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Monday: Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Country Fried Steak & Gravy, Pork Chops, Rolls, Cornbread, Fried Okra, Fried Potato Logs, Fried Green Tomatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Turnips, Field Peas, Rice, Cream Corn, Rutabagas, Okra & Tomatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Chicken Spaghetti, Peach Cobbler, Pecan Pie, Buttermilk Pie, and other Desserts

Tuesday: Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Country Fried Steak & Gravy, Meat Loaf, Chicken Livers, Rolls, Cornbread, Fried Okra, Fried Potato Logs, Fried Green Tomatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Turnips, Black Eyed Peas, Chicken & Rice, Sweet Peas, Whole Kernel Corn, Cabbage, Scalloped Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Peach Cobbler, Pecan Pie, Buttermilk Pie, & other Desserts

Wednesday: Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Spaghetti, Fried Fish Fillets, Rolls, Cornbread, Fried Okra, Lima's, Sweet Peas & Carrots, Fried Potato Logs, Fried Green Tomatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Turnips, Cabbage, Corn, Rutabagas, Hash Brown Casserole, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Cole Slaw, Peach Cobbler, Pecan Pie, Buttermilk Pie, and other Desserts

Thursday: Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Fried Pork Chops, Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Rolls, Cornbread, Fried Okra, Fried Potato Logs, Rice, Fried Green Tomatoes, Mash Potatoes & Gravy, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Turnips, Lima's, Dressing, Dumplings, Cream Corn, Broccoli & Cheese, Loaded Bake Potato Casserole, Sweet Potato Casserole, Peach Cobbler, Pecan Pie, Buttermilk Pie, and other Desserts

Friday: Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Fried and Baked Whiting Fish Fillets, Fried Shrimp; Fried Whole Catfish, Rolls, Hushpuppies, French Fries, Onion Rings, Cole Slaw, Turnips, Tomatoes & Rice, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Peas, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Mixed Veggies, Scalloped Potatoes, Apple Crisp, Peach Cobbler, Pecan Pie, Buttermilk Pie, and other Desserts

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OUR BEST CROP

The rugged farmer and his devoted wife sat near the back of the auditorium. Graduation exercises were in progress. When the time came for the honors to be presented, their only son was cited as the outstanding Christian in the graduation class. His character, his leadership, and his service had made him far and away the first choice. Joy filled their souls, and even though their eyes were moist with tears, there was great gladness in their hearts. And again, it was an unforgettable moment when they heard their son bring the valedictory address as

the highest-ranking man in his class. All the effort and sacrifice they had made to see their son through four years of college now seemed so small. The good wife gripped the farmer's arm a little tighter when he leaned over and said, "Well, Ma, I guess that's about the best crop we ever raised!" "Beloved in the sight of my mother" Proverbs 4:3 Heart to Heart Magazine

TOOL PROGRESS

The invention of the shovel was groundbreaking, but it was the invention of the broom that truly swept the nation. You will agree however, that it was the wheel that really got things rolling.

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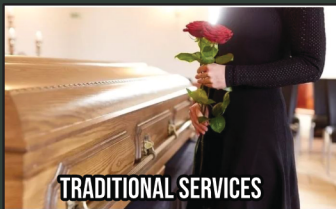
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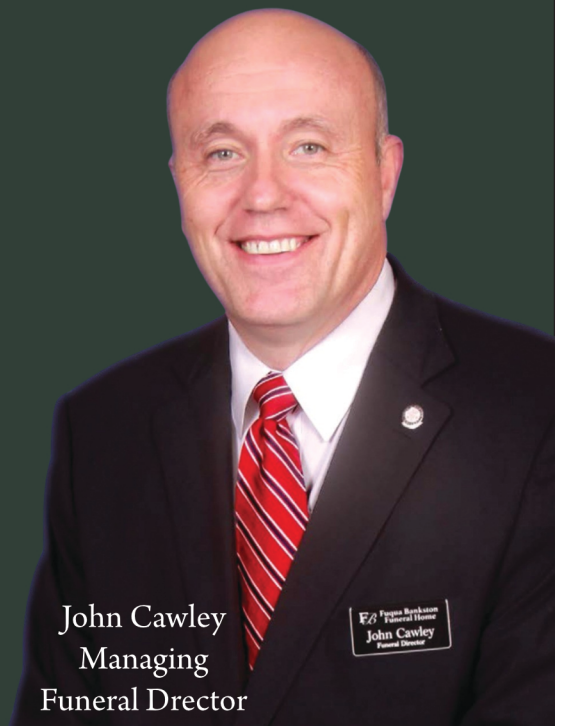


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When my mother was called for jury duty, she felt confident of her ability to answer the questions asked of prospective jurors. As a young attorney, I had filled her in on what to expect. Asked about the occupations of family members, Mom answered, "My son is a lawyer." As a follow-up, she was asked if she had ever used the services of an attorney. "Only to mow my lawn."

