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The Church Bell



"Freedom from Sin"
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This month people are celebrating America's freedom. Yet, a growing number of Americans are not free, but have chosen to be slaves to sin. The Bible teaches that there are two masters in this world that a person can serve. The first master is sin. The second master is Christ. Romans 6:16 says, "Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of that one you obey —either of sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (HCSB). Because of the first sin of Adam all are born into sin. Psalm 51:5 says, "Indeed, I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me." Because all people are born in sin, all are slaves to the master of sin, he is Satan. Many, though, do not realize that he is their master, and Satan is fine with this. His goal is not simply to be worshipped, though he desires this. His goal is to prevent the worship of the One True God.

Yet, God loved the world even in their sinful state for He created them that He sent His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ to die in payment of the world's sin. Only God's blood could pay the price to free people from the wages of sin. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord," (Romans 6:23). So, since Jesus the Son of God died for the world's sins does that mean that everyone will go to Heaven? No, for every person must make a decision to accept the "gift of God" from Christ Jesus. It is like this:

A rich man has purchased all of Cortland tickets to the Scrappers. A Cortland resident went to watch the game but was refused entry because they did not have a ticket. How could this be since the rich man had bought tickets for all of Cortland? The Cortland resident failed to accept the ticket. He did not go to and pick up his ticket prior to the game.

The blood of Jesus Christ has bought the world "tickets" to Heaven, but each individual needs to pick up their ticket. And they do so by believing in Jesus Christ and obeying His teachings. One follows His teachings in obedience by not sinning because they are no longer slaves to sin. Remember Romans 16:6, if one is obedient to sin then they are a slave of sin, but if they are obedient to Christ then they are His and He is their King.

As people are celebrating America's freedom can you celebrate with them? Are you truly free? This physical life we live is short, but each person has an eternity to live... An eternity as slaves to sin suffering the wages of sin – death, death of the soul in Hell, or an eternity as subjects of God in paradise with the Son of God. "As for a man, his days are like grass – he blooms like a flower of the field; when the wind passes over it, it vanishes, and its place is no longer known." (Psalm 103:15-16).

Pastor Cook Capman

Worship Leaders



Sharon Hopkins, Jeff Byler,
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The office is open

Monday-Thursday

8am-Noon

Coffee Fellowship



July 5 Joyce Hall

July 12 Carol Deemer

July 19 Judene Ainsley

July 26 Sharon Hopkins



June - Financial Report

Our monthly Budget for 2020 of \$13,000 explains the amount needed to maintain our church.

June 1, 2020 to June 31, 2020

Offering Received \$ \$5,144.00 Expenses \$ \$5,287.00 Balance \$ \$ -143.00 June 1, 2020 to June 31, 2020

 Offering Received
 \$ \$71,969.00

 Expenses
 \$ \$54,234.00

Balance \$ \$17,735.00

Mortgage Payment \$1,883.24

Balance \$82, 287.66

"Happy Birthday"

David Miller
Cindy Miller
Jean Scott
Dawna Sayers
Nick Miller
Amy Popichak
Effie Welch
Barb Bradford
Amy Kennedy
Chuck Chagnot



"Happy Anniversary"

July 5 Edwin and Eileen Niemi

July 13 Jerry and Sharon Polakoff

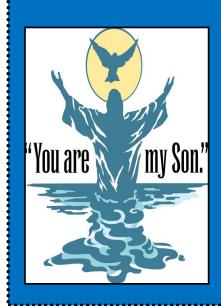
July 27
Barb and Bob Bradford

Clders Meetings



Third Sunday

July 19 ~ 8 am In the Board Room



BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized? or maybe having your child or all of you baptized.

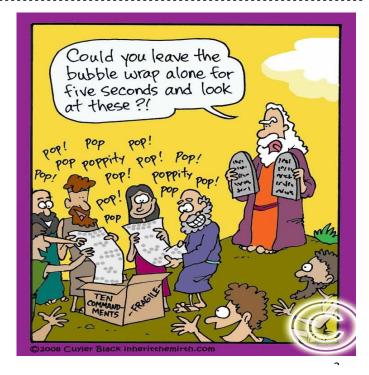
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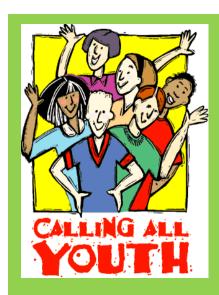
Pastor will put plans in motion. 330-637-4611

Start your day with a smile...



and the day will smile back!





