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“...GO HOME TO YOUR FRIENDS, AND TELL THEM WHAT WONDERFUL THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND HOW MERCIFUL HE HAS BEEN.” MARK 5:19

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## Sewing Love



For most young boys, life is centered around school, friends, and video games, but Campbell “Bumble” Remess of Australia has a different focus. Every day, while most kids are out playing, Campbell devotes his time to handcrafting custom-made teddy bears of his own design, and sends them out to the sick, elderly, children and families in grief.

Campbell’s craft started when he was 9 years old, when he wanted to buy all of the children at his local hospital Christmas gifts. Unable to afford the toys, Campbell set out to make his own gifts for the children.

Now, three years later, the 12-year-old Campbell can be found on any given day, hard at work, making his custom “funky-bears.” He averages 1 bear per day, with each being handcrafted, hand sewn, and personally delivered by Campbell himself to children at local hospitals and their parents.

And when tragedy strikes elsewhere in the world, Campbell gets

to work. Following the past terror attacks in Paris and Brussels, Campbell made scores of his bears to send to give the grieving children, parents, and families something comforting to hold on to.

His mother, Sonya Whitaker, remembers fondly when her son first requested to use her sewing machine. She had figured that he’d start, get bored, and soon quite, but 3 years later, she’s overjoyed to be wrong. “Look at the last three years of experience and practice and skill that he’s got. Look at

what the word ‘yes’ has done.”

Recently, volunteers surprised Campbell and honored his work by raising \$1,000.00 and converted his room into a teddy bear factory one day while he was away at school. Shelves, bins, cabinets, and cubbies lined the walls, each filled with the materials needed to make his amazing funky-bears.

In an effort to raise awareness of the needs of sick children and the grieving, Campbell has started Project 365, which embodies his goal of having 365 bears made by

Christmas to take to hospitals, charities, and distribution points.

Campbell’s work is nothing short of inspirational and there’s a lot about what it means to give, show love, and be there for those who are grieving. The smallest act of love can be incredibly healing for someone in grief:

**“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’**

**Matthew 25:40 (NIV)**



*12-year-old Campbell “Bumble” Remess has one goal: sew one teddy bear every day for the grieving families and sick children of the world.*

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# Innocent Eyes

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.*

**Proverbs 17:22**

A minister was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service.

After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married for a brief ceremony before the congregation.

For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married.

"Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" he requested.

Immediately, nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers, and six single men stepped to the front.

We had built our dream house some years ago, and furnished it with quality pieces as we could afford them. Now the delivery truck carrying the last purchase, a new bedroom suite, was pulling into the driveway.

"Finally!" I exclaimed, flinging open the front door as the driver walked up to the house. "I've been waiting twelve years for this!"

"Don't blame me, lady," he said. "I just got the order this morning."

I was working as a short-order cook at two restaurants in the same neighborhood. On a Saturday night, I was finishing up the dinner shift at one restaurant and hurrying to report to work at the second place, but I was delayed because one table kept sending back an order of hash browns, insisting they were cold. I replaced them several times, but still the customers were dissatisfied. When I was able to leave, I raced out the door and arrived at my second job. A server immediately handed me my first order.

"Make sure these hash browns are hot," she said, "because these people just left a restaurant down the street that kept serving them cold ones



One of my daughter's wedding presents was a toaster oven. Soon after the honeymoon, she and her husband tried it out. Almost immediately, smoke billowed out of the toaster.

"Get the owner's manual!" my daughter's husband shouted.

"I can't find it anywhere!" cried my daughter a short time later.

"Oops!" came a voice from the kitchen. "Well, the toast is fine, but the owner's manual's burned to a crisp."

A gorilla walked into a drugstore and ordered a \$1.50 chocolate sundae. He put a ten-dollar bill on the counter to pay for it.

The clerk thought, what could a gorilla know about money? So he gave the gorilla a single dollar bill in change. As he did, the clerk said, "You know, we don't get too many gorillas in here."

"No wonder," the gorilla replied, "at nine dollars a sundae."

A man joined the priesthood. The order he joined could not speak for seven years. Then they could only say 2 words.