Faithful With Much?

At a Wednesday evening church meeting a very

wealthy man rose to give his testimony.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith, like it was yesterday: I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So, at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

As he finished it was clear that everyone had been moved by this man's story. But as he took his seat, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said: "Wonderful story! I dare you to do it again!"

I want to hang a map of the world in my house, and then I'm gonna put pins in all the locations that I've traveled to. But first I must travel to the top two corners of the map, so it won't fall.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

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When God blesses you, you must bless others!

SENIOR WEDDING

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Miami, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?" The pharmacist answers, "Yes." Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?" Pharmacist: "Of course, we do." Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?" Pharmacist: "All kinds." Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?" Pharmacist: "Definitely." Jacob: "How about

suppositories?" Pharmacist: "You bet!" Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer's?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The Works." Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?" Pharmacist: "Absolutely." Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?" Pharmacist: "We sure do." Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?" Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes." Jacob: "Adult diapers?" Pharmacist: "Sure." Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

GOODBYE MOTHER

A young man was walking through a supermarket to pick up a few things when he noticed an old lady following him around. Thinking nothing of it, he ignored her and continued. Finally, he went to the checkout line, but she got in front of him. "Pardon me," she said, "I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look just like my son, who I haven't seen in a long time." "That's a shame," replied the young man, "is there anything I can do for you?" "Yes," she said, "as I'm leaving, can you say 'Goodbye, Mother!' It would make me feel so much better." "Sure," answered the young man. As the old woman was leaving, he called out, "Goodbye, Mother!" As he stepped up to the checkout counter, he saw that his total was \$127.50. "How can that be?" he asked, "I only purchased a few things!" "Your mother said that you would pay for her," said the clerk.

Late Again?

"Late again," the third-grade teacher said to little Sammy.

"It's not my fault, Miss Crabtree. You can blame this on my Dad. The reason I'm three hours late is because my Dad sleeps naked. "Now Miss Crabtree had taught grammar school for thirty-some years. She asked little Sammy what he meant, despite her mounting fears.

Full of grins and mischief, and in the flower of his youth, little Sammy and trouble were old friends, but he always told the truth.

"Miss Crabtree, at the ranch we have a coyote. The past few nights it ate hens and killed Mom's

best milk goat. Last night, when Dad heard a noise out in the chicken pen, he grabbed his gun and said to Mom, "That coyote's back and I'm going to get him!" "Stay back, he yelled to all us kids!" He was naked as a jaybird, no boots, no pants, no shirt! He crawled right up and stuck that double barrel through the window of the coop. As he stared into the darkness with the coyote on his mind, our old hound dog, Zeke, woke up and snuck up behind Daddy. Then we all looked on helpless as old Zeke stuck that cold nose in Dad's buttocks! "Miss Crabtree, we been cleaning chickens since three this morning!"

Life is better when you are happy,
but life is best when people are
happy because of you.

We talk so much about leaving a
better planet for our kids that we
forget about leaving better kids
for this planet!!

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"

**A good wife will always be by
your side during bad times.
Mostly to remind you that none
of this would've happened if
you had just listened to her.**

Boudreaux and Thibodeaux

were driving down the levee the other day engaging in their favorite pastime, drinking beer. As they rounded a turn, they saw a Louisiana State Police roadblock ahead, and Thibodeaux says, "Boudreaux, if dem Troopers see us wit dis beer, dey gonna bust us."

Boudreaux tells him, "Don't worry Thib, we'll just pull over right here, finish our beers, peel da labels oD da bottles, and stick dem on our foreheads. Then, we'll jus' throw da empty bottles in da ditch and dey ain't gonna know nuttin'!"

Thibodeaux says, "Mais what dat's gonna do cher?"

Boudreaux tells him, "You jus' be quiet, an' let me do all da talkin'!"

When they drive up to the roadblock, the first thing the Trooper asks is, "Have you fellas been drinking?"

Boudreaux, pointing to his forehead, replies, "Oh no sir. We used to do dat, but now we on da patch!"

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I wish I could just drop my body off at the gym and have them call me when it's ready.

The minister's little six-year-old girl had been so naughty during the week, that her mother decided to give her the worst kind of punishment. She told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School Picnic on Saturday.

