



Chocolate Sings!



One day I had lunch with friends. Laurea Mae, a little old "blue hair" about 80 years old, came along with them. When the menus were brought, we ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Mae who said, "Ice cream, please. Two scoops, chocolate."

I wasn't sure my ears heard right, and the others looked equally amazed.

"With heated apple pie," Mae added, with a smile.

We tried to act as if people did this all the time, but when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy mine very much. I couldn't take my eyes off Mae's pie a-la-mode as she obviously relished each bite.

The other ladies showed their equal dissatisfaction, and we ate our lunches silently as we frowned.

The next time I went out to eat, I called and invited Mae. I lunched on white meat tuna, and she ordered a parfait. I smiled and said, "You know, Mae, you confuse me. How is it that you order rich desserts, while I feel I must be sensible?"

She laughed and said, "I'm tasting all that is possible. I try to eat the food I need, and do the things I should, but life is so short. I hate missing out on something good. This year I realized how old I am. She grinned. I haven't been eighty before; I've never been this old. So, before I die, I've got to try those things that for years I had ignored. I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many books I haven't read. There are more fudge sundaes to savor and kites to fly. I haven't laughed at all the funny things in life, and I've missed a lot of good shows and potato chips and cokes. I want to wade in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in church and thank God for His grace. I want peanut butter every morning on my toast. I want unlimited long distance calls to the folks I love the most. I want to walk in the morning rain and feel the wind in my hair. So I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner because I don't want to miss out on anything - even chocolate mousse."

I called the waitress over. "I've changed my mind. I want what she is having and add some whipped cream to that chocolate mousse!"

Remember - money may talk, but Chocolate Sings!

Can you solve this brain teaser? Luke had it before. Paul had it behind. Ladies have it at the beginning. Abraham Lincoln had it twice. Doctor Lowell had it before and behind. He had it twice as bad behind as he had it before. What is it?

If "con" is the opposite of "pro," is Congress the opposite of progress?

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting was postponed one week because of inclement weather; therefore, the meeting was called to order by moderator, David Vickery on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The moderator led the opening prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

Gerald Hart, speaking for the Building and Grounds Committee, made a motion to hire James Johnson to mow the lawn at the same price as last summer. The motion was seconded and passed.

Building and Grounds then recommended that seven fire extinguishers be placed throughout the church building. Some discussion followed, and the committee was asked to get some prices on cabinets to hold each extinguisher. They will report back next month.

Kenneth Ray led the closing prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY, 2010

General Checking Account.....\$6,632.63

BUILDING FUND TRANSACTIONS

Beginning Balance.....\$2,638.78

Deposit - 1/3/10.....\$1,627.25

Deposit - 1/10/10.....\$1,028.00

Deposit - 1/17/10.....\$885.00

Deposit - 1/24/10.....\$2,740.00

Deposit - 1/31/10.....\$1,245.00

Contributions in memory of Jim Henderson.....\$405.00

Total Receipts for January, 2010.....\$7,930.25

Wilson & Muir (#109).....-\$6,800.00

Balance - January 31, 2010.....\$3,769.03

Loan balance - January 31, 2010.....\$268,590.48

More Evidence of the Efficiency of Cooperation

Compare these figures from the same year, the same period, and the same length of time.

Six leading television ministries used \$684 million to support four schools, one hospital, three churches, two ministries to needy children, one ministry to others in need, and one home for unwed mothers.

Southern Baptists used \$635 million to support 52 children's homes, 48 hospitals, 33 nursing homes or homes for the aged, 67 colleges, 3,756 foreign missionaries, 3,637 home missionaries, 1,100 campus ministries, six seminaries, and ACTS cable network.

The Cold Within

Six humans trapped by happenstance In black and bitter cold -
 Each one possessed a stick of wood, Or so the story's told.
 Their dying fire in need of logs, The first, a woman, held hers back.
 For on a face around the fire, She noticed it was black.
 The next, a man, looking cross the way Saw one not of his church,
 So couldn't bring himself to offer The fire his stick of birch.
 The third, a man, sat in tattered clothes; Gave his coat a hitch,
 Why should his log be put to use To warm the idle rich?
 The rich man sat back and thought Of the wealth he had in store.
 And of how to keep what he'd earned From the lazy poor.
 The black man's face bespoke revenge As the fire passed from his sight,
 For in his stick of wood he saw A chance to spite the white.
 And the last member of his group Did naught except for gain.
 Giving only to those who gave Was how he played the game.
 The logs held tight in death's still hands Were proof of human sin.
 These didn't die from the cold without, They died from the cold within.