The first seven years passed and they went into a small room. His two words were "too cold."

The next seven years passed and they took him back into the small room and his two words were "bad food."

The next seven years passed they took him back into the small room and his two words were "I quit."

"Good," they said, "all you have done is complain."



A guy came home to his wife and said, "Guess what? I've found a great job. A 10 a.m. start, 2 p.m. finish, no overtime, no weekends and it pays \$600 a week!"

"That's great," his wife said.

"Yeah, I thought so too," he agreed. "You start Monday."



One of my husband's duties as a novice drill instructor at Fort Jackson, S.C., was to escort new recruits to the mess hall. After everyone had made it through the chow line, he sat them down and told them, "There are three rules in this mess hall: Shut up! Eat up! Get up!" Checking to see that he had everyone's attention, he asked, "What is the first rule?"

Much to the amusement of the other instructors, 60 privates yelled in unison, "Shut up, Drill Sergeant!"



A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, "Go into the other room and

see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together."



Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil.

One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

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# Life Without God

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God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. . . . -those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. . . . -The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. -No other quadruped is so made. - God planned that this animal

would have a huge body too large to live on two legs. - For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

Every bunch of bananas has on its

lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

Amazing.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore 26 to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the

Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our life. If we try to regulate our own life, it will only be a mess and a failure.

Only God, who made our brain and heart, can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

When you carry "the Bible" Satan has a headache; when you open it, he collapses; When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, and when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.

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# The Waiting Room

We all have been in "The Waiting Room". It's the place where you sit with all the other patients and wonder what today will bring. You try to read a magazine, but it's useless because your mind is swirling with all kinds of thoughts. And if you're curious, you've probably looked up your symptoms and the tests, and you see all the things that can go wrong.

Your name is finally called, the test is run, and you are told that you are free to go back to your normal life. But you wait and worry and ask others to pray; thoughts go back to others' stories you've heard; and you begin to come up with your own.

You carry on with your day and try not to think about hearing from your doctor and the test results. You think of the worst, and you think of the best.

You remember the Bible verses you know by heart: (Phil. 4:6-7) "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

You pray for renewed strength and courage and you wait. And then the waiting is over - you get the call. Will it be good news or bad? Will there be even more waiting and wondering? Or will your tensed-up muscles finally relax?

"I've had my share of waiting rooms. And I'll have to say the PEACE of God really does exist! I may be anxious sometimes, but God's peace calms my heart. It isn't easy waiting - sometimes it's just plain scary. But I think I have grown because of the waiting rooms. Sometimes I have to stop and listen, and this is where I am the most still and aware of God's presence. And I realize how powerful God is in every situation. It's on this side of the waiting room that I can see more of His plan and how he was working even on the opposite side.

"Whatever the outcome, I thank God for another minute, another hour, another day, and another year...another memory. And I live for God's glory, for I don't know what tomorrow will bring, no matter what the test results today show. And I rest in the fact that I can look forward to today - because when I am resting in God's presence, I AM AT PEACE. And I picture myself cradled in my Father's arms, and I know I am safe.

If you are in a waiting room today, ask God for His peace, which is beyond our understanding.

God will definitely give His Peace to you if only you will ask!

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# WINGS From Heaven

It's been over 25 years ago now that I found my first feather when I was "murmuring" being so frustrated about what decision I should make with several challenges I was having. I was walking out to my pigmy goat pen early one morning to feed them before the day began when suddenly I saw a fluffy white feather stuck in the dew on the grass and waving vigorously at me.

When I stopped to look at it, it was as though I could feel God's spirit whispering to my heart. He told me to calm down and stop fretting.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:25-26 (NIV)

I was so humbled and apologized to God for not trusting Him more. Over the years I've found feathers in the most unusual places and always during times of distress.

A friend sent me this article last week and it opened my eyes even more to the meaning of God's word.

Bird feathers are an amazing example of God's design. Feathers have a smooth part and a fluffy part. The smooth of the feather has stiff barbs with tiny hooks that lock together like the prongs of a zipper. The fluffy part keeps a bird warm. Together both parts of the feather protect the bird from wind and rain. Most baby birds are covered in a fluffy down and their feathers haven't fully developed. So a mother bird has to cover them in the nest with her own feathers to protect them from wind and rain.