Then, when the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind. When she told the little girl she could go to the picnic, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness.

"What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go to the picnic," her mother said.

"It's too late!" the little girl said. "I've already prayed for rain!"



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I'm not saying you're dumb, but blondes tell jokes about you.

EGGPLANTS

A grocer put up a sign that read "Eggplants, 25¢ each -- three for a dollar."

All day long, customers came in exclaiming: "Don't be ridiculous! I should get four for a dollar!"

Meekly the grocer capitulated and packaged four eggplants. The tailor next door had been watching these antics and finally asked the grocer, "Aren't you going to fix the mistake on your sign?"

"What mistake?" the grocer asked. "Before I put up that sign no one ever bought more than one eggplant."

"Cleaning with kids in the house is like brushing your teeth while eating Oreos."

PASTOR'S WIFE WANTS NEW DRESS

Struggling to make ends meet on a first-call salary, the pastor was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought. "How could you do this?!"

"I was outside the store looking at the dress in the window, and then I found myself trying it on," she explained. "It was like Satan was whispering in my ear, 'You look fabulous in that dress. Buy it!'"

"Well," the pastor replied, "You know how I deal with that kind of temptation. I say, 'Get behind me, Satan!'"

"I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks fabulous from back here, too!'"





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THE COST OF SNORING

A woman was having a medical problem - her husband's snoring. So she called the doctor one morning, and asked him if there was anything he could do to relieve her "suffering." "Well, there is one operation I can perform that will cure your husband, but it is really rather expensive. It will cost \$1000 down, and payments of \$450 for 24 months, plus payments for extras." "Wow!" the woman exclaimed, "sounds like leasing a new sports car!" "Humm," the doctor murmured, "too obvious, huh?"

PRE-MED STUDENT

As a pre-med student at Washington University in St. Louis, I had to take a difficult class in physics. One day our professor was discussing a particularly complicated concept. A student rudely interrupted to ask, "Why do we have to learn this stuff?" "To save lives." The professor responded quickly and continued the lecture. A few minutes later, the same student spoke up again. "So how does physics save lives?" he persisted. "It usually keeps the idiots like you out of medical school," replied the professor.



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AUNT T'S KITCHEN

BUTTERY TOASTED PECANS

Yield 4 cups

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 4 cups pecan halves
- 1 Tbsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper



Directions

Preheat oven to 325°F.

Pull out a rimmed sheet pan.

Toss together butter and pecans.

Spread pecans in a single layer in a jelly-roll pan; bake 25 minutes or until toasted and fragrant, stirring halfway through.

Remove from oven, and sprinkle with salt and pepper, tossing to coat. Cool completely.

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PECAN PIE DIP

16 Servings

Ingredients

- (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/4 cups chopped pecans
- Graham crackers, vanilla wafers and apple slices, for serving



Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese at medium speed until smooth, 3-4 minutes. Reduce speed to medium-low; add confectioners' sugar and whipped topping until fluffy, 2-3 minutes. Spread into an even layer in a pie dish; refrigerate.
2. In a large saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter, corn syrup, vanilla extract and salt. Heat to medium; bring to a simmer. Once bubbly, stir in pecans. Remove from heat; cool 10 minutes. Pour mixture over cream cheese layer. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour.
3. Serve dip with graham crackers, vanilla wafers and apple slices.

DATE PECAN TEA BREAD

Yield 1 loaf (16 pieces)

Ingredients

- 2-1/2 cups chopped dates
- 1-1/2 cups boiling water
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour



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- 1/4 teaspoon each ground cloves, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1-1/4 cups sugar 1 large egg, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

SPREAD:

- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons chopped dates
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon 2% milk

Directions

1. Place dates in a large bowl. Combine boiling water and baking soda; pour over dates. In a small bowl, combine the flour, cloves, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg.
2. In another large bowl, beat butter and sugar until crumbly. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour mixture alternately with date mixture. Stir in pecans.
3. Pour into a greased and floured 9x5-in. loaf pan. Bake at 350° until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 65-75 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack to cool completely.
4. In a small bowl, combine spread ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Serve with bread.

JALAPENO-PECAN CHEESE SPREAD

Yield 2 cups

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup shredded sharp white cheddar cheese
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- 4 green onions, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup jalapeno pepper jelly
- Assorted crackers



Directions

In a bowl, beat cream cheese, cheddar cheese, pecans and green onions until blended. On a serving plate, form mixture into desired shape. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours.

In a microwave, warm jelly until melted; spread over cheese spread, serve with crackers.

