

Let's Visit

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That Preacher In The Window

(Have you ever wondered what it might be like if churches shopped for preachers the way you might shop for automobiles or appliances? The following little exchange was printed in "Pulpit Helps". It is obviously "tongue in cheek" but it does make some valid points. The full title is 'HOW MUCH IS THAT PREACHER IN THE WINDOW?')

Good morning, madam, May I help you?

Yes, please, I'd like to buy a minister.

Did you have a particular model in mind?

I've got a description from the Candidate Committee right here. We want a man about 30, well educated, with some experience. Good preacher and teacher. Balanced personality. Serious, but with a sense of humor. Efficient, but not rigid. Good health. Able to identify with all age groups. And, if possible, sings tenor.

Sing's tenor?

Yes, we do not have many tenors in our congregation.

I see, well, that's quite a list. How much money did you want to spend?

The committee says 30,000 to \$32,500 tops.

Hmm. Well, perhaps we'd better start in the bargain basement.

Tell me, how much is that model in the window?

You mean the one in the Ralph Lauren plaid suit and the gray sued dune boots? That's our Dallas #467. Has a Ph.D and he sells for \$92,500 plus house and utilities.

Wow! That's too rich for our blood. What about that model over there?

Ah, yes. An exceptions buy. Faith #502. He's a little older than 30 but has excellent experience. Aggressive. Good heart. Has a backing of sermons, two of which have been printed in "Christianity Today".

He's not too bad. Can you do something about his bald head? Sister Fulton especially insists that our minister have some hair.

Madam, all our ministers come in a variety of styles.

I'll keep him in mind.

Let me show you our Westminster #801. Now here's a preacher. All his sermons are superbly researched, copious anecdotes and they always have three points. And – he comes with a full set of Calvin's Commentaries at no extra charge. You can get the whole package at an exceptional price of \$65,000.

He's wearing awfully thick glasses.

For an extra \$1,200 we can put in contact lenses.

I don't know. He might study too much. We don't want a man who's in his office all the time.

Of course. How about that minister over there? Comes from a management background. Trained in business operations. Adept with committees. Gts his work done by 11:30 every morning.

His tag says he's an IBM 486sx.

Madam, you have a discerning eye. Innovative Biblical methods. This man will positively revitalize your church.

I'm not sure our church wants to be revitalized. Haven't you got something less revolutionary?

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – 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



Today's Sermon

"The Mother's Of Moses"

Our text comes from Exodus 2:10. Moses was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter, but it was his mother Jochebed who had the greatest influence on his life.

For The Pantry. . . Mayonnaise

That Preacher In The Window– continued from page 1

I see, you want a minister who can do everything well.

That's it! Haven't you got somebody like that?

I'm thinking. In our back room we have a minister who was traded in last week. Excellent man, but he broke down after three years. If you don't mind a used model we can sell him at a reduced price.

Well, we had hoped for someone brand new. We just redecorated our auditorium and we wanted a new minister to go with it.

Of course. I understand. But with a little exterior work and a fresh suit, this man will look like he just came out of the box. No one will ever know. Let me bring him out and you can look him over....

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WORDS. . .

Words are wonderful things. They have a beauty all their own. They have associations in our minds that give them reputation. Some are bores. Some shine brilliantly. Some are work horses to carry our necessary thought. Some are

thoroughbreds too much alive to ever be gentled into prose. Some we strip of their meaning. Some we rob of their sense. We have made adjectives common as clay and descriptive of nothing.

But there is an eloquence without words. "Silence is golden" someone has said. Silence can be eloquent also. Jesus was a master at using the eloquence of silence. He used it many times. Here are just two of the instances.

