

Jesus,
Our guiding Light

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"Follow The Bells"

Jonah 1 New International Version (NIV)

1 The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ²"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

³ But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish.

Sunday I had the pleasure of listening to the Reverend James Schimmel at our church. If you missed it, I can tell you that it was informative, well delivered, and refreshing. It assured me that we will find a Pastor. While Reverend Schimmel is retired (and intends to remain so), he offered us a glimpse into another style of ministry. He also taught us a lesson.

You see, Jonah heard God loud and clear. God spoke, Jonah heard but did not listen. He ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. Kind of funny to me. Why would Jonah think that God was not in Tarshish? God just told Jonah where the wickedness was and what to do. And he decided he would be out of God's sight if he went to Tarshish.

Well, most of us know the story but the real story is that God spoke, Jonah heard, and then ran away. He deliberately avoided what he clearly understood he was to do!

Have you ever had God speak, you heard, and then went running in the opposite direction? I have and most of us have. Well, here is a news flash – you can run but you cannot hide. He will find you and he will talk with you. He has the energy that we cannot outrun. Yes, our freewill allows us to avoid doing what he wants but don't think that he won't push, prod, and funnel us in the direction he prefers.

So, as we all know, Cortland Christian Church is in a time of transition. We all have gifts that we can use. God will call each and every one of us and direct us as to which gift to use, what we can do, how we can support our church and our community. From parking cars, to bible school, to cleaning, to making coffee, to being an elder, a deacon, it all interplays. When He calls, avoid the unnecessary waste of energy by trying to avoid Him. He won't give up. Try as you might he will not accept "the number you have reached is not a working number". Listen and he will guide you. Our church can use your gifts.....

In my case he sent me an email.....

Larry,

I was wondering if you would be willing to write something for the front page of the Church Bell?...

Joyce

Have a wonderful day and a Happy Fourth of July.....

Larry

Our Worship Assistants

Elders:

July 2 John Molnar and Linda Swauger
 July 9 Carol Robinson and John Molnar
 July 16 Amy Popichak and Jon Kloboves
 July 23 Joyce Lewis and Ron Miller
 July 30 Bob Johnson and Jeff Byler



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Terry Swauger—330-720-0346
 Barb Bradford, Judy Hansel, Carol Glancy, Phyllis Hake.
 Mackenzie Polakoff, Cindy Miller, Jack Hanna

Deaconess:

Judene Ainsley

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9:00am.-Noon

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*Feel free to call or
 stop in if you have
 a question or need
 help.*

You have changed my sadness
 into a joyful dance;
 you have taken away my sorrow
 and surrounded me with joy.



So I will not be silent;
 I will sing praise to you.
 Lord, you are my God;
 I will give you thanks forever.
 Psalm 30:11-12

June 2017 Coffee Hour Hostesses

July 2 Virginia Carr, Carolyn Sparhawk,
 Mary Jo Johnson

July 9 Ron Miller and Cindy Miller

July 16 New Members Luncheon

July 23 Dorothy Moss and Sharon Polakoff

July 30 Joyce Lewis and Judene Ainsley



FINANCIAL UPDATE OF CHURCH OPERATING FUNDS

Fund	Jun-17			Year-to-Date		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
General	6,858	8,015	-1,157	47,196	52,260	-5,064
Building (Mortgage)	1,040	2,048	-1,008	11,778	12,286	-508
Total>>	7,898	10,063	-2,165	58,974	64,546	-5,572

Mortgage Balance \$101,817.33

Happy Birthday To You

July 1 David Miller
 July 1 Gail Peura
 July 6 Jean Scott
 July 7 Andy Kronauer
 July 9 Amy Popichak
 July 9 Nick Miller
 July 11 Effie Welch
 July 12 Barbara Bradford
 July 17 Vicki Lawrence
 July 22 Chuck Chagnot
 July 29 Alice Kalas



July 7 Edwin and Eileen Niemi
 July 13 Jerry and Sharon Polakoff
 July 20 Sarah and Jon Kloboves
 July 27 Barb and Bob Bradford



How many cats does it take to change a light bulb?

A big "Thank You" goes out to Larry Dix for the cover article.