PECAN CREAM PIE

Ingredients

- 1 9-inch pie crust, baked
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- 2 (8 oz) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup



AUNT T'S KITCHEN

- 1 1/2 cups pecans, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions

1. In a small bowl, beat the whipping cream and powdered sugar with an electric mixer until stiff peaks form.
2. In a separate large bowl, beat the cream cheese, brown sugar, salt, and maple syrup until smooth and creamy.
3. Fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture until combined. Gently stir in 1 cup of the pecans.
4. Spread mixture into cooled pie crust and top with remaining pecans. Chill until firm, at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

PECAN CREAM CHEESE PIE

Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-3/4 cups whipped topping
- 1 pastry shell (9 inches), baked and cooled
- 1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping



Directions

1. In a bowl, combine pecans, coconut and butter. Pour onto an ungreased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 5-10 minutes or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Cool.
2. In a bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into pastry shell. Sprinkle with coconut mixture. Drizzle with caramel topping. Refrigerate for 2 hours.

PECAN KISSES

Ingredients

- 1 large egg white
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups pecans, roughly chopped



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 250°F with racks in top and bottom positions. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Beat egg white in a large bowl with an electric mixer on high speed until soft peaks form, 1 to 2 minutes. Gradually add sugar and vanilla; beat until smooth,

"GO NUTS"

about 2 minutes. Fold in pecans. Drop mixture by 1 1/2 tablespoonfuls about 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheets.

3. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, rotating baking sheets between top and bottom racks halfway through baking time. Turn off oven, and leave cookies inside. Let cool about 30 minutes. Remove from oven. Transfer cookies to a wire rack; let cool completely. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 5 days.

BOURBON-PECAN BROWN SUGAR FUDGE

Ingredients

- 2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup butter, softened, cut into pieces
- 2 Tbsp. bourbon
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 3/4 cup chopped toasted pecans



Directions

1. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper, leaving a 2-inch overhang on all sides. Lightly coat pan with cooking spray. Stir together sugar, condensed milk, and whole milk in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium-low, stirring constantly, until a candy thermometer registers 238°F, about 16 minutes. Transfer sugar mixture to the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add white chocolate, butter, bourbon, and pumpkin pie spice to stand mixer bowl; beat on low speed until white chocolate and butter are melted, about 1 minute. Increase mixer speed to medium, and beat until thickened and no longer shiny, 5 to 6 minutes. Halfway through beating mixture on medium, add 3/4 cup chopped toasted pecans. Pour into prepared pan; gently tap bottom of pan on counter until top is an even layer. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup chopped toasted pecans, gently pressing to adhere. Let cool, uncovered, at room temperature until firm, at least 2 hours or up to 12 hours. Remove from pan using parchment paper overhang as handles. Cut into 64 (1-inch) squares.

**Once upon a time there was a king
who was only 12 inches tall.
He was a terrible king.
But he made a great ruler!**

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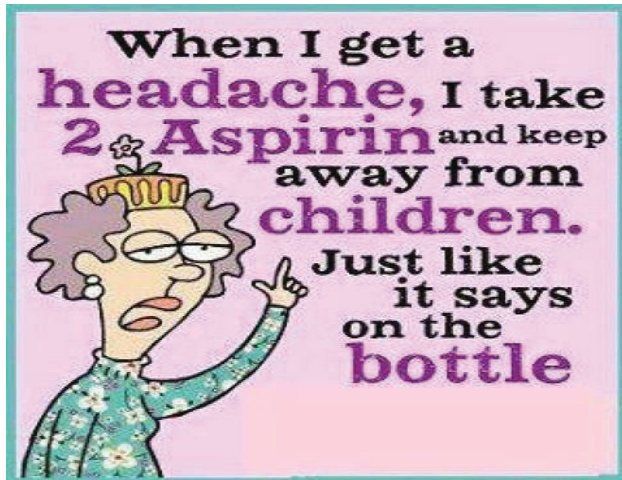


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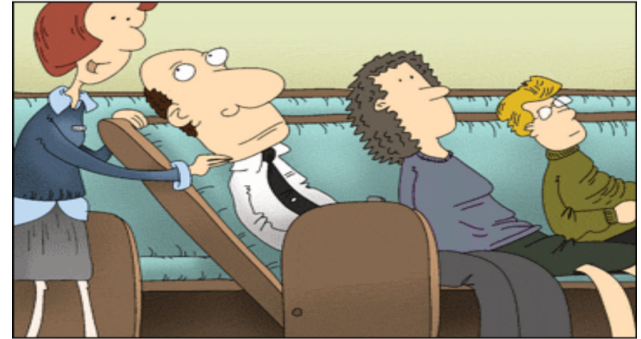


