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#### **GREAT STUFF**

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer.

When asked to define "great" he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!"

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

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Men-tal Anxiety, Men-opause, Men-tal Breakdown... **Ever noticed** that all our problems start with MEN?

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29: 11

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Be advised: anyone who's mean to cats in this life will come back as a litter box in the next.



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The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken. ~ Samuel Johnson

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## <u>Accents</u>

A young mom from Alabama was talking with her



four year old son. He was asking her why all their relatives from Minnesota talk funny and sound like their noses are plugged up.

"They think we have an accent," she said. "But they have an accent, right?" he asked. "They talk funny."

"Everybody talks in different ways" she tried to explain.

"To them, we sound like we talk very slow and all our words are d-r-a-w-n out." His eyes got big, and he whispered seriously, "Oh, no. You mean they hear funny too?"

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1: 1-2



Be careful who you vent to. A listening ear can also be a running mouth.

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Promises mean everything, but after they're broken, sorry means nothing.

A man was on trial for robbing a convenience store. He didn't like the job his attorney was doing, so he fired him and represented himself. He was doing a fine job until the manager of the store got to the stand. When she identified him as the robber, he jumped up and yelled, "You're lying! I should have shot you!!!" He paused, wideeyed, then added, "Uh, if I had been the one that was there."

It took the jury only twenty minutes to find him guilty.



My Dad bought my Mom a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, I asked how she was doing with it. "Oh," said My Dad, "I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet." "How come?" I asked. "Well," he answered, "because with a clarinet, she can't sing...."



It's funny because we ask God to change our situation, not knowing He put us in the situation to change us.

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It's amazing how obsessed evervone's become with their phones, playing with their phones all the time -- at restaurants, movies, gym (so I've heard), while driving, eating, walking, talking. The other day I was at a funeral when the person next to me asked me, What's the wifi password at the cemetery?" I told him, "Have some respect for the dead!" "Thank you," the person replied. After a pause, he asked, "Is that all lower case?"

God assumed from the beginning that the wise of the world would view Christians as fools... and He has not been disappointed... If I have brought any message today, it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.

#### Antonin Scalia



The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read...Mark Twain

There would be fewer problems with children if they chopped wood to charge their cell phone or keep the television set on. going.

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "It's Adam 's suit".

ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then, one day, she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus ? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin ?"



CASHEWS are actually a fleshy fruit. The nut that we all love to eat is the seed that grows on the outside of the fruit. The cashew tree is a tropical evergreen tree. It can grow as high as 14 metres, but the dwarf cashew, growing up to 6 metres, has proved more profitable, with earlier maturity and higher yields.





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The nice thing about egotists is that they don't talk about other people.

The only time a windshield wiper will work properly is when it's holding a parking ticket.





Brazil nuts are actually the seeds of a big fruit from a pretty massive rainforest tree. About 15 to 30 seeds sit in a large round pod that weighs around five pounds. The ripe pods fall to the ground, where they're harvested by people... or carried off by animals.



## Back on January 4th,

a group of Ocala Florida bikers were riding east on Hwy. 40 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Blackwater Bridge. So they stopped. George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says,"Hey Baby . . . whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?" She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!" While he didn't want to appear "sensitive," George also didn't want to miss this "be-alegend" opportunity either so he asked . ... "Well, before you jump, Honey-Babe. . .why don't you give ol' George here vour best last kiss?" So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that . . .and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed by another even better one. After they breathlessly finished, George Continued on page 10

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity. ~ St. Augustine



gets a big thumbsup approval from his biker buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting there, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?" She looked a little tearfully at him and said, "My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl." It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed.

## Arizona Rain

A visitor once asked, "Does it ever rain in Arizona?" A rancher quickly answered, "Yes, it does. Do you remember in the Bible where it rained for 40 days and 40 nights?" The visitor replied, "Yes, I'm familiar with Noah's flood." "Well," the rancher puffed up, "We got about two and a half inches of that."



I just spent 15 minutes looking for my cell phone...using my

phone as a flashlight.



Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing. ~ William A. Ward



Why is Monday so far from Friday and Friday is so close to Monday?







Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades -King David, Clubs -Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, and Diamonds -Julius Caesar.





This is what happens when your child is exposed to too many commercials on TV.

A Baptist pastor was presenting a children's sermon. During the sermon, he asked the children if they knew what the resurrection was. Now, asking questions during children's sermons is crucial, but at the same time, asking children auestions in front of a congregation can also be very dangerous. Having asked the children if they knew the meaning of the resurrection, a little boy raised his hand..... The pastor called on him and the little boy said, "I know that if you have a resurrection that lasts more than four hours you are supposed to call the doctor." It took over ten minutes for the congregation to settle down enough for the service to continue.