The Church Bell is your monthly info sheet. It gives you the happenings of your church and church family. You are always welcome to contribute pictures, articles, recipes, inspirations, jokes or anything that interests you.

50 LIFESTYLE CHANGES FOR HAPPY + HEALTHY LIVING

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1. DRINK MORE WATER.
2. DON'T SKIP BREAKFAST. YOU'LL BE LESS LIKELY TO BINGE ON SOMETHING UNHEALTHY LATER ON IN THE DAY.
3. SNACK ON SOME BERRIES + ALMONDS. YOUR NAILS & HAIR WILL THANK YOU.
4. TAKE OMEGA-3.
5. DRINK HERBAL TEA. MAKE IT A HABIT TO ENJOY YOUR TEA TIME- EVEN IF IT'S JUST 5-10 MINUTES IN THE MORNING.
6. TRY TO SNEAK IN SOME LEAFY GREENS INTO YOUR DIET.
7. ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING HEALTHY TO SNACK ON, HANDY.
8. STEP AWAY FROM YOUR DESK, AT LEAST ONCE EVERY HOUR.
9. EAT SLOWLY.
10. NEVER GO GROCERY SHOPPING...WHILE HUNGRY.
11. LAUGH OFTEN.
12. PRACTICE GRATITUDE.
13. BE KIND. ALWAYS.
14. CREATE MORNING RITUALS YOU'LL LOOK FORWARD TO EVERY DAY.
15. TAKE THE STAIRS.
16. SPEND MORE TIME IN NATURE.
17. RISE EARLY.
18. DO SOMETHING NICE FOR OTHERS, ON REGULAR BASIS.
19. PRACTICE SELF-CARE.
20. DIFFUSE ESSENTIAL OILS- THIS WILL HELP YOU UNWIND AND RELAX.
21. NEVER WRITE AND SEND EMAILS OR TEXT MESSAGES WHILE YOU'RE ANGRY.
22. REMEMBER TO RECYCLE.
23. DON'T COMPLAIN. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF YOUR CONTROL.
24. STOP WAITING. FOR FRIDAY, FOR SUMMER, FOR LOVE.
25. BE MORE MINDFUL.
26. DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME CRYING OVER THE PAST.
27. LET GO OF YOUR NEED TO BE PERFECT.
28. KEEP TRACK OF YOUR GOALS. SET NEW ONES.
29. DO MORE OF WHAT YOU LOVE.
30. TRY NEW THINGS, OFTEN. DO THINGS THAT SCARE YOU- THAT'S HOW YOU GROW.
31. JUDGE LESS.
32. KNOW HOW TO SLOW DOWN AND BE PRESENT.
33. DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS. YOU ARE UNIQUE. NOTHING CAN REPLACE YOU.
34. KEEP YOUR EMAIL INBOX ORGANIZED.
35. LEARN TO SAY "NO".
36. NOURISH YOUR RELATIONSHIPS.
37. PRACTICE POSITIVE THINKING.
38. DANCE MORE OFTEN.
39. STOP PROCRASTINATING. TACKLE YOUR MOST IMPORTANT TASKS FIRST.
40. GET MORE SLEEP.
41. TAKE A LITTLE TECH-TIME-OUT.
42. START USING POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS.
43. DON'T EVER STOP LEARNING.
44. WORRY LESS.
45. LISTEN MORE.
46. EDIT YOUR LIFE FREQUENTLY. GET RID OF THINGS OR PEOPLE THAT DON'T SERVE YOU.
47. APPRECIATE THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE.
48. STAY CURIOUS.
49. ONCE IN A WHILE, SPOIL YOURSELF- EVEN IF IT'S JUST A CUP OF COFFEE FROM YOUR FAVORITE PLACE.
50. DON'T BE AFRAID TO DREAM BIG.

—Elders Meeting— Second Sunday in the Month

This month that date is

July 9 at 8:15am

In the Baldwin room

Please plan to attend these meetings as they are more important than ever right now.



The Outreach Committee

under the direction of Linda Chagnot is asking for used clothing for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade for the Kids Closet.

You can leave any donations in the Fellowship Hall on the Stage.

They are also collecting pennies to help pay for the new school clothing and school supplies for under-privileged children in our school district.



The Wednesday-night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. Our pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand.

Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer."

One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."

Watch,
I'll
show
you
how to
get
that..



How to Pray

Matthew 6:10-13

P

PRAISE for who He is.
for what He has done.
OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED
BE THY NAME.

R

REPENT of sins I have committed.
of commands I have neglected.
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE
FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

A

ASK for the needs of others.
for my needs.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

Y

YIELD my will to God's will.
my agenda to God's agenda for me.
THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON
EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER,
AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

5 Homemade Weed Killers

1. **Vinegar**— Use 1 gallon vinegar, 2 cups Epson salt., 1/4 cup blue Dawn Dish soap. Mix and spray on weeds.
2. **Boiling water**— Pour on growing weeds.
3. **Cornmeal**— Scatter over soil to prevent crabgrass and dandelions.
4. **Rubbing Alcohol**— Mix with 1 quart of water.
5. **Salt**— Use 2 cups of salt to gallon of water. Put in spray bottle.

A small boy once approached his slightly older sister with a question about God.

Can Anybody See God?

"Susie, can anybody ever really see God?" he asked. Busy with other things, Susie curtly replied: "No, of course not, silly. God is so far up in heaven that nobody can see him."

Time passed, but his question still lingered, so he approached his mother: "Mom, can anybody ever really see God?" "No, not really," she gently said. "God is a spirit and he dwells in our hearts, but we can never really see him."

Somewhat satisfied but still wondering, the youngster went on his way. Not long afterwards, his saintly old grandfather took the little boy on a fishing trip. They were having a great time together -- it had been an ideal day. The sun was beginning to set with unusual splendor as the day ended.

The old man stopped fishing and turned his full attention to the exquisite beauty unfolding before him. On seeing the face of his grandfather reflecting such deep peace and contentment as he gazed into the magnificent ever-changing sunset, the little boy thought for a moment and finally spoke hesitatingly: "Granddad, I - I wasn't going to ask anybody else, but I wonder if you can tell me the answer to something I've been wondering about a long time. Can anybody, can anybody ever really see God?"

The old man did not even turn his head. A long moment slipped by before he finally answered. "Son," he quietly said. "It's getting so I can't see anything else."



Better than paper towels and a lot less expensive... Coffee filters... Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Stores for almost nothing, even the large ones.

- 1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave.** Coffee filters make excellent covers.
- 2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome.** Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
- 3. Protect China...** by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
- 4. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers.** Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book.
- 5. Protect a cast-iron skillet.** Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
- 6. Apply shoe polish.** Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
- 7. Recycle frying oil.** After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.

The Wonders of Coffee Filters

- 8. Weigh chopped foods.** Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
- 9. Hold tacos.** Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
- 10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot.** Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes. (This is a good one!!!)
- 11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping.** Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
- 12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows?** Use strips of coffee filters.
- 13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them.** It soaks out all the grease.
- 15. As a sewing backing.** Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliqueing soft fabrics.

16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.

17. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.

18. Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car.

19. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.

20. Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. Saves on having e21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.

21. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.

22. Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggie until they sprout.

23. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book.

26. And, of course, use them to filter your coffee.

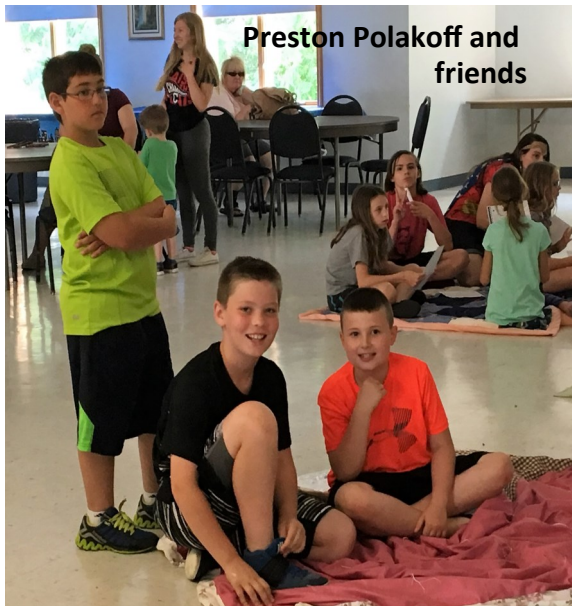
VBS — Vacation Bible School here at Cortland Christian Church



Kitchen Crew:
Linda, Mackenzie, Amy, Corrin,
and friend.



