

Laughter Is Not for Sissies

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Since birth, I have been infected with a Laughter-Virus. I'm not sure which side of the family it came from, or it could've come from both sides. But the least little thing will make me laugh. Sometimes I have a hard time stopping laughing. I have yet to find a mask big enough to cover my face while I'm laughing.

Although I believe laughter to be very good and healthy, I must confess that sometimes my laughter has gotten me into trouble, especially with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Not long ago, she came into the living room with a worried look on her face and asked me, "Do you know where my glasses are?"

I immediately began to laugh because I assumed this was a joke. The reason I assumed it was because her glasses were on the top of her head.

She looked at me, "Why are you laughing? Do you know where my glasses are? This is a serious

question."

She turned around quickly and walked away, muttering something to the effect of, "Why is he laughing at me?"

A few minutes later, she came back wearing her glasses and said rather firmly, "Why didn't you tell me my glasses were on the top of my head?"

With a smothered smile, I looked at her and said, "I thought you were just trying to trick me."

Looking back at me, she smiled one of those suspicious smiles, turned around, and walked out.

I couldn't help but smile, which eventually turned into laughter.

But as everybody knows, what goes around comes around.

Last Thursday was a long day, and I finally got home, walked into the living room, my wife looked at me very strangely and said, "You did not have a jelly donut anytime today, did you?"

With a hearty laugh, I

responded by saying, "Of course not. You know I don't eat donuts during the day?" And I laughed most heartily.

"You sure about that?" She said on the edge of laughing.

I laughed and shook my head, and started to walk away.

"Well then," she said rather slowly, "it looks like your shirt had a donut without you knowing it."

I stopped in my tracks, looked down at my shirt, and there it was. A drop of jelly from a donut. According to the evidence, I must've had a donut that day.

I tried to laugh it off, but in a very stern voice, she said, "That is not funny. Stop your laughing."

Laughing does have a way of getting you into trouble; at least, that has been my experience throughout the years. But on the other side, laughter has good aspects to it.

Not many people have

much to laugh about these days. If it weren't for politicians, some people wouldn't have anything to laugh at.

Thinking about how important laughter was in my life, I was re-minded of the Bible verse. David said, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).

That verse sums up the important aspect of my life. Because of the great things God has done for me that has become the platform for healthy laughter in my life. Looking at my life from God's perspective, there are many things that would induce laughter.

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Community Calendar

Al-Anon

("A mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking") Monday nights 6:00 PM, Russell Springs United Methodist Church, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Men

Monday nights at SPARC at 6:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Women

Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY

Celebrate Recovery

Thursday nights at 6:00 PM, Russell Springs United Methodist Church, Russell Springs, KY

Women's Conference

Main Street Church of God. Women's Saturday Service, March 19, 2022, 2:00 -4:00 CST Guest Speaker: Carrie Claypool Praise & Worship: The Bolin Family Doors will open at 1:30. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.

BENEFIT AUCTION

March 25, 2022 for Paul Bryant who is taking cancer treatments. Location will be Community Center in Russell Springs on Main Street at 4:30 PM. Food: pulled pork, chips, or pinto beans and cornbread with dessert and drinks. \$5.00. Auction starts at 5:30 PM. If you wish to donate new items for Auction, please message Anita Roy on Facebook.

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270-250-7904
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3515 KY- West 80

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1 Living Grace Drive
(First Wednesday of each month)

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954 W. Steve Wariner Dr.
Russell Springs

Beckham Ridge Separate Baptist
Hwy 1729

Bernard Ridge Church of God
241 Stephens Ridge Rd.
Russell Springs

Bethel United Baptist Church
Decatur Road, Dunnville

Bethel United Methodist Church
Bethel Church Road
Jamestown

Bethesda Community Fellowship
3109 S. Hwy 127
Russell Springs

Bethlehem Separate Baptist Church
West Hwy 80
Russell Springs

Cedar Springs United Baptist

Clearfork Baptist Church
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(270) 866-7683

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Est Hwy 619, Bernard Ridge,
Russell Springs

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Off S. Hwy 55 (1/2 mile on Coffey's Schoolhouse Rd)

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1330 Blankenship Road
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392 E. Hwy 80,
Russell Springs
Sunday

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Russell Springs

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157 N. Main Street
Jamestown
Phone: (270)-343-4187

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Worship Service 10:45
Wed. Service 6:30 pm
Garrett Crawford, Pastor
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2272 Hwy 379
Russell Springs

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170 Stephens Ridge Rd.
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132 S. Main St., Jamestown

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312 Monument Square
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165 W. Cumberland Ave.
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100 Freedom Church Road – Junc. 55 & 127 Jamestown
Phone: (270) 507-9434

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Russell Springs
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Sewellton Church of God of Prophecy
253 Ballinger Road
Jamestown

Solid Rock Church
189 West Drive
Russell Springs
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Springs of Free Life Church
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Russell Springs
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P.O. Box 2121 – Hwy 1729
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