Summer Youth Program

Begins

Wednesday
July 8th @12pm-2pm.

A lite lunch will be provided

"Let the fun begin"



July 10-11th

Friday: 9am-4pm

Saturday: 9am-2pm

Cortland Christian Church

Bring all unwanted articles, in good condition, no clothing, on June 29th until Thursday July 4th.

Put them in the Fellowship Hall on tables.

Please have things priced.

Help will be needed that week especially for set up and for the 2 days of the sale, and for packing items to be taken away, after the sale.

No One's Home

My family's gone; there's no one home.

It's only me who's home alone.

I shouldn't hear a single squeak.

There shouldn't even be a creak.

So what's that thumping that I hear?
It must mean one thing; death is near.
"You're an adult, you'll be just fine."
I tell myself as I dial "nine".......

Was that a knock upon the door?

My heart beats faster than a before
I know it's closed; I've checked the lock.

At least my killer knows to knock?

I cannot sleep, though I'm in bed.

I've made my amends with God instead.

If He decides that it's my time,

Then this will be; my very last rhyme.

I hear a bang and then a break.

My head shoots up: there's no mistake!

I turn my music volume high

So I won't hear the way I die.

Over my head, ready to land,
And right before it did just that...
I remembered—I have a cat.

Author Unknown



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Disciples of Christ



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Office of the Pastor

June 18th, 2020

RE: Summer Youth Program at CCC

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope this letter finds each of your families well. I am planning on starting up the Youth Program in July geared towards our older children. Since we do not have many youths in our church and since some school sports are beginning to meet again, I believe we can safely hold a youth program for this summer.

This summer program will meet once weekly for a two-hour period during the summer months of July and August. At the end of August, I will check with you to see if there is interest in a fall program. At the close of the youth summer season, I am planning a youth trip. The details will be announced at the beginning of August.

I would like to get dates and times from you to see what would work best for the program time. While I won't be in church on Sunday the 28th due to my vacation, I will have a sheet for you to specify your first, second, and third choice for days. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to growing your children in the faith.

In Christ.

Pastor Casey R. Chapman



July 4th word search











AMERICAN
FATHERS
FOUNDING
HONOR
NATIONAL ANTHEM
STARS
UNITED STATES

CENTENNIAL
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FREEDOM
INDEPENDENCE DAY
PATRIOTIC
STRIPES
VETERANS

CIVIC FIREWORKS HOLIDAY LIBERTY PICNIC STAR SPANGLED



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July

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Joyful Noise	2.	3.	4. Acth of July
5. Sunday Service	6.	7.	8. "Youth Group" 12pm-2pm Lite lunch provided	9.	10.	IAGE SALE
12. Sunday Service	13.	14.	15. Joyful Noise	16.	17.	18.
19. Sunday Service Elder Meeting 8am Board Room	20.	21.	Joyful Noise	23.	24.	
26. Sunday Service	27.	28.	29. Joyful Noise	30.	31.	

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.



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Katie and John Molnar 2444 Williams Drive Cortland, Ohio 44410

Lauralee Lawrence 124 Willow Street Cortland, Ohio 44410 Edwin and Eileen Niemi Lake Vista Apt. 207 Mecca Street, Cortland, Ohio

Kathie Bates Room 105 369 N. High Street Cortland, Ohio 44410 Pat Taylor Room 212 4100 North River Rd. Warren Ohio

Grace Wagner
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Room 613
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.
Warren, Ohio
44483

Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista 41 Heron Circle Cortland, Ohio 44410 330-637-1456



Janice Sue Kemmer, 72,

passed away at 6:38 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Greenbriar Boardman of complications following open-heart surgery.

She was born June 2, 1948 in Warren, the daughter of the late Harlen and Theda Dales Griffin, Janice was the eldest of sex children.

She previously lived in Kinsman and Warren, moved to Gaffney, S.C. for a number of years and returned to Ohio in August 2019. She enjoyed being with her friends, her church family, reading and doing puzzles.