Some of the children having a snack.



Preston Polakoff and
friends



Addie
Miller



Rylan Bland



The Musical program for the parents and grandparents.



Sharon Arkwright
Musical Director

Words of Encouragement

*If you feel like your life sucks, it's a sign that something needs to change. If you don't like where you are in life, do something about it. Improve yourself, daily. Sitting there and feeling sorry for yourself isn't going to change anything. Plenty of people have turned their entire life around just by deciding to do so. Realize that you have the power to determine your own destiny. You can either waste it and live an unhappy life or use it to design and enjoy an incredible life.

*When you think about just how short a human life is compared to time itself, you'll realize how insignificant our problems are in the whole grand scheme of things. No matter what you're going through, it's all temporary. Work on letting go of all the unnecessary stress you're carrying around in order to have more time and mental energy to enjoy life.

*Life can be tough and even unfair at times. I don't really have an answer as to why certain things happen but I do know that these are usually the moments in life where the potential for personal growth is the greatest. Diamonds are created under intense pressure. Muscles are built by overcoming tremendous resistance. You could either let these moments in life break you or use them to become a mentally stronger person.

*The ups and downs of life, it's all part of the life experience package. Without the downs, the ups won't feel as good. Without the absence of the sun during a storm, you won't appreciate the warmth of its light when it eventually reappears.



Ron Miller
and friend
working
at the
Air Show

When you wake up from a nap not knowing what year it is



*Things will turn out okay not because it's a guarantee that your situation will improve but because you have the strength to deal with anything life can throw at you and the power to turn things around if you choose to do so.

*You've got one life to live; one life to experience all that life has to offer. Embrace it while you still can.

* Sometimes, it helps to take a step back and look at the grand scheme of things. Perhaps then you'll realize just how silly it would be to spend another minute worrying and stressing about things you won't even care about or remember a year from now.

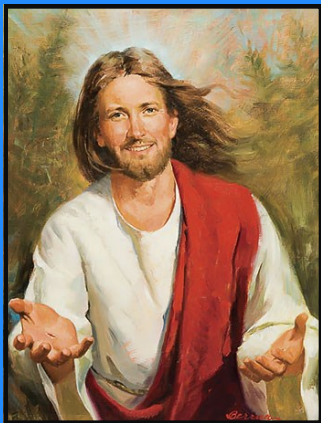
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- This is the encouraging words of Kevin Ngo.

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A Pastor in Florida lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation.

"It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them. And it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them."



Jesus surely must have smiled quite often when He considered all that was to follow.

There is great rejoicing in heaven when a soul is saved and one can imagine Jesus was able to see the fruit of His suffering as great joy.

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday Service 10:00 am	3		5 Joyful Noise	6	7	8
9 Elders Meeting Sunday Service 10:00 am	10 	11	12 Joyful Noise	13 Lunch Peter Allen Inn	14	15 
16 Sunday Service 10:00 am	17	18	19 Joyful Noise	20 	21	22 Kids Closet 9-11am
23 Sunday Service 10:00 am 30	24 31	25 	26 Joyful Noise	27	28 	29

Women of Worship (All the women of CCC)

You are invited to lunch

Thursday, July 13 —12:30pm

*Peter Allen Inn
8581 State Street
Kinsman, Ohio*



R.S.V.P. to Phyllis Hake at 330-638-3973 by July 6

This is a "Special Place for Special People" day out
Come have lunch with us.



Dear Lord, Please, Help me!
Is it OK to pray for "NUTS"?

If I fail, I will seek His grace. — Max Lucado

It's a New Day: The Choice is Yours

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming.

In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice.

Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love. No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy. I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace. I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience. I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite Him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness. I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness. I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose faithfulness. Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I choose gentleness. Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control. I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

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It was decided at a board meeting that the tree must come down. There has been some talk of a memorial garden that might be put in that area. Possibly another tree, some benches, bushes, flowers, etc.