I don't always procrastinate, but when I do, I'll do it tomorrow.





## Ingredients

- 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple, with juice
- 1 (21 ounce) can cherry pie filling
- 1 (18.25 ounce) package devil's
- food cake mix1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup mint chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chip
  1/2 cup butter aligned
- 1/2 cup butter, sliced

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 9 x 13 inch pan.
- Pour pineapple with juice into prepared pan, spreading evenly. Spread cherry pie filling over the pineapple layer. Sprinkle cake mix over the cherry pie filling. Sprinkle with pecans and mint chocolate chips, then distribute the sliced butter evenly over the top. Bake for 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into

the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool

## FLORIDA ORANGE CAKE

#### Ingredients

- 1 package yellow cake mix (reg. size)
- 1 cup orange juice
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- FROSTING:
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

## Many people have eaten my cooking and gone on to lead normal, healthy lives!



# South in yo mouth CAKES

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 tablespoon orange marmalade
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° Grease & flour 13" X 9" pan. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, orange juice, eggs, water and oil; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes.

**2.** Pour into baking pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

**3.** For frosting, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until smooth. Beat in orange marmalade and confectioners' sugar. Spread over cake. Store in the refrigerator.

## **GEORGIA CORNBREAD**

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups self-rising flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups pecans, chopped very fine

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease and flour a 9 X 13" baking dish.

Stir together sugar, brown sugar, eggs and oil in a medium bowl until smooth. Stir in flour and vanilla. Add pecans and stir until evenly mixed. Spoon into prepared pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes.





# South in yo mouth CAKES

## **MISSISSIPPI PIG PICKIN CAKE**

## Ingredients

- 1 box (18.25 Oz. Box) Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 stick Margarine, Softened
- 1 can (14 Oz. Can) Mandarin Oranges, Drained, 1/2 Cup Juice Reserved
- 4 whole Eggs
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- For the topping:
- 1 package (4 Oz. Box) Vanilla Instant Pudding Mix
- 1 can (20 Oz. Can) Crushed Pineapple, Juice Reserved
- 1/2 cup Powdered Sugar
- 4 ounces, Cool Whip
- Extra Mandarin Orange Slices, For Garnish

## Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. For the cake, combine cake mix, margarine, 1/2 cup juice from the mandarin oranges, eggs, and vanilla. Beat for four minutes on medium-high. Add drained oranges and beat again until pieces are broken up and small. Pour batter into greased and floured 9 x 13 inch baking pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown and set. Remove from oven and cool completely. If desired, turn out cake onto a large platter.

Once cake is cool, blend juice from drained pineapples with the vanilla pudding mix. Add powdered sugar and mix, then mix in whipped topping. Stir in drained pineapple. Spread on cooled cake and refrigerate several hours. To serve, cut cake into squares and top each square with a mandarin orange slice.

## LOUISIANA DIXIELAND CAKE

#### Ingredients

• 2 cups all-purpose flour





- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, with juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- For the icing:
- 1 12-ounce can evaporated milk
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sweetened, flaked coconut\*
- 1 1/4 cups chopped pecans

## Directions

Spray a 13 x 9 baking pan with cooking spray; set aside. Mix together flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. Cream together eggs, vegetable oil, pineapple (with juice from can), sugar and brown sugar. Mix in flour mixture until all ingredients are well combined. Pour batter into baking pan and bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. **Prepare the icing:** 

Heat evaporated milk, butter, sugar and salt in a mediumsize saucepan over medium heat until boiling; stirring frequently.

Reduce heat to medium-low and boil mixture for 12-15 minutes or until a light caramel color; stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla, coconut and pecans. Let icing cool 5 minutes then spread over warm cake. Rest cake, uncovered, 2 hours before serving.

To store, cover and set at room temperature – cake does not need to be refrigerated.



You are always free to choice but never free from the consequence of your choice.

aroup of women were talking together. One woman said "Our congregation is sometimes down to 30 or 40 on a Sunday." Another said: "That's nothing. Sometimes our congregation is down to six or seven." A maiden lady in her 70's added her bit: "Why it's so bad in our church on Sundays that when the minister says 'dearly beloved' it makes me blush."





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shook his doctor's hand in aratitude and said, "Since we are the best of friends, I would not want to insult you by offering payment. But I would like for you to know that I had mentioned you in my will." "That is very kind of you," said the doctor emotionally, and then added, "May I see that prescription I just gave you? I'd like to make a little change..."

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What's the difference between a "hippo" and a "zippo"? One is really heavy, and one is a little lighter.

I hate when TV shows say they contain "adult situations" but then don't show anyone going to work, paying their bills or cleaning up after their kids. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.