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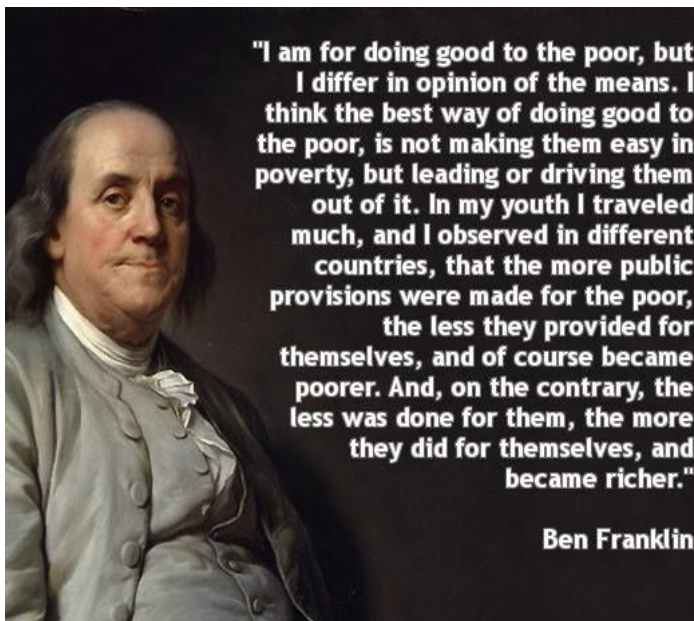
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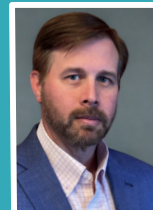


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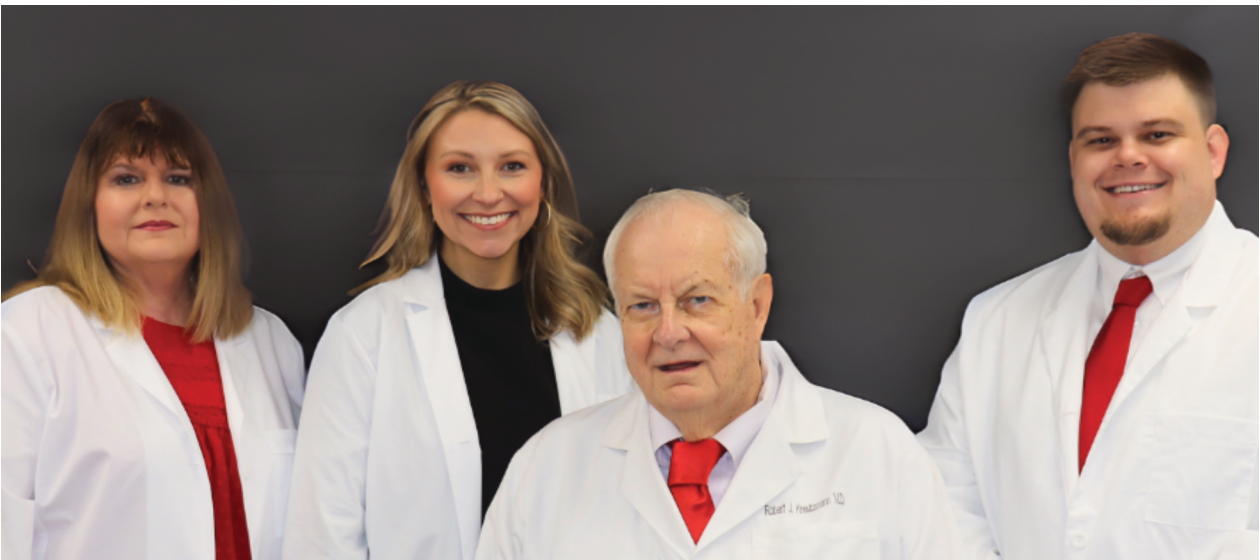
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By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

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**God, I pray for
divine alignment
in every area of
my life.**

**If it has no place,
remove it.**

**If it's out of place,
shift it.**

**If it's in place,
perfect it.**

Consider the symptoms: pulling to one side, crooked steering (pulls to the left or right), rapid tire wear, vibrations, and a squealing noise. These can be a metaphor for how our lives can be when we are “Out of Alignment” with God.

These symptoms can show up in our relationship with God, our relationships with people, our finances, our health, and other facets of life.