Janice was a member of Cortland Christian Church. Fond memories of Janice will forever be cherished by her siblings, Marilyn Vitko, Elaine Aker, Valerie Carr, Douglas Griffin and Harlan Griffin Jr. ad by numerous nieces and nephews and extended family and beloved friends. She is also survived by two stepsons, Lee and Kenneth Kemmer. Besides her parents, Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Kemmer.

The family wants to thank everyone for their prayers and cards of encouragement during and following her surgery. They especially appreciate and thank her friends, Ken and Elaine, and her church family.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of the Staton-Borowski Funeral Home, 962 North Road NE, Warren Ohio 44483.





passed away Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Hospice House in Poland.

Kathy was born Dec. 23, 1940, in Warren, a daughter of the late Ira and Georgia McKinnon.



In her younger years, she showed horses. She was a 1958 graduate of Cortland High School and was a freelance bookkeeper from 1958 until she retired in 2007. She was actively involved with keeping class reunions (1958 Cortland High School) together for Cortland and Bazetta graduates.

She was a member of Cortland Christian Church. She was a three-time cancer survivor and team member for the Christian Friends Relay for Life for several years.

She was known as the "popcorn ball lady" of Cortland, when she would give out her famous popcorn balls on Halloween. In addition to everything she did, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother that adored her family.

Kathy will be missed by her loving husband, William "Bill" Miller, whom she married March 12, 1960; son, Matthew (Lisa) Miller; grandchildren, Alexis (Matt) Ferry and A.J. Miller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Vesta Moore and Patty Paul.

Due to the pandemic, a memorial service for Kathy will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the Cortland Christian Church, 153 Grove St., Cortland, OH 44410





Pole Day

When a friend urgently texted Florida mom Stacey Philpot about a Facebook post she just had to see, she wasn't sure what to expect. The post showed a teenaged boy standing alone at the flagpole and it seemed as if everyone had something to say about him. And that's when it hit Stacey - she was looking at her son!

As a blogger, Stacey Philpot spends a good amount of time online. So, she decided to take a little break from Facebook. But then a friend sent her an urgent text about a post Stacey "wouldn't want to miss."

The post showed a boy standing alone at the flagpole praying as part of See You At The Pole Day. This yearly event encourages students everywhere to gather at their school's flagpole to pray for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. Usually the event draws a crowd. But at Minneola High School, only one young man turned up. The brave boy stood all alone, praying by himself. A passerby was so touched, they snapped a photo and posted it to Facebook, saying:

"I commend the young man that stood alone at Lake Minneola High School's 'See You at the Pole Day.' I weld up [sic] with tears, happy tears, proud tears. I honestly didn't know that it was today until after I had left and heard it on the radio.

Please take a moment today to pray for our children, school, teachers, and administrators. Pray for protection over them, guidance, wisdom, and a wonderfully blessed year."

Reality Hits Home

At first Stacey couldn't understand why her friend insisted she break her Facebook hiatus for this picture of a boy standing alone at the flag pole. Then she realized she recognized the boy everyone was talking about. That was her son!

"The little boy I'd rocked to sleep in blue airplane pajamas when he was sick. The toddler who loved Elmo and couldn't go to sleep without holding his Veggie Tales characters in his hands had captured the attention of our community by standing alone, by doing everything we'd ever taught him, everything we'd ever hoped he would do," Stacey said. "I was completely undone."

Stacey immediately texted her son, Hayden, and told him how proud she was of him. But what he revealed when he got home was even more incredible.

Hayden was just as surprised at all of the attention as his mom. He'd originally thought he'd just pray until someone else came along. But when no one else did, he asked God to use Him.

"He told me with sheer amazement in his voice that as he stood alone and prayed the cry of his heart had been, 'God, as people drive by, let them wonder, let their hearts be pricked.' "

And boy did God answer that prayer!

There are people out there that don't understand why we pray. They see it as wasted effort. But Hayden proved just how powerful prayer truly is! And his proud mom says her son's story is a big reminder for us all.

"Wherever it is in your life you stand alone. . . God sees, He knows, and He can do big things."

Now does that deserve a huge AMEN or what?!

Just Checking In

A minister passing through his church In the middle of the day Decided to pause by the altar And see who had come to pray.

Just then the back door opened, A man came down the aisle, The minister frowned as he saw The man hadn't shaved in a while.

His shirt was shabby, old, And his coat was worn and frayed. The man knelt, he bowed his head Then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed, Each noon time, came this chap. Each time he knelt just for a moment, A lunch pail in his lap.

