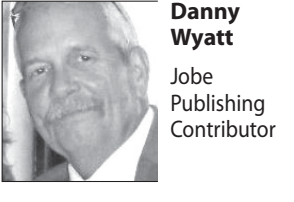


Church Growth



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If people are only attracted through some new gimmick, then the attraction is likely to the fleshly desires, and not to the Savior. The church needs the involvement of every member.

Church is not a spectator sport, nor a feel-good session in search of having our felt-need met while ignoring our real need of salvation from our sins. The church is a hospital for sinners, and unless we feel that need we are missing the point. The gospel is said to be the power of God unto salvation. Any other thing that draws people to the church, will likely be that which keeps them there. Donuts, coffee, entertainment, and special performances by a select group: none of these will save me. If they are my focus then Jesus may still be knocking at the door of my heart.

Mankind seems to always be trying new gimmicks in an effort to cause the church to grow. Games are played in the name of Jesus. People have tried cowboy church, aerobics for Jesus, Mother's Day out, donuts and coffee for the Savior, and any number of other so-called programs that mostly produce nothing but a loss of the real goal of the church of our Lord. Most, if not all, exist at the expense of Bible study, and real worship in spirit and truth.

God has given us everything we need for life and godliness through His divine, and unalterable, word. This includes how to grow the church.

SMILES

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My good friend and fiddle virtuoso, Willie Nudd tells me of th' time he went visitin' some friends who lived in th' hinderlands of outer Metcalfe County.

grabbed a grapevine and swung a good distance.

When he finally arrived at th' frinds house, there wuz a note on th' door that read "Gone to th' country."

Thought fer today - Somebody once said, "What this country needs is a good five cent cigar." I say what this country need is a good five cent nickel."

Willie sez he drove as fer as he could, then he rented a mule from a local farmer and rode th' mule up th' holler as fer as he could go, then he got off and walked til th' trail give out and the brush got too thick to git thru. He then climbed a tree,



LET'S TALK ABOUT

By CAROL PERKINS
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Happiness in 2020

Starting a new year is like beginning a new book. Like almost everyone else, I start the year vowing to make this one the best yet, but the long, dull days with little sunshine push me into the darkness of food, sleep, and indifference. I either read until the last page or a little at a time. Not this year! I'm going to do better and focus on the entire book and the happiness each chapter brings.

I have decided to focus on what makes me happy (besides family because that is a given) in 2020 and not let go of them. Let me think. Doing the radio show makes me happy. Each Tuesday, Susan Chambers and I meet at the 99.1 office in Edmon-ton and without much of a plan, sit in front of live microphones and talk. We aren't thinking about the nineteen counties in the listening area who are working as we chat or those driving to and from one destination or another or those sitting next to the radio in their homes. As if we are in our living rooms having a cup of coffee, we chat with the audience. Susan and Carol-Unscripted is a perfect chance for us to interact with people. So, that is one thing that makes me very happy.

Having lunch each month with my group of longtime friends is a time I cherish. We come from Liberty, Camp-bellsville, Greenburg,

Glasgow, Louisville, and Edmondton (Metcalfe County) to spend a couple of hours catching up. Since Judy's death (our good friend and the first in our group to pass), keeping the tradition has not been easy, but we have only missed one month and that was December. Sickness kept us from getting together. We all know that if we allow another month and then another to go by, we will grow further apart. They are my support system and being with them makes me happy.

Writing is my source of constant happiness. When someone tells me that my articles make them laugh, those words are like a dose of medicine to a sick person. One of my readers (Marge Kinslow) calls me (which I am happy that she does) to tell me where she has mailed my articles and how she loved this one or that one. Marge is one of my precious fans. The ladies from my sister-in-law's (Carolyn Berry) church at South Fork Baptist Church give me a lift as Carolyn relays their comments. I'm not an egotistical person, but a writer needs feedback, as well as an audience, and the newspapers who carry my articles have given me an outlet. That makes me happy.

Going to the movies is one of my favorite things to do, but Guy doesn't like movies except on TV. What do I do? Go by myself. I am not both-

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The Unpardonable Sin



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Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

Throughout the Bible, we can read about various sins that were committed by people who eventually became tools the Lord used to further His Kingdom.

Moses and the Apostle Paul were murderers. David was an adulterer and a murderer. Jacob lied to his father Isaac and stole his brother's blessing.

The Lord forgave each of them for the sins they committed but there is one sin that there is no forgiveness for. The one sin that there is absolutely no remedy for is the rejection of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 3:3, "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

Ezekiel 18:20, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Punishment for sin is clearly defined in the Bible and Jesus Christ paid that penalty of sin for those who repent and put their trust in Him.

Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Our world today tries to say that there are multiple ways to God but once again, the Bible is very clear that there is none other than Jesus Christ. We celebrate His birth each Christmas because He is the ultimate gift to mankind.

No matter what you have done, He can save you and make your life new. Look to Christ and live. Call to Him in your sins to pull you out of them.

Mark 2:17, "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

The Physician for your soul has an appointment for you. When He calls your name and you know you're lost, simply answer His call as you are and He will cure your sickness of sin.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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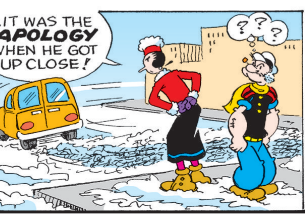
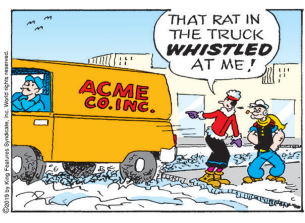
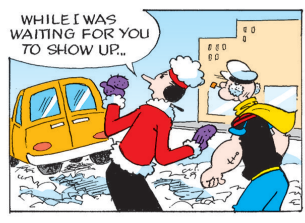
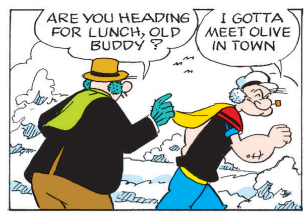
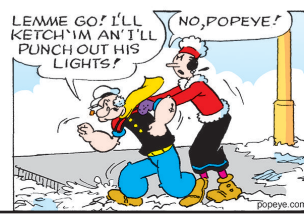
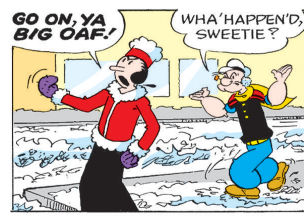
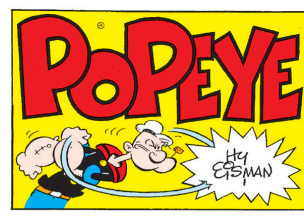


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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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