



LET'S VISIT

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SOME MYSTERIES OF LIFE

For those of you who do not know or have forgotten, I come from a family of preachers. In fact, some of my best friends are preachers. Some I have known nearly all of my life and others are of more recent vintage. However, over the years I have learned a few things. You see, preachers are people. Now that probably comes as a real shocker to some of you. They are not a third sex. They are also not so “super holy” that their feet never touch the ground. (Admittedly, there may be some like that, but I have never met them.) A preacher comes out of the same background you came from, and his experiences have been much like yours. So you see, it’s a little hard not to laugh when someone walks up and says, “Preacher, you are just like a real person.”

Preachers know as much about life as any person you are likely to meet on the street. Believe it or not, they do not live in an ivory tower, a vacuum and they do not lead a sheltered life. They deal on a daily basis with all the problems common to humanity. They talk to drunkards, homosexuals, murderers, drug addicts, bums and saints. Guess what? After a few years in the ministry, most of us are not likely to hear anything so new that it is going to have any shock value.

Some preachers are smart and some are not. Some have extremely high IQ’s and others are more or less mediocre. However, most of the ones I know love the Lord and want to be of service to their fellowman. And, despite opinions to the contrary, most could make a living in some other field. They are dedicated people and are not afraid of work.

In fact, preachers can sometimes actually be quite funny. Sit with a group of preachers some time and you will likely hear some good stories. Many funny stories revolve around actual “church happenings”.

In spite of what you might think, most preachers are bashful, sensitive, sincere, genuinely concerned men with a need for encouragement. You see, the preacher is just a fellow pilgrim with you on a road that is often hard to travel.

However, since I am not one of those preachers with the genius level IQ, there are some things that puzzle me. Perhaps someone can explain some of these mysteries of life to me.

How is it...

A man can get out of bed at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday morning to go fishing, but when you talk to him about Sunday morning classes beginning at 9:45 a.m., he can’t get up early on Sunday morning. Why the difference?

A man can go a hundred miles on Friday night to a ball game, but is too tired to come to worship on Sunday morning. Why the difference?

A man can take his family to the ball park or Six Flags and spend considerable money, but can’t afford to give more than \$5.00 to the Lord. Why the difference?

A man can take an aspirin and go to work despite an annoying headache, but a similar headache is considered a good reason for missing worship. Why the difference?

Help me out here!

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 –Shreveport – 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 – 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Has Jesus Coming Made A Difference?

For The Pantry. . .

**December 21 – Spam
December 28 – Jelly**

Offering – December 7, 2025 . . \$ 2,835.00

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

**Due to the Christmas Holiday, there will
be no bulletin next Sunday
December 28, 2025**

**There will be no Wednesday Night Service
December 24, 2025**

**We WILL have Wednesday Night Services
December 31, 2025
Make your plans to be here!
This will be our last service of 2025**

Carry Your Own candle

You will see in the world chiefly that for which you are looking. A farmer going through the country thinks of the farms and the grain in the fields; an architect examines the style and structures of buildings; a merchant the conditions of the market; and so a man going through the world will see the most of that for which he especially looks. He who is watching for blessings will find them in abundance.

Have you schooled yourself into believing that bad luck is on its way to your door? Are you like the man who stayed in bed every Friday the thirteenth for fear something would happen to him?

Do you jump every time the telephone rings at night or have cold-chills at the sight of a certified letter?

