



## Church Bloopers

Being reared in the First Baptist Church in Lexington, I have many memories of worship services. As a child, you could invite a friend to sit with you in church as long as you sat by somebody's parents. Notes were written and passed on the bulletin, but in a reverent way. My friend, Kathy, sat with us one Sunday and for some reason she started chewing on the bulletin. My mama said, "Billy goats eat paper!" Well that was the wrong thing to say because we started laughing and she had to take us out of church.

As a teen-ager, we all sat at the right-hand side of the sanctuary.

Unfortunately, Mama sang in the choir and saw everything. One Sunday, my friend, Ricky, was chewing on a blue Bic pen. He must have bitten too hard and ink went everywhere. He looked like a Smurf. Well, that Sunday the preacher stopped the service to get everything under control. As well as I remember, my Sunday afternoon was spent in my room.

Why are things always so funny in church? I suppose it is because there is a sense of quiet and reverence. Not too long ago, we had a revival at our church. One night a member of our congregation came in after the service had begun. As we looked around, we all realized that he had dyed his gray hair to jet black. It was quite an abrupt change and nobody knew what to say or how to react.

After we gained our composure and the service began, we heard a faint noise that became louder and louder. He had fallen asleep on the back pew and was snoring as loud as I have ever heard anyone snore in my life. Someone finally went back there to wake him up and he was a very sound sleeper.

They couldn't rouse him. I was laughing so hard that I did not know what to do. I had an index finger in both ears and my head stuck in the hymnal in my lap. Nothing worked!

### \*Living beyond

(Continued from page 1.) this province and that of our beloved country.

From the military workshop where students received training in 16th century combat to discovery of Old Quebec, to being locked up in a 16th century jail, day four was a day to remember for years to come. The day ended with a visit to the Sugar Shack. The students experienced a culture completely entrenched with growing Maple Trees and harvesting Maple Syrup. It was a true Canadian experience.

ing worked! To this day, any of us who were there will become hysterical at the memory of that revival service.

Today I have some Church Bulletin Bloopers that have been sent to me from actual church members. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did.

\*Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

\*The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoons.

\*This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

\*The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the church would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

\*Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

\*Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Baptist Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

\*The Fasting and Prayer Conference will include meals.

\*The Boy Scouts are saving aluminum cans to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

\*At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir.

\*Pot-Luck Supper will be Sunday night at 6 PM. Prayer and medication will follow.

I hope you will give today's recipes a try. Thanks for reading.

### ITALIAN CHOPPED SALAD

3 cups torn Romaine lettuce  
1 (15 oz.) can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained  
1 (7 oz.) jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped (reserve juice)  
1 medium green bell

The most memorable point on tour must have been day five. It was Sunday so we went to church. Visiting St. Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica was on all accounts transformative. No matter what religion one ascribes to, the construction and architecture of the church was to be marveled.

The day was topped off with a hike and a visit to Montmorency Falls. The students had a great time hiking up the hill to the falls, walking on the bridge crossing the falls and being immersed in the cool-

pepper, chopped  
2 tomatoes, chopped  
1 (3 oz.) cans sliced black olives, drained  
5 slices deli ham, chopped  
5 slices hard salami, chopped  
5 slices pepperoni, chopped  
3 slices Swiss cheese, chopped  
2 green onions, chopped  
¼ cup olive oil  
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. pepper  
2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese  
Pepperoncini

In a large bowl, combine the first 11 ingredients. For dressing, in a small bowl, whisk the oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, and reserved marinade. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Top with sliced pepperoncini peppers. This is a great light supper for the summertime.

### ITALIAN ASPARAGUS

1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed  
1 (15 oz.) can diced tomatoes with basil, garlic, and oregano, drained  
¼ tsp. garlic salt  
¼ tsp. Italian seasoning  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
2 Tbsp. bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly spray a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Line bottom of baking dish with asparagus; top with drained tomatoes. Sprinkle tomatoes with garlic salt, Italian seasoning, and pepper. Combine grated Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs; sprinkle over asparagus. Bake, uncovered, for 25 minutes.