Scriptures for being out of alignment with God often focus on turning back to Him through repentance, seeking His will, and renewing the mind.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. 6 Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track. (MSG)

Romans 12:2 Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. (MSG)

God speaks through the prophet Jeremiah these Words: I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. Jeremiah 29:11

Being out of alignment with God in the Bible is exemplified by specific instances of disobedience to clear commands, prioritizing personal desires over God's will, idolatry, rebellion, and a lack of faith.

The Scriptures encourage us to listen. You will hear God's voice directing us on the right path, and encourages us to live and walk in step with the Holy Spirit.

When your car tires are properly aligned, the driving experience becomes smoother, more stable and responsive, easier to handling, with extended tire life. It improves fuel economy, making driving safer and more efficient. The Words and promises of God, offer us wisdom to have a more efficient Christian life. Enjoy the journey!

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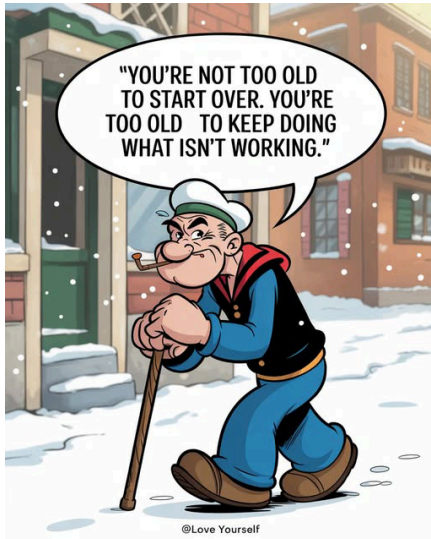
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George Jones and Tammy Wynette deeply loved each other, but their relationship was extremely turbulent, marked by George's alcoholism, and Tammy's prescription painkiller addiction. These personal struggles overshadowed the relationship that led to conflict and ultimately caused them to divorce. They continued making music and reportedly cared for each other. Tammy called George the love of her life shortly before she died.

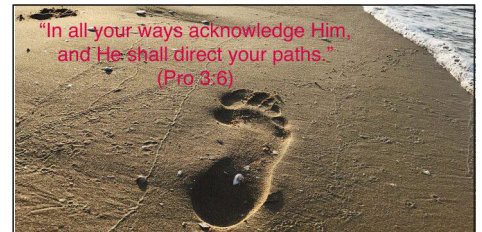
Wise Words

BY HAYES WISE

Tammy died at age 55 in 1998. George died at 81 in 2013.

They both gained fame and fortune and found true love. The words of their song promised a relationship that would last forever. However, the things of this world got in the way. Sometimes that happens even to

Christians. "So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter." (2 Thess 2:15). I encourage you to read all 17 verses. "My word that comes from my mouth will not return to me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do." (Isa 55:11). As we begin a new year we need to actively remember God's words and faithfulness and let those tested truths lead the way. Then we can expect to stand firm and hold fast.



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Greetings Gardeners,

February is an interesting month here in SE Alabama. We see hints that spring is coming as the narcissus paperwhites pop up, and the camellias begin to bloom out, or we are surprised by an rare snowfall. I was unable to find the photos of our first snowman here in Ozark, probably taken before we had smart phones. Driving by a steep slope next to a church we saw kids were sledding right onto a main road, but the local police set up a barricade to guide the traffic around the happy kids. We live in a wonderful town!

February 14th is the date we start trimming back the rosebushes, removing every branch that crosses another, and any branch that is smaller than the thickness of a pencil, or any that look damaged. Some rose parents just trim them with a hedge trimmer, because they have too many to be fussy. Roses are determined to put out new growth and they will reward you with abundant greenery. Now if someone will please tell me how to keep the deer from eating them!

If you can make it to Landmark Park on January 24th, there will be a Seed Swap and Garden Expo. Also mark your calendars for the February 25th Lunch and Learn, "LET THE GOOD PLANTS GROW!" at 12 PM Noon, at the Ozark Library Bay Room. Our Horticultural agent, Megan Jones, will present a fun program exploring Alabama's Mardi Gras history, colorful landscape design. Come and fellowship with fellow garden enthusiasts. Water and snacks are provided.

On Feb. 26th there will be a Chainsaw Safety certification workshop at the Dale County Extension Office with Kerry Steedly. Call the Extension Office to verify the time, (334) 774- 2329.

What should you plant in February? The Alabama Extension Service SOW app tells us the suggested February crops for zone 8b: beets, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onions, sweet peas, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, turnips and white potatoes.