This River Birch was planted in memory of Eleanor Payne many years ago and has been a delight and a great addition to our landscape. However, lately many have noticed a large root system that may raise up the sidewalk and may have caused the broken windows in the Education Building. Three cracked windows had to be replaced in the entry way.



Chuck Chagnot and Terry Swauger took it down using their tools, trucks, talent and time to save the church a sum of money, for which we are ever so grateful.



The memory of Eleanor Payne will always remain in our hearts and "In this Garden". Something will surely be planted there in her name. May our Lord Bless and Keep Her. It is always so sad to see a tree being cut down. But another smaller one will be planted in that space.



Pray for our "Shut-Ins"

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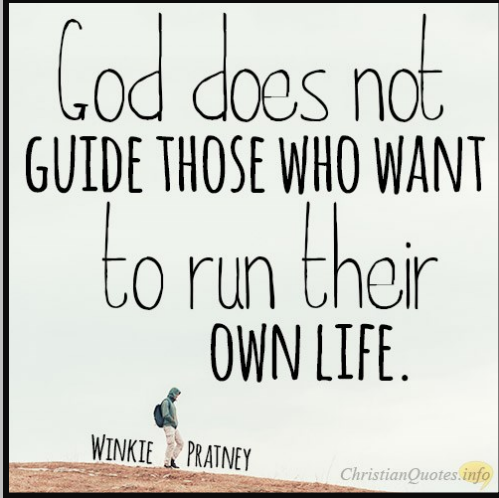
Drop them a note
pfencouragement and
let them know
that we care.

A new name has

Maurice Brookes

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God is the Pilot



I read a bumper sticker that said, “God is my copilot” but is that really the best thing? Why shouldn’t God be your pilot instead of copilot? Don’t you want God to take the wheel? If we are fighting God over control of our life, God will either say, “*Okay, we’ll see how it works out for you on your own*” and let you crash and burn and learn from experience (and the hard way), or pray that He says, “*I am in control.*” Who is running our life? It is God or is it us?

Kicking Against the Goads

When the Apostle Paul was trying to explain his conversion experience when He met Jesus Christ, he told his audience that God asked him, “*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads*” (Acts 26:14). The goad was a board that had nails or metal sticking out of the back so that when the oxen started to buck their load, they’d kick against the goads and it would cause them pain. In other words, it was useless for them to resist the driver. That’s what Paul was doing in trying to persecute Jesus’ church. It was futile for Paul to attempt to destroy what Jesus said that even the gates of hell (or death) would not prevent (Matt 16:18).

Worshipping in Vain

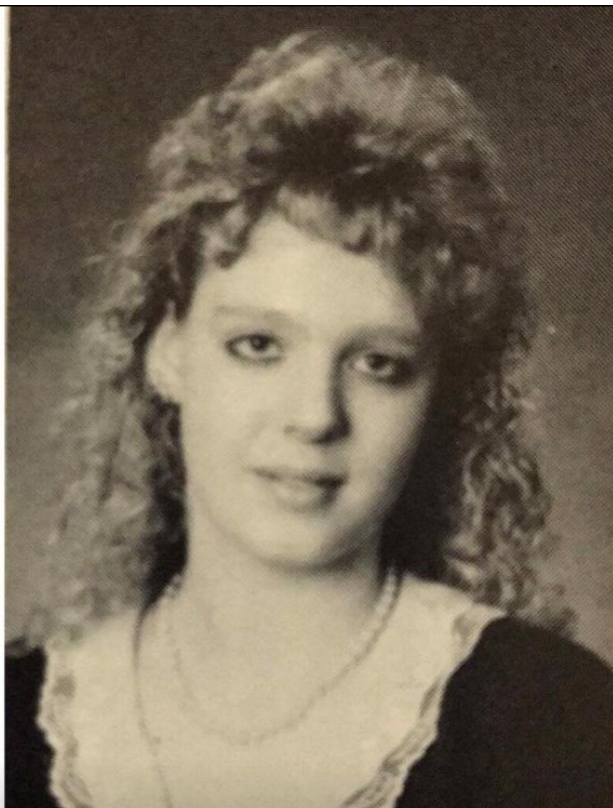
Did you know that you and I can worship God in a vain or useless way? That’s what Jesus said of the religious leader’s worship of God. He said, “*in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men*” (Matt 15:9). Vain simply means empty or useless and to worship God in the wrong way is to worship God in vain. Jesus said we must worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24), and you can’t have one without the other.

