

Eastside Baptist Church



Equipping the Saints for Ministry by First Seeking the Kingdom of God
(Ephesians 4:12/Matthew 6:33)

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Buzzard, Bat, and the Bumblebee!



THE BUZZARD: If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.



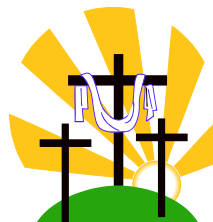
THE BAT: The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.



THE BUMBLEBEE: A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom.. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.



PEOPLE: In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem! Just look up. Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, But faith looks up! Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.





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"This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it"

(Psalm 118:24)



From the Editor
Eric Grimes

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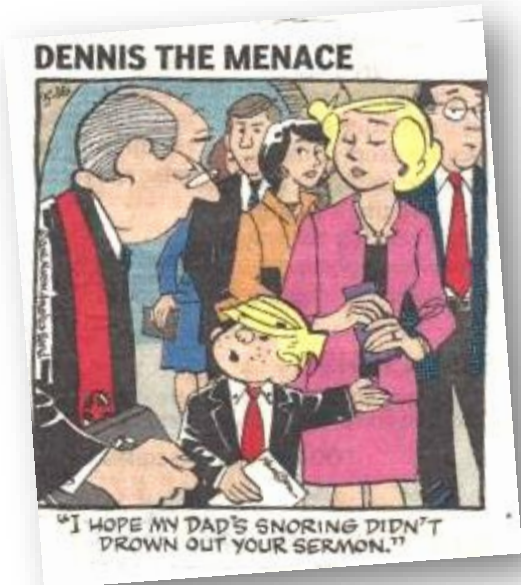
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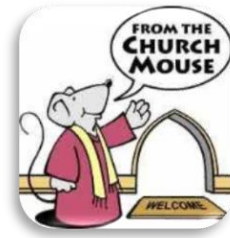


HEALTHY LIVING

Jehovah-Rophe
"Jehovah heals"

**"I WILL PRAISE THEE; FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE:
MARVELLOUS ARE THY WORKS; AND THAT MY SOUL KNOWETH RIGHT WELL."**

(Psalm 139:14)



How do you know that you are saved (that you are a Christian)?

2 Corinthians 13:5 says that we should

Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

So how do you make sure that you are not disqualified? How do you make sure that you are not in that number of many church-going people who will say to God on Judgment Day...Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then (he) will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' (**Matthew 7:22-23**)

How do you know you are saved?

Well first of all, you should be displaying (or starting to display) the fruit of the spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)

If you are continually displaying immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness and carousing, then this is a good indication that you are not saved and as it says in Galatians 5:21, those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God

The books of 1 and 2 John also give you a list of things to look out for 'so that you may know that you have eternal life.' (1 John 5:13)

- You will not walk in darkness. If you do, then you do not practice or live by the truth (1 John 1:6)
- You will have fellowship with other Christians (1 John 1:7)
- You recognize your sinful nature (1 John 1:8,10)
- You confess your sins (1 John 1:9)

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Our Little Coop

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- You obey and keep his commandments (1 John 2:3,5 ,1 John 3:24, 1 John 5:2)
- You will not hate your brother or sister but love them (1 John 2:9,11 , 1 John 3:10 and 1 John 4:7-8,12-13, 20-21, 2 John 1:5)
- You will not love the world or the things of the world (1 John 2:15)
- You will do the will of God (1 John 2:17)
- You believe the [divinity of Jesus Christ](#) and that he has come in the flesh (1 John 2:22 and 1 John 4:2-4,15, 2 John 1:7)
- Biblical truth will be abiding in you (1 John 2:24)
- You understand the righteousness of Christ (1 John 2:29)
- You will be practicing righteousness (1 John 2:29)
- You will not habitually practice sin (1 John 3:8,9, 1 John 5:18)
- You will have compassion for those in need (1 John 3:17)
- You believe that Jesus is the Christ and is the Son of God (1 John 5:1)
- You abide in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 1:9)

Now am I saying that if you are missing any of these then you are not saved? Of course not. It is not about perfection but about direction. *You should be moving in the direction of doing the things above.* This is called progressive sanctification where God is doing an inward work in you.