The Claybank Master Gardeners meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 AM at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave., across from the Three Scoops and Sandwich ice cream shop. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11th. Come join us, you can buy lunch if you wish, (the line opens at 10:30 AM) or just come and visit to see what Master Gardeners are all about.



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Having His Fun

Uncle Bud and Aunt Ella lived up the road from us. Now Uncle Bud was an old man but he liked to flirt and carry on at the young ladies. One day Uncle Bud and Aunt Ella went into town to a café for lunch. Uncle Bud kept flirting and picking at the young waitresses. An old lady, Aunt Ella's friend, was sitting near them watching Uncle Bud. The old lady said to Aunt Ella, "I sure wouldn't let my husband carry on like that with these young girls." Aunt Ella answered, "Let him have his fun. We have an old dog at home that chases cars, but if he were to catch one, he couldn't drive it."

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"Wow," said Archie. "I'll have to call ya back!"

Sure enough, the next day, Archie called again. "Mr. Obama, the war is still on! We have managed to acquire some infantry equipment!"

"And what equipment would that be Archie?" Barack asked.

"Well sir, we have two combines, a bulldozer, and Harry's farm tractor." President Obama sighed. "I must tell you Archie, that I have 16,000 tanks and 14,000 armored personnel carriers. Also I've increased my army to one and a half million since we last spoke."

"Lord above", said Archie, "I'll be getting back to ya."

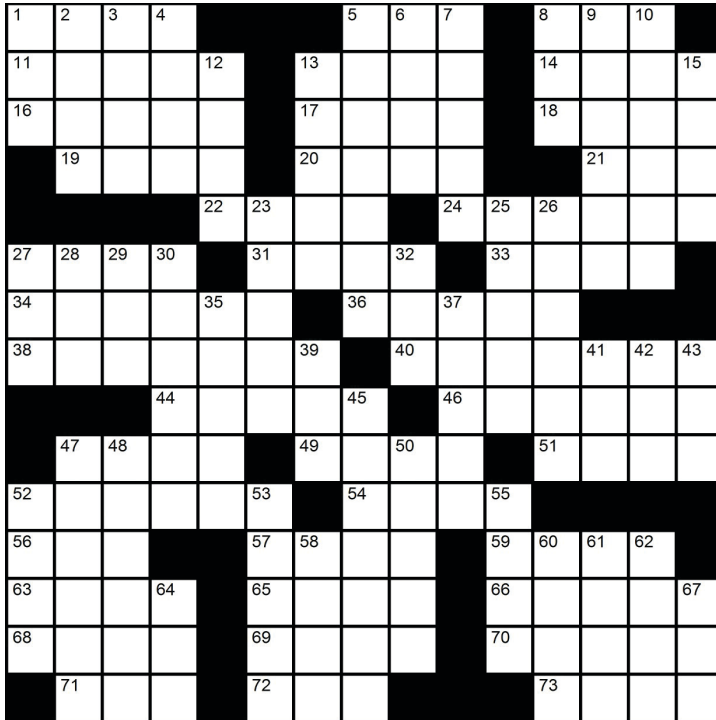
Sure enough, Archie called again the next day. "President Obama! I am sorry to have to tell you that we have had to call off this here war."

"I'm sorry to hear that" said Barack. "Why the sudden change of heart?"

Well, sir," said Archie, "we've all sat ourselves down and had a long chat over sweet tea, and come to realize that there's just no way we can feed that many prisoners."

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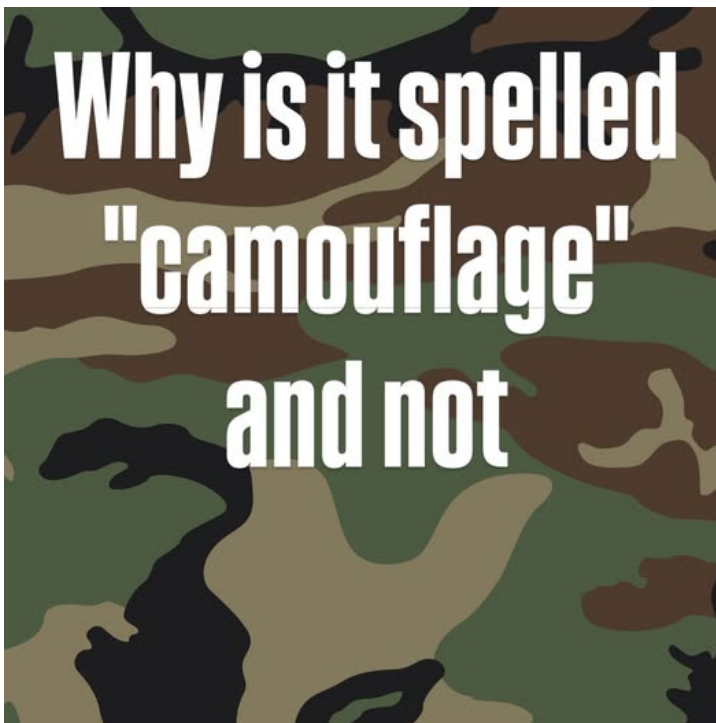