The image of God covering us with

his feathers in Psalm 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;" The image that comes to mind is a mother bird covering her little ones with her feathers. Like a parent whose arms are a safe place to retreat from a scary storm or a hurt, God's comforting presence provides safety and protection from life's emotional storms.

What a hug from Heaven that day. My heart was opened to even greater meaning of the feathers I find and the understanding of the peace and security I feel in His arms.

*In His Love,  
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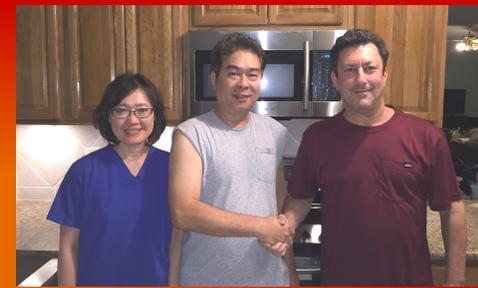
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## The Mouth of the Righteous

*The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom... Proverbs 10:31*

Dr. F.B. Thorn, a former pastor of our church, carried his Bible in a paper sack, but a prankster once replaced the Bible with a catalog. Dr. Thorn reached into the sack for his Bible. His friend, the practical joker, could hardly contain his laughter when Dr. Thorn's hand hit the catalog instead. But Dr. Thorn had the last laugh. He had committed Scripture to memory, and preached on verses he quoted by heart. In fact, the sermon was so powerful, almost everyone was shouting "Amen!" at every profound point. The mouth of the righteous does indeed flow with the wisdom of God.

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 Colossians 3:23



- 2 large eggs
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- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- Oil for deep-fat frying
- Powdered sugar, for serving



1. Heat oil to 375°F in a deep-fat fryer or larger heavy bottomed skillet.
2. In a large bowl, beat eggs. Add milk, water, and vanilla until well blended. Add the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt; whisk until smooth.
3. Cover the bottom of a funnel spout with your finger and carefully ladle ½-cup batter into the funnel. Hold the funnel several inches above the oil and release your finger, moving the funnel in a spiral motion until all of the batter has flowed out of the funnel. Scrape with a rubber spatula if necessary.
4. Fry 3-5 minutes on each side or until golden brown, using tongs to flip once. Drain on paper towels. Dust with powdered sugar; serve warm. Repeat step 3 and 4 with remaining batter.

# FUN WITH GOD'S WORD

Use the scriptures below to find and circle the **BOLDFACED** words. UNDERLINED WORDS will be found together.

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There are three things that will endure: faith; hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-10,13

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# Who's Your Daddy?

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, 'I hope he doesn't come over here.' But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"

"I'll teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great. Just what I need—another preacher story!"

The man started, 'See that mountain over there? (Pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, who's your daddy?' Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same

question, "Who's your daddy?"

He would hide at recess and lunch time from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad. 'When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late, and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?"

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast that he

got caught and had to walk out with the crowd.

Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?"

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, "Who's your daddy?"

This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy. 'Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now, You are a child of God.'

With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

"With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your Daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a Child of God.'

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was a great story! As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, "Do you know who that man was -- the one who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him.

That's Ben Hooper. He's governor of Tennessee!"



## Eva's Inspirations

### GRACE FOR TODAY

Grace for today God is all that I need,  
You are my supplier and humbly I come to thee.  
Knowing in my heart how much I am loved,  
By you my precious Father in heaven above.  
Down on my knees while talking to you,  
I ask for your grace to help me get through.  
With love in your heart as you walk by my side,  
I know in your grace for today I can abide.  
Looking up I'm so grateful for this brand new day,  
And your grace that'll get me through, whatever comes  
my way.  
Grace for today God, tomorrow I'll ask again,  
When you wake me up before my day begins.

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\* people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a Diet Coke.

\* banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

\* do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

\* do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

\* do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

\* the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

\* you don't ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

\* Doctors call what they do "practice"?

\* lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

\* The man who invests all your money called a broker?

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