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It's gonna be one of those days where your sock keeps sliding down in your shoe!....I can feel it...



## A Changeless God in an **Ever Changing World**

#### Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Some people adapt well to changes and some people do not. However this world

will change with or without our consent. No matter how dear your friends are, they can fail. No matter how much money you have, you can go broke (bankruptcy). No matter how diligently you exercise and eat the right kinds of food, you can get sick. Your most trusted walking stick can break or wear out. Your dearest dream can die. Life is as uncertain as the clouds that gather and scatter. It's as fickle as the waves of the ocean. Good News: God is the same today as He was yesterday and He will be the same in the future. Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not...

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

- If God has spoken it, 2 Peter 1:20 Know-• ing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- If our opinion opposes the Word of God, • it's just that, our opinion. As the day draws near of Jesus return you will witness: Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie...
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Our culture, churches, community, schools, government, family, friends and even our own life may change. I will not allow myself to be conformed to this world, never evolve away from the Holy Scripture, political correctness or worry about fitting in with society. We serve an "Immutable God."

Listen my friends, God has chosen us, handpicked and ordained (John 15:16) to be His Representatives/Ambassadors in the earth. We are the light and the salt of the earth. Keep the light on and don't lose your savour (Matthew 5:13) we are to influence our environment to change, and not allow our environment to change us.

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Oh how we love the same. It's hard to embrace change, we grow accustom to eating the same, doing the same, watching the same. Routine is what we like to call it.

We all have our routine. I like to call it our comfort zone.

Two construction workers had taken a lunch break an opened their lunch boxes. One exclaimed, "Oh no, not bologna again. I can't believe it. I hate it. This is the third time this week I've had bologna. I can't stand it!"

The other guy replied, "Why don't you ask your wife to make you something different?" To which he responded, I don't have a wife. I made these myself!"

My question to you is how much bologna is too much? Comfort Zones are those invisible barriers that make us feel safe and secure. The Bible says in Joshua 1; 9 says "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Do yourself a favor today and reach out to the Comforter, so that you can reach all the potential He has for you.

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IF A SINGLE LIVING CELL WAS FOUND ON A DISTANT PLANET, SCIENTISTS WOULD EXCLAIM THAT WE HAVE FOUND LIFE ELSEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE.

SO WHY IS A SINGLE LIVING CELL FOUND IN THE WOMB OF A PREGNANT WOMAN NOT CONSIDERED LIFE?



## HAT HEADLINE

he Pope is visiting DC and President

Obama takes him out for an afternoon on the Potomac . . . sailing on the presidential yacht. They're admiring the sights when, all of a sudden the

Pope's hat (ecclesiastical



skullcap) blows off his head and out into the water.

Secret service guys start to launch a boat, but Obama waves them off, saying "Wait, wait. I'll take care of this. Don't worry." Obama then steps off the yacht onto the surface of the water and walks out to the Holy Father's little hat, bends over and picks it up, then walks back to the yacht and climbs aboard. He hands the hat to the Pope amid stunned silence.

The next morning, Fox News leads with the story, "Obama Can't Swim."

Being rather bald, I comfort myself on a visit to the hairdresser with the opening gambit. "Grass doesn't grow on a busy street."

However, I was not prepared for the joke of one barber: "We always say there's no sense in putting a roof on an empty barn."



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I saw a guy at the gym put a water bottle where the Pringles go on the threadmill.







"The unholy trinity: I, me and myself"





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## FIND THE DIFFERENCES ANSWERS

 Sunglasses on center man.
 Missing leg on left chair.
 Red vs. green shoulder patch.
 Missing hinges on door.
 Blue vs. red water bottle on bike.  6. Missing vertical bar on right gate.
 7. Missing shadow of person on the right.
 8. Umbrella text ends with "a" vs. "o".
 9. Missing license plate.
 10. Poster text above umbrella.



The worth of a life is not determined by a single failure or a solitary success!



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## Trading Gas Caps

I have a friend who filled his car with gas at a self-service gas station. After he had paid and driven away, he realized that he had left the gas cap on top of his car. He stopped and looked and, sure enough, it was lost.

Well, he thought for a second and realized that other people must have done the same thing, and that it was worth going back to look by the side of the road since even if he couldn't find his own gas cap, he might be able to find one that fit. Sure enough, he hadn't been searching long when he found a gas cap. He tried it on, and it went into place with a satisfying click. "Great," he thought, "I lost my gas cap, but I found another one that fits. And this one's even better because it



Laughs

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The idea that all men are created equal loses everything if you believe that men were not created.