Other questions to ask yourself are:

- Am I growing in holiness?
- What is my relationship with sin?
- Do I have a struggle with sin or do I justify it? (Read [Romans 7:7-25](#)). Struggling with sin is actually a good sign believe it or not
- Do I hate it more and more or do I try and justify it?
- Do I have a love for Gods word, the bible?
- Do I hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- Do I embrace biblical correction from someone else?
- Do I have a concern for the lost?

If the answer to the majority of these questions is no, then I would seriously doubt your salvation and I would urge you to repent of your sins and put your trust in Jesus Christ and in him alone.

MEDITATE ON THE MESSAGE

“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God”

(Romans 10:17)

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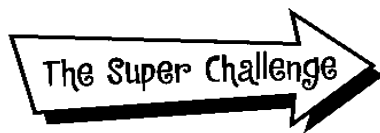


Matthew 19:13-15

Jesus loved everyone, especially children. He showed it through his words and actions. Can you tell what Jesus is saying to these kids by matching the letters to the blanks below?



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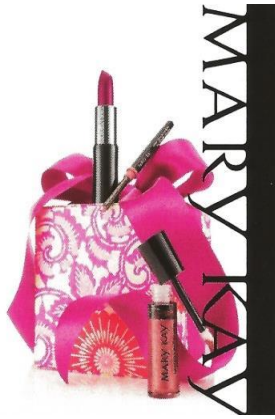
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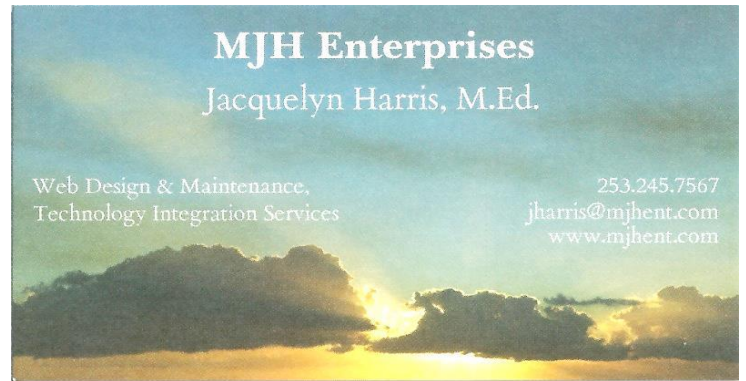
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Joke of the Week

A woman ran a red traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither of them was hurt.

After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said; "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replied, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of 75 year old scotch didn't break.

Surely God meant for us to drink this vintage delicacy and celebrate our good fortune." Then she handed the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opened it, drank half the bottle and then handed it back to the woman. The woman took the bottle, immediately put the cap back on, and handed it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

She replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Adam ate the apple, too!
Men will never learn!

KIDDING AROUND!

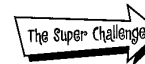


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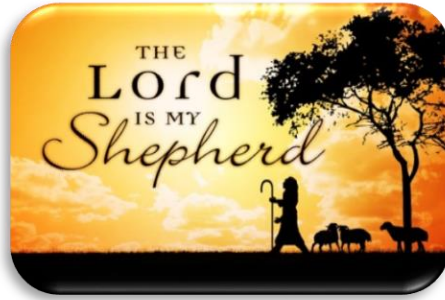
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Thanks to Andrew S.

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TEMPTING, TEMPTING ... ONE, TWO, THREE



*The Lord is my Shepherd
I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me beside the still waters
He restoreth my soul
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
For His name sake
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
For Thou art with me
Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou annointest my head with oil
My cup runneth over
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever*

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----- that's Supply!
----that's Rest!
-----that's Refreshment!
-----that's Healing!
--that's Guidance!
----- that's Purpose!
--that's Testing!
----- that's Protection!
----- that's Faithfulness!
-----that's Discipline!
-----that's Hope!
----- that's Consecration!
-----that's Abundance!
----that's Blessing!
-----that's Security!
----- that's Eternity!

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