Submitting to Him

If we are trying to live the Christian life without having God in control, we’re driving our own vehicle around the blind corners of time, and that’s a very dangerous thing to do. James writes, “*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*” (James 4:7), so if you’re not submitted to God, you’re submitted to your own agenda, and the Devil loves that!

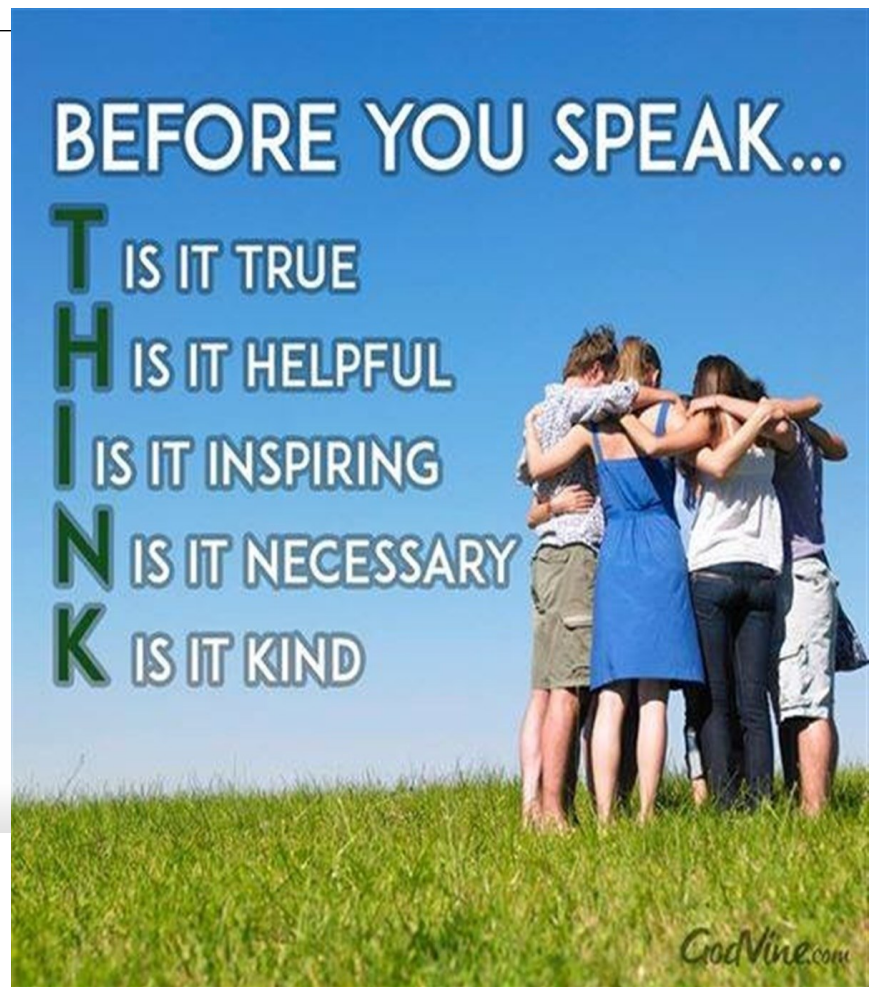
Conclusion

- “*God does not guide those who want to run their own life,*” so make God your pilot, not your copilot; don’t kick against the goads that God has placed before us; don’t worship God in a useless way; but rather submit to God and allow Him to guide your life. It’s just not wise to run your own life. I know. I tried it. I failed.
- Written by Winkee Pratney