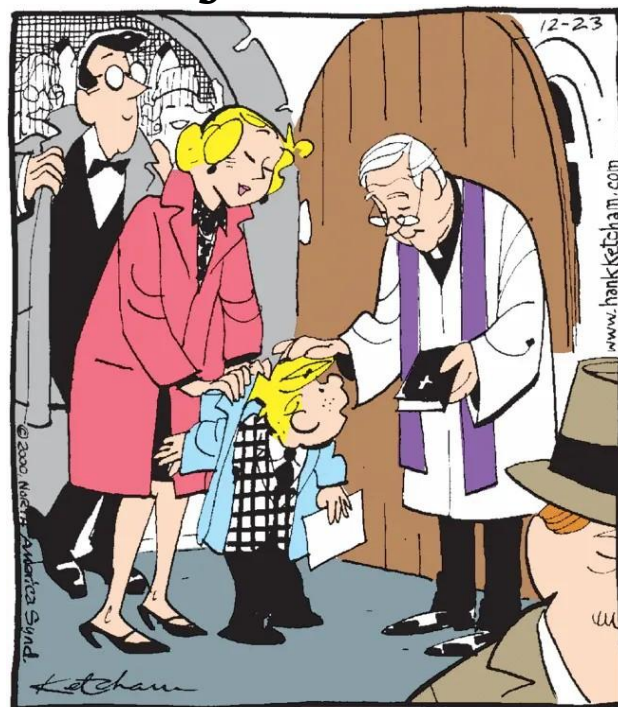
Such people usually have perpetually drawn faces, as though they had a pain or expected one! They are afraid to mention the good health they have had in the past-unless they knock on wood to quiet the spirit that might consider them boastful! It's a shame when a person is too superstitious to count his blessings aloud!

When you wake each morning, carry your own candle of happiness with you, determined to find light everywhere you go. The day may have dark spots, hard-to-get through spots, but a brave little candle can make thick darkness less foreboding. Beyond the circle of your candle, you may not be able to see, but quit looking out there! You carry your own candle of faith and happiness and when you move, it will move also and again there will be light!

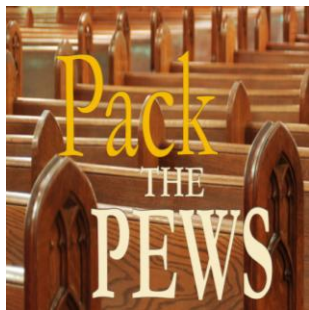
Shelter your candle. Strengthen your faith in God and his loving kindness, so that no sudden gust of disappointment and loss will put out your flame! It takes strength of character to carry your own candle!

-Just A Moment

On The Lighter Side. . .



**"IF THEY WERE WISE MEN, HOW COME THEY
DIDN'T BRING STUFF HE COULD PLAY WITH?"**



Plan To Be Here! March 1, 2026

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the months of March, April and May. We will also enjoy a great time of fellowship together.

Hospitality group 2 is in charge of the luncheon. The members of that group are Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien and Norma Perkins.

Communion Preparation - January
Larry & Melonia Molloy

PLAN TO STAY TODAY!



December 21, 2025

Immediately following the morning worship.



We extend our sympathy to **Mike Bostick** in the passing of his mother, Jeneva Wedgworth. Services were held this past Tuesday.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Leslie Adams** (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; **Stanley Amos** (Cissy Amos' husband) **Krista Andrus** (Tim and Norma Perkins niece) **Richard Barbee** (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **David Bissett** (Mike O'Brien's brother in law- cancer) **Dwayne Brister** (Cissy Amos' cousin) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Norma Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **J. C. Tate & Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father and mother) **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026

March 1, 2026 – "Pack-A-Pew Sunday"
April 24, 2026 – Area Wide Singing & Fellowship
June 7, 2026 – "Friends and Family Day"
September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"
December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"
December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party



Across The Preacher's Desk

Without a doubt, my favorite Christmas Song, is "White Christmas". It was written by Irving Berlin for the movie "Holiday Inn" in 1942. My favorite recording artist for the song undeniably is Bing Crosby. I could not begin to tell you how many times I have listened to it over the years. I used to even be able to play it on the piano.

Well, have you ever thought about dreaming of a "Right Christmas" instead of a "White Christmas"? A "Right Christmas" would be one where you made room for Jesus. Have you ever thought about how many people at this season of the year give lip service to Jesus Christ and yet, they have never really made their hearts "right" with God?

Though we do not know when Jesus came into the world, and though we are not commanded to celebrate His birth, the majority of the religious world does focus their attention on Him at this season of the year. We are told that Jesus came to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)

The great tragedy is that like the innkeeper in Bethlehem, many today have no room in their hearts for Jesus. You see, he did not come just to save us from the sins of the flesh, but also from the sins of the disposition. You know, things like envy, hatred or an unforgiving spirit. So you see, I'm dreaming of a right Christmas, the kind where men and women make Jesus King of their lives, every part of their lives. Have you done that?

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
55 in '25!**