Well, the minister's suspicions grew, With robbery a main fear. He decided to stop the man and ask him, "What are you doing here?"

The old man said he worked down the road. Lunch was half an hour. Lunchtime was his prayer time For finding strength and power.

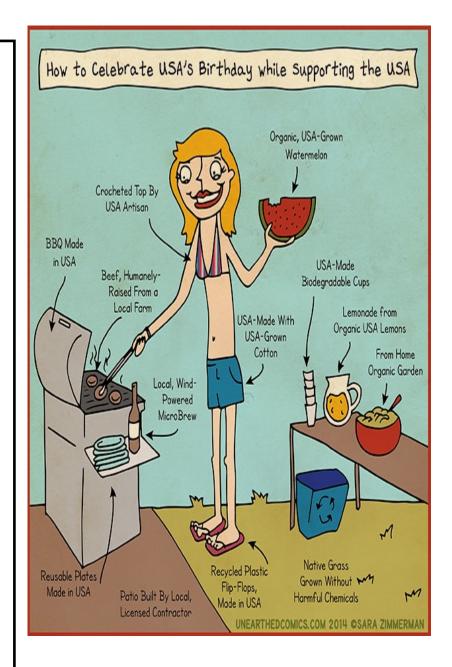
"I stay only moments, see, Because the factory is so far away. As I kneel here talking to the Lord, This is what I say:

I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, LORD, HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S FRIENDSHIP, AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY. SO, JESUS, THIS IS JIM, CHECKING IN TODAY."

The minister, feeling foolish, Told Jim, that was fine. He told the man he was welcome To come and pray just anytime.

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Going to Heaven

The preacher said to his congregation, "I want everyone who wants to go to heaven to stand up." Everyone stood up, except for one old man in the front. So he said, "I said, I want everyone who wants to go to heaven to stand up!" The old man in the front row remained seated. Finally the preacher said, "Brother Williams, I said everyone who wants to go to heaven, stand up!" And the old man said, "Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were getting a group together to go now."

Just Checking In (continued)

Time to go, Jim smiled, and said "Thanks." He sped to the door.
The minister knelt at the altar,
He'd never done it before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love, And met with Jesus there. As the tears flowed, in his heart, He repeated old Jim's prayer:

HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S FRIENDSHIP, AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY. SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME, CHECKING IN TODAY."

Past noon one day, the minister noticed That old Jim hadn't come. As more days passed without Jim, He began to worry some.

At the factory, he asked about him, Learning he was ill. The hospital staff was worried, But he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Jim was with them, Brought changes in the ward. His smiles, a joy contagious. Changed people, were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand Why Jim was so glad When no flowers, calls or cards came, Not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed, He voiced the nurse's concern: No friends came to show they cared. He had nowhere to run.

Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up And with a winsome smile; "The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, That in here all the while.

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This is very interesting......

WORD———-REARRANGE THE LETTERS

DORMITORY	DIRTY ROOM
PRESBYTERIAN———	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER ———-	MOON STARER
DESPERATION———	———A ROPE ENDS IT
THE EYES—————	-————THEY SEE
GEORGE BUSH———	HE BUGS GORE
THE MORSE CODE——-	HERE COME DOTS
SLOT MACHINES———	CASH LOST IN ME
ANIMOSITY————	IS NO AMITY
ELECTION RESULTS — -	LIES LET'S RECOUNT
MOTHER IN LAW——	———WOMAN HITLER
SNOOZE ALARMS—— -	——ALAS NO MORE Z'S
A DECIMAL POINT——	-—I'M A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES——	- —THAT QUEER SHAKE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO——	———TWELVE PUS ONE

What travels around the world but always stays in the corner? 4m2S \forall

What is the beginning of everything, and the end of life? (3) AFFFF LAGALET (3) What is the beginning of everything, and the end of life?

What is stronger than God, bigger than everything, worse than the worst, better than the best and if you eat it you will die?

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Getting ready for July 4th:

What enduring values unite Americans of all religious outlooks?

THE QUESTION:

What enduring values unite Americans of all religious outlooks?

THE RELIGION GUY'S ANSWER:

The Fourth of July 2020 will be a sober, as well as socially-distanced, observance amid the COVID-19 scourge, resulting economic devastation and racial unrest in cities nationwide.