**Has anyone seen this beautiful girl?
Do you know who this is?**

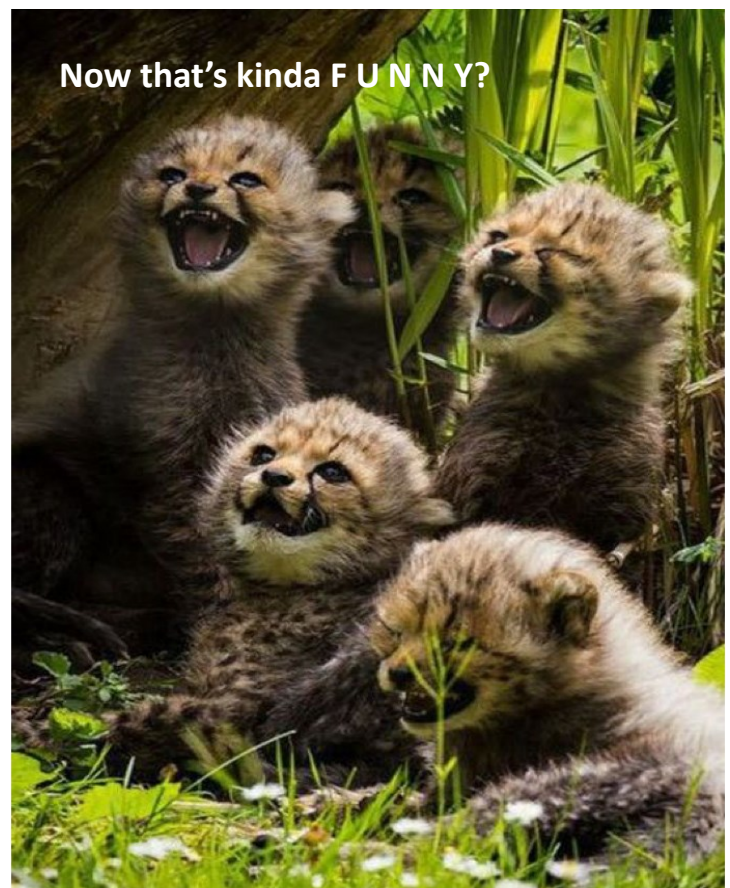
She is not missing, we just really "miss" her
when she isn't around.....



He who prays last????

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

I think the little guys in the picture think this is funny!!!



Laughter
is an
instant
vacation. 
- Milton Berle

Six Truths in Life

1. You cannot stick your tongue out and look up at the ceiling at the same time, a physical impossibility.
2. All idiots, after reading #1 will try it.
3. And discover #1 is a lie.
4. You are smiling now because you are an idiot..
5. You soon will show this to another idiot.

Be well, stay safe, and SMILE (it makes your face feel good), and if smiles are good, laughs are even better.

It's been said, "You don't stop laughing when you die, you die when you stop laughing!!

I'll bet there is still a stupid smile on your face.

Nails in the Fence

- Author unknown

This is an inspirational story about a little girl who had trouble controlling her temper, but she not only learned how to control it, she also learned the meaning of friendship and how, sometimes, the things we say can actually hurt the people we love.

There once was a little girl who could not control her bad temper. So, her mother gave her a bag of nails and told her that every time she lost her temper, she must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the girl had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as she learned to control her anger, the number of nails she hammered daily gradually dwindled down. She discovered it was easier to hold her temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