### ANOTHER BREAKFAST PIZZA

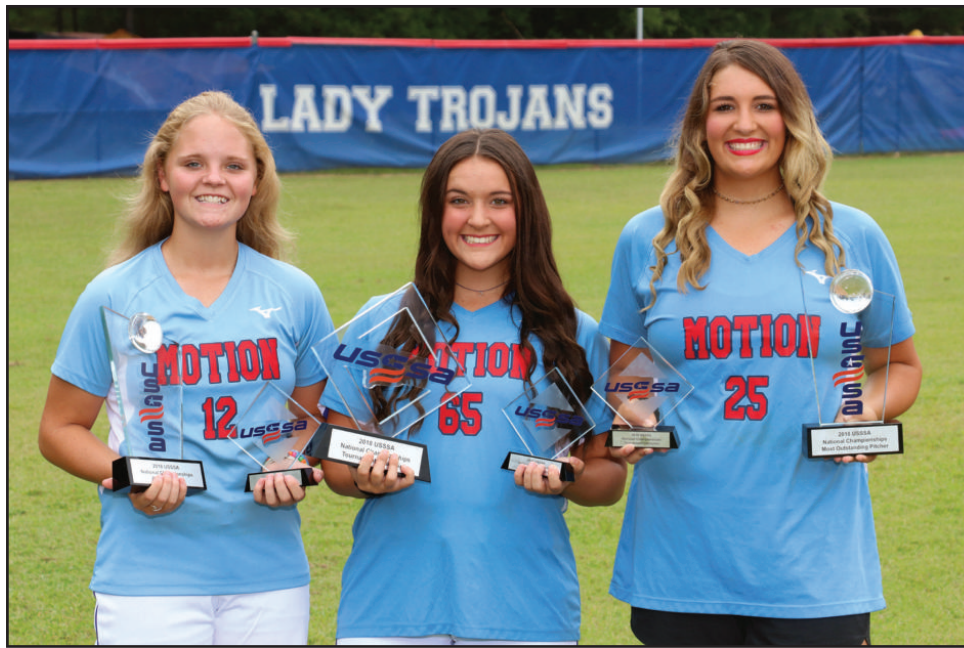
1 (14 oz.) tube refrigerated pizza crust  
2 Tbsp. butter  
8 large eggs  
¼ cup milk  
½ cup bottled Ranch salad dressing  
1 (3 oz.) pkg. real bacon bits  
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees; line a 15 x 10 x 1-inch baking dish with parchment paper. Unroll pizza dough and press bottom into pan; prick thoroughly with fork. Bake 8 minutes until lightly brown. While crust is baking, whisk together the eggs and milk; heat butter in a

skillet and scramble eggs; set aside. Spread Ranch dressing over baked crust, then spread eggs evenly over and top with bacon and cheese. Bake an additional 10 minutes until cheese is melted and crust is brown.

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# Local students compete with softball travel team



MS Motion 01 Team Polk recently traveled to Destin, Florida to compete in the USSSA National Championship Fastpitch Tournament. During the week the girls faced teams from Illinois, Louisiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Ohio and Indiana. Team Polk was the only team in all age divisions of the week long tournament to go undefeated, out scoring all their opponents 52-8. Pictured above (from left): Morgan Bigbee, McKenna Polk and McKaylee Polk, are all students at Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington. Jerry Polk is the new softball coach at CHCS.

(Photo submitted)



MS Motion 01 Team Polk members are pictured above (from left): Assistant Coach Greg Bigbee, Karley Bloesch, Avery Whatley, McKaylee Polk, Hanna Boykin, Hannah Henry, McKenna Polk, Alyssia Little, Lyndsey nations, Morgan Bigbee, Madison Hubbard, and Head Coach Jerry Polk.

(Photo submitted)

### \*National Night Out

(Continued from page 1.) places to live. National Night Out is geared to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Matt Peskin, founder and executive director of National Association of Town Watch, established 1981, introduced the National Night Out program in 1984.



Stephanie Gauthier  
Matthew Kelly  
September 29



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travel outside their borders mentally and physically for the rest of their lives.

This international program is run through the French Club of Holmes County where our mission is to expose students to the possibilities of the world around them. If you would like to get involved in supporting our local youth, feel free to contact me, Ashley Young at [ashleygordonyoung@gmail.com](mailto:ashleygordonyoung@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook at the French Club of Holmes County for updates and notification about future tours.

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Tues.  
Aug. 7

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SW Depot St.  
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6:30 P.M.

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