Nonetheless, it provides an opportunity to reflect not only on the nation's sins and sufferings but permanent values these United States have upheld through it all.

The American Revolution was first and foremost about ending dictatorial rule so that government is based upon "the consent of the governed." Freedom of religion and conscience over against government compulsion reinforced this principle and was an equally extraordinary innovation in the 18th Century. Admittedly, courts and politicians continually joust over what this means in particular cases.

Today's Americans should consider how many regimes have not caught up with either of these concepts 244 years later.

Those principles have united the citizenry across old religious lines. Religious liberty – including freedom to doubt — could only have arisen with broad support from conventional Christian believers in the colonial population and among the Founders. (A "Loyalist" faction among Anglicans still obeyed king and crown, and Quakers desired independence but opposed taking up arms to achieve it.)

Why did orthodox Christians unite on freedom of conscience with, for instance, the three skeptical Founders who are especially interesting figures: Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Thomas Paine? Many Christians embraced this freedom in principle, while others saw that government control over religion was essential to the monarchy they spurned. And then, unlike in the Old World, America's profusion of denominations meant no one Christian branch would dominate so all benefited from government neutrality.

Tumultuous 1776 kicked off on January 9 with the publication of a pamphlet titled "Common Sense," written by an anonymous author who turned out to be Paine, a laborer-turned-polemicist who had recently emigrated from England. His amazing life story is recounted in the recent "<u>Thomas Paine and the Clarion Call for American Independence</u>" (Da Capo Press) by veteran biographer Harlow Giles Unger.

Just Checking In (Continued)

Everyday at noon, He's here, A dear friend of mine, you see, He sits right down, takes my hand, Leans over and says to me:

'I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, JIM, HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND THIS FRIENDSHIP, AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN.

I ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY, AND I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY, SO JIM, THIS IS JESUS,



Riddles.

First you throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?

Corn on the cob

When you say this word, it disappears. What is the word?

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God's Song

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience

and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked

"NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy was sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon, his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played - only the classic "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are there helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called, and He'll always be there to love and guide you on to great things.

Riddle:

Two women apply for a job. They are identical. They have the same mother, father, birthdays, weight, etc. The interviewer asks, "Are you twins?' They say NO. Why?

They are triplets

Summer Salsa

3 tomatoes, chopped

1/2 cup diced green,

1/2 cup finely diced onion

1 teaspoon salt

5 serrano chiles, finely chopped

1/4 c. red pepper

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

2 teaspoons lime juice

Makes 4 servings so you may want to double this recipe. Pretty tasty. Adjust the peppers to your taste or degree of hotness. Maybe you just like a little bite or maybe you like it hot.



Baked or Grilled Corn on the Cob

1 stick of oleo

1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing and Recipe Mix

Mix together.

6ears of corn in husks

Heat oven to 425 Degrees. Cook 20 minutes until corn is soft. Peal husks back and use the husks as a handle. Remove corn silks. Brush corn with the hidden Valley- butter mixture. Serve immediately.



Laura Griffins Best Lemonade Ever

1 Pkg Crystal Light Lemonade Mix 2 quarts water I whole orange sliced I lemon, sliced Ice

Mix water and mix together. Add sliced oranges and lemons, stir well. Add ice and have the most refreshing drink for summer enjoyment.

When container is empty, fill it again with another mix and water use the same oranges and lemons.

Just as good the second and third time around. Keeps great in the fridge.

Games to play over the 4th of July or really any time you want to have family fun.

Balloon Knees Race:

You will need: Balloons.

How to Play: everyone will waddle to the finish line, holding an inflated balloon between their knees. If you drop or pop, You're out!

Dizzy Bat Race:

What you'll need: 3 baseball bats and your video camera, your're not going to want to forget this one!

How to Play: Best results when you have 3 racers at a time. Each racer will grab a bat, stand it up on the ground, press their forehead against

the handle end, and spin around the bat 4-5 times!. Then race to the finish, if they can tell what direction that's in.

Sneaky Stickers: What You'll Need: A small sheet of stickers per person. With a equal number of stickers on it. Anywhere from 5-20. The goal of the game is to discreetly stick your stickers onto other people. If they catch you, they get to put one of their stickers on you. The first person who runs out of stickers on their sheet wins! It there is a tie, the winner is whoever has less stickers on them.