The newest member of the country club was taking his initiatory round of golf with the club's officers. He was nervous about making a good impression. He teed up the ball, spread his feet apart, fixed his stance, and took a healthy swing. The golf club removed about a pound of turf, but left the ball intact. Terribly embarrassed, the man again planted his feet, took another healthy swing, and again, totally missed the ball. Although thoroughly exasperated, once again he spread his feet apart, fixed his stance, and took a vibrant swing----and for the third time missed. Whereupon he looked up and said,

"Wow, this sure is a tough course."

Many of us are more like that golfer than we care to admit. We spend our time and energy blaming our problems on circumstances and conditions and cultural contexts, when we should be changing our stance.

- Leonard Sweet



I misplaced my thesaurus and feel terrible; just terrible, really terrible.

#### If the words don't add up, it's usually because the truth wasn't included in the equation.



Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress. Working hard for something we love is called passion.

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1. Scatter Brain 2. Good Intentions 3. Horseback Riding 4. Daybreak 5. All Things Being Equal 6. Always by my Side

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# **Dr. Geoff Gaunt**

## **"Your Hometown Dentist"**

#### Hello everyone,

It's March, and I'm getting excited about the prospect of the weather turning a little warmer, baseball and soccer seasons getting underway, and another opportunity to talk with y'all again! You might be aware that I've been talking lately about the use of lasers in our world today and in dentistry. I was very fortunate to have gotten interested in laser dentistry about 15 years ago, and I must say that it has really been a great technology for my patients in that we've been able to save many teeth, enhance our esthetic results and, make teeth and soft tissues of the mouth more comfortable!

More comfortable? How can that be? Well, I'm glad you asked!

Chiropractors and physical therapists have been using low level laser energy to help relieve sore muscles and joints. While that is not my forte, I can tell you that in dentistry, laser energy can have an anesthetic effect on the tooth nerve. It is not a replacement for regular anesthetic because the anesthesia is not effective enough in most cases, but it is still interesting that lasers can have that effect. More useful though is that we can seal small pulp (area of live tissue in the tooth) exposures that can occur if a cavity is too deep, and avoid the otherwise inevitable root canal treatment. Recession areas can be made less sensitive with the use of the laser by helping to close those open, unprotected pores that let hot and cold into the tooth!

Another application is in the treatment of ulcers on the soft tissue where lasers can be used to seal the raw surface that is so painful with those lesions.

Enjoy the weather and we'll be ready to play ball next month, and explore another fact or two in the world of dentistry-Thanks for reading!

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You go to your room and settle in. All is good. The hotel receives a call and the caller asks for (as an example) room 620 - which happens to be your room.

The phone rings in your room. You answer and the person on the other end says the following: "This is the front desk. When checking in, we came across a problem with your charge card information. Please re-read me your credit card number and verify the last 3 digits numbers at the reverse side of your charge card." Not thinking anything wrong, since the call seems to come from the front desk

#### in Chuck Auman's yard (He's willing to share!) and also the solid





white variety "Nuncio's Gem". There is a blooming "Miss Ozark" at the FUMC in downtown Ozark, propagated by air-layering

from his bush. Camellias can also be propagated by stem cuttings; both are the easiest methods and will produce an identical plant to the parent bush. However, summer is the best time to propagate camellias. For more information, see ACES free downloadable booklet "The Culture of Camellias: The State Flower of Alabama".

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Camellias are brilliant in the winter time in this area, their bright colors giving a refreshing

cheery smile to our otherwise stark

variety called "Miss Ozark" was found

#### Upcoming events of interest:

The Houston County Extension Office will be hosting a workshop focusing on the use of chemicals (fungicides, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer) for the home lawn on Tuesday, March 15th from 9 to 12. We hope to discuss the importance of knowing when, what, and how to use the confusing containers on the Lawn and Garden isle.

There is a handy mobile application, the SOW mobile app by Extension, which can help you plan your garden.

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM the Claybank Master Gardeners will meet at the Ozark-Dale county Library, it will be a Pot Luck supper.



Do you have questions about growing healthier, more attractive plants and trees? You are welcome to join us at our monthly Master Gardener Meetings! Call the Master Gardener Help line for more information: (334)703-8134

you oblige. But actually, it is a scam by someone calling from outside the hotel. They have asked for a random room number, then ask you for your credit card and address information. They sound so professional, that you think you are talking to the front desk. If you ever encounter this scenario on your travels, tell the caller that you will be down to the front desk to clear up any problems. Then, go to the front desk or call directly and ask if there was a problem. If there was none, inform the manager of the hotel that someone tried to scam you of your credit card information, acting like a front desk employee.

This was sent by someone who has been duped.....and is still cleaning up the mess. ANYONE traveling should be aware of this one!

The only things worth learning are the things you learn after you know it all. ~HST





A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. ~ John C. Maxwell