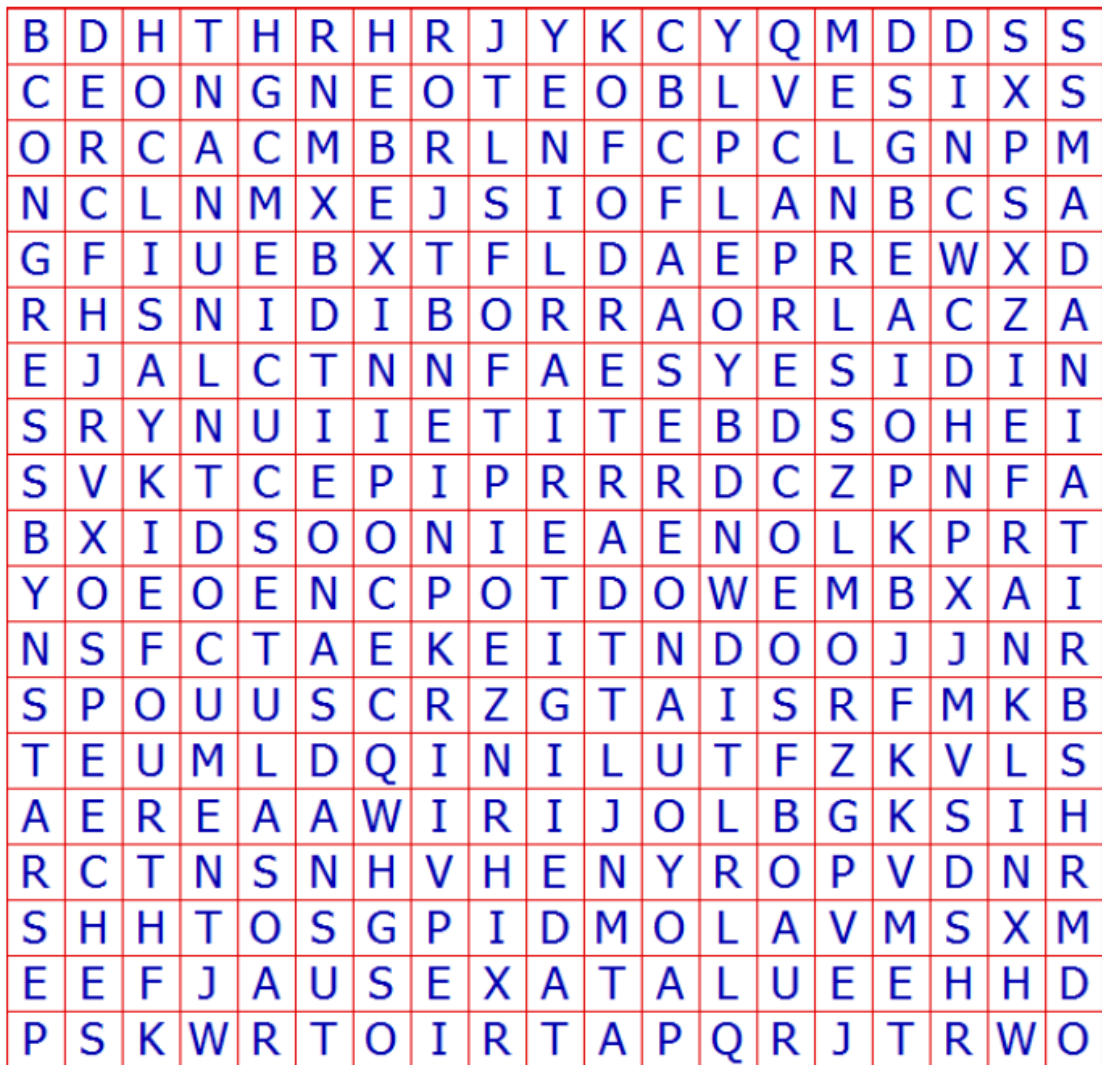
Finally the day came when the girl didn't lose her temper at all. She told her mother about this and her mother suggested that now she pull out one nail for each day that she was able to hold her temper. The days passed and the young girl was finally able to tell her mother that all the nails were gone. The mother then took her daughter by the hand and led her to the fence.

She said, "You have done well, my daughter, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one."  You can stick a knife into a person and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say "I'm sorry," the wound is still there. A verbal wound can be as bad as a physical one.

Your friends are rare jewels indeed. They will make you smile and laugh, and encourage you to succeed or dissuade you from doing wrong. They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts. So, cherish your friends, and beware of moments when anger or the wrong choice of words may cut deeper than a knife.



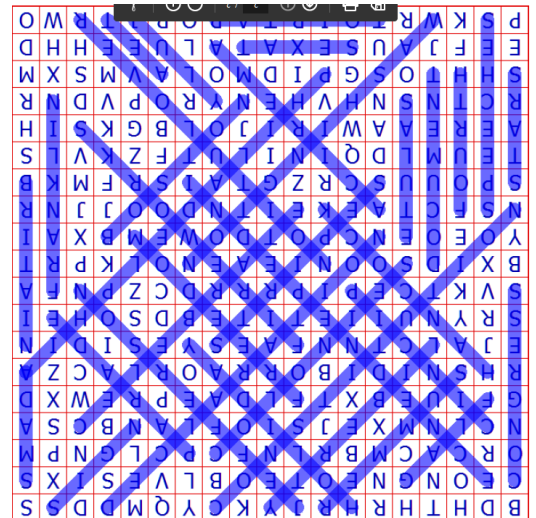
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