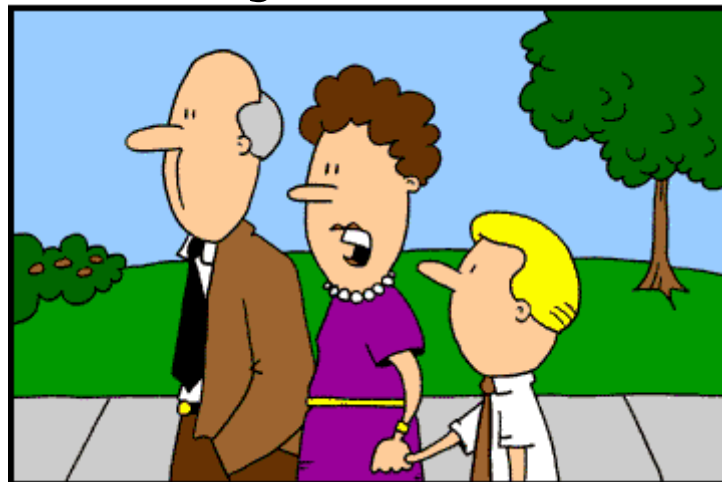
A woman was brought to Him who had been caught in the act of adultery. The law said such a person must be put to death. What must Jesus say? He was silent. He stooped down and wrote in the sand. He said, "Let the sinless one throw the first stone." Then he went on writing. When He looked up, His words and His wised silence had done their work. All the accusers were gone. A penitent woman stood there alone.

He told Peter of the sin he would commit in denial. Peter argued. The day of trial came and Peter sinned. At the right time, Jesus turned and looked at Peter. That was all. He just looked. Yet that was enough to make Peter go out and weep bitterly.

Silence is golden. Silence can be as eloquent as words. Knowing when to speak and when to be silent is one mark of real wisdom. sometimes it's just best if we keep our mouth shut.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



YOUR FATHER HAS AGREED TO STAY AWAKE IN CHURCH TODAY SINCE IT IS MOTHER'S DAY ... IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE FOR ONCE

Miscellaneous

May 15, 2022

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for June, July & August

We will also honor
Lieza Klein

2022 Graduate of Shelbyville High School



Make your
plans to be
here and bring
a guest!

Each One Bring One!

52 in '22

Invite Someone Each Week!

Pearls of Wisdom. . .

Keep on your own side of the fence and mind your own business, and you will get the reputation of being a good neighbor!

The "courage of my convictions" is a fancy title many bigots give to their prejudices.

Many a person fails in life because when opportunity knocks he is out in the back yard looking for four-leaf clovers.

Love never asks how much must I do or how much must I give, but how much can I do and how much can I give.



Those To Remember In Prayer

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims,

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Donna Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) Gil Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery Gayle Foster (Cancer) Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) Wendy Johnson (friend of Norma Perkins) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer : Bruce Ligon (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) Liam Martinez (11 months old) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Katilyn Tate (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) Jared and Natalie Bostick (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) Marc Tate (Jana O'Brien's brother) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother) Tina Vaughn - cancer

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE
Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.



CHARLES SPURGEON

"DO NOT GO
WHERE IT IS ALL
FINE MUSIC,
GRAND TALK AND
BEAUTIFUL
ARCHITECTURE.
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GOSPEL IS
PREACHED. AND
GO OFTEN!"



Across The Preacher's Desk

There are a lot of songs that I enjoy listening to and singing. Often, the words tell a powerful story and have a meaningful message for us. One of my favorites is "Do You Know My Jesus?" Let me remind you of those words.

Have you a heart that's weary.
Tending a load of care.
Are you a soul that's seeking
Rest from the burden you bear?

Where is your heart O, pilgrim,
What does your light reveal;
Who hears your call for comfort
When naught but sorrow you feel?

Who knows your disappointments,
Who hears each time you cry;
Who understands your heartaches,
Who dries the tears from your eyes?

Do you know my Jesus,
Do you know my friend,
Have you heard he loves you,
And that He will abide till the end?

If your heart is weary with it's load of care, if you are seeking rest from your burdens, if there is no one to hear when you cry and no one to understand your heartache, then you need to know the Jesus I know.

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
52 in '22!**