Across

- 1 ___ and proper
- 5 Actress Gardner
- 8 Skirt edge
- 11 Speed trap
- 13 Matures
- 14 ___ of March
- 16 Gr. letter
- 17 Exam
- 18 Plant pest
- 19 Ache
- 20 Aware of
- 21 "Thar ___ blows!"
- 22 Precious metal
- 24 Ringtail animal
- 27 Elk relative
- 31 Spill the beans
- 33 Touch down, like a plane
- 34 Ask over
- 36 Mr., in Spanish
- 38 Lowest
- 40 Gave to charity
- 44 Beg
- 46 Earlier
- 47 Season
- 49 Lass
- 51 And others (Abbr.)
- 52 School playtime
- 54 Flower starter
- 56 Painting
- 57 Light colored
- 59 Barbecue fare
- 63 Eye part
- 65 Sulfuric ___
- 66 Field of play
- 68 Jeans name
- 69 Signs, as a contract
- 70 Add up
- 71 Decade
- 72 Family name
- 73 Back of the neck

Down

- 1 Expert
- 2 Freeway exit
- 3 Thought
- 4 Christmas wise men
- 5 Schedules
- 6 Sleeveless garment
- 7 John Jacob ___
- 8 That guy
- 9 Inventor Thomas ___
- 10 System
- 12 Phoned
- 13 Coral reef
- 15 Caught in the act
- 23 Very fat
- 25 Set apart
- 26 Decanter
- 27 Performed
- 28 Compass pt.
- 29 Adam's mate
- 30 Wave movement
- 32 Cot
- 35 Narrates
- 37 Honorable
- 39 Children's game
- 41 Youngster
- 42 Time period
- 43 Dover's state (Abbr.)
- 45 Hate
- 47 Polecat
- 48 Astir
- 50 Marsh grass
- 52 Track
- 53 Barcelona country
- 55 Mild oath
- 58 Teen affliction
- 60 Clothes presser
- 61 Phi ___ Kappa
- 62 Break off
- 64 Transgress
- 67 Pub order



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THAT TRULY MATTER**

A man is sent to prison for the first time. At night, the lights in the cell block are turned off, and his cellmate goes over to the bars and yells, "Number twelve!" The whole cell block breaks out laughing. A few minutes later, somebody else in the cell block yells, "Number four!" Again, the whole cell block breaks out laughing.

The new guy asks his cellmate what's going on.

"Well," says the older prisoner, "we've all been in this here prison for so long, we all know the same jokes. So we just yell out the number instead of saying the whole joke."

So the new guy walks up to the bars and yells, "Number twenty-nine!" This time the whole cell block rocks with the loudest laughter, prisoners rolling on the floor laughing hysterically.

When the guffaws die down, the bewildered new guy turns to the older prisoner and asks, "How come you guys were laughing so hard this time?"

"Oh," says the older man wiping tears from his eyes, "we'd never heard that one before."

Working in a busy office, when a computer goes down it causes quite an inconvenience. Recently one of the computers not only crashed, it made a noise that sounded like a heart monitor.

"This computer has flat-lined," a co-worker called out with mock horror.

"Does anyone here know how to do mouse-to-mouse?"

An older gent had an appointment to see a Urologist who shared an office with several other doctors. The waiting room was filled with patients. He approached the receptionist desk. The receptionist was a large imposing woman who looked like a wrestler. He gave her his name. In a very loud voice the receptionist said, "Yes, I see your name here. You want to see the doctor about impotence, right?"

All of the patients in the waiting room snapped their head around to look at the very embarrassed man. He recovered quickly though, and in an equally loud voice replied, "No, I've come to inquire about a sex change operation, and I'd like the same doctor that did yours!"



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Out of curiosity I called
 An Hispanic showed up
 with a tow truck!!
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(First day as a cop)

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Me: I'll try but I'm not much of a dancer



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D	When in Rome	Capital Punishment	Corner Stone



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