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2018

Important Dates:

- Nov 3 Time Change
- Nov 4 Session Meets
- Nov 6 VOTE
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
Sunday
Shoeboxes
Chili Cook-off
- Nov 18 Loafs / Fishes
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving
- Dec 2 Hanging of
The Greens
Catered Christ mas
Dinner by
Mark's Feed Store

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From the Pastor

Looking back approaching 400 years one can see why those first Pilgrims had a lot to be thankful for. Their boat, the Mayflower, made it across the Atlantic Ocean. We can only ponder how many perished in similar boats before their success. And indeed we can think of all those boats which have been lost with all hands since. The Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 can be grateful that Iroquois Native Americans were not more numerous and more belligerent. The Pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower were members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They fled from persecution in England and took the opportunity of a better life in America. Puritans negotiated with a London stock company to finance the pilgrimage to America. However, 2/3 of those aboard the Mayflower were not Separatists. They just went along for the adventure and the opportunity. That first winter on 1620 was severe and by the fall of 1621 almost half of the original 102 settlers had died of hardship. However, the vegetables were new to the Pilgrims and they needed help from the Iroquois Indians to grow crops such as maize and pumpkins. Thanks to the skill of native Indians like Squanto, and with God's favor, the harvest of 1621 was bountiful. They were blessed to enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal and gathering.

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING !

Bro. Rodney

CHILI COOK-OFF

after church. Bring your favorite chili to share with everyone. Invite someone to share a meal. Bring your favorite chili to share. This is the day we honor our living VETERANS. All Veterans are invited to attend. We would like to thank you for your service to our country. Our 10:30 service will involve special music and patriotic music



on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11** it will be a special service. Hope to see you there.





SESSION
NOTES

**REGULARLY STATED
SESSION MEETING –
October 14, 2018**

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on October 14, 2018 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 12:15 PM

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Darlene Johnson, Laura Kaelin, Delbert Kyle, Steven Skipper, and Steve Young. Theresa Vaughn asked to be excused. Session excused Theresa by a voice vote. Bro. Rodney opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 9, 2018 meeting were read by Session Clerk Laura Kaelin. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as read.

COMMUNICATIONS /

CORRESPONDANCE:

Bro. Rodney has sent a Letter of appreciation to Sean O'Meara from the Session in appreciation for all the electrical work done in the Toddler classroom recently.

Bro. Rodney has sent a Letter of recommendation from the Session to The Committee on Ministry of Cumberland Presbytery in starting the process for Steven Skipper to enter the Program of Alternate Studies (PAS) toward ordination to the gospel ministry. Steve expressed his thanks to the Session and noted that they had received the letter and has set up an interview with him for February 2.

Bella Vista Neighborhood Association has approached the church about having their monthly meetings here. They would be meeting on the third Saturday of the month from 5 PM until 7 PM. They had a trial meeting here in September and voluntarily left a donation. Approved by vote to allow Bella Vista Neighborhood Association to use our fellowship hall with a donation to help with utilities.

We have rented the fellowship hall to two different families in November.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger & Delbert brought to our attention some items that need our attention:

(1) We are continuing to search for a replacement for the fellowship hall flat screen TV

(2) Presented two estimates for trimming of trees around the manse and church yard. There are a number of trees that have large dead limbs that could fall on the manse or garage.

Approved the work to be done by Louisville Lawn Enforcement company for \$2000.

(3)The sanctuary roof has several leaks that need to be repaired. Rodger will contact Commonwealth Roof who installed the flat section on the sanctuary in 2005.

Work recently completed:

(1)The kitchen ice maker has been repaired by Vititow Refrigeration and is now producing ice again.

Special Thanks to Jean Spivey's son-in-law, Mike Morgan, a salesman for Vititow for the repair.

(2)Leonard Shipp cleared out the drain pipe on the south side of the fellowship hall. It had a 12 foot long root ball inside of it. Once it was pulled out, the water started flowing. We appreciate Leonard's memory of the drain's installation and the work involved in finding and digging.

(3)Delbert Kyle recently secured the piece of metal flashing at the top of the west end of the Sanctuary next to the stained glass. Special thanks to Delbert.

(4)The thermostat in the hallway had to be replaced recently due to

it malfunctioning. (Thanks to Ralph for purchasing it.)

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

The Committee met on Sunday, September 30, 2018 with the following members present: Theresa Vaughn, Darlene Johnson, Maydie Allen, Carol Hawkins, along with Pastor Harris.

The annual Veteran's Day program to honor our living veterans will be held on Sunday, November 11th during the morning worship service. Following the service, will be a chili cook-off with chili, hot dogs and desserts. Rodney will announce for everyone to bring chili and desserts and to notify Carol or Darlene if they plan to do this. We will have prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners.

Carol will obtain prizes and ribbons.

Samaritan Purse's ministry "Operation Christmas Child" will celebrate its 25th year of delivering Shoeboxes to children around the world. Laura Kaelin will coordinate our efforts this year. We plan to kick it off on Sunday, October 14 and dedicate them on November 11th.

The "Loaves and Fishes" ministry will launched on Sunday, October

21 and need to be turned in November 18th.

Orders for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary will be taken by Darlene Johnson beginning on November 4th and continuing through November 25th. (We hope to have 25 ordered to fill our Poinsettia Tree in the sanctuary. The Poinsettias are \$9.95 again each this year. A person can donate in 'Memory of' or 'In Honor Of' someone and those names will be listed in all our Advent bulletins.)

We will prepare fruit plates for shut-ins on Sunday, November 18th. Darlene will bring the plates and grapes, Theresa will bring oranges and apples and Carol will bring bananas, mints, and bows. Shut-ins locally are Connie Petty, Maggie McGrath, Marjorie Vitoe, and Ann Rose. They will be distributed by their Elders. Thanksgiving cards will be mailed by Carol to out-of-town shut-ins.

We plan to decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, December 1st and many volunteers are needed.

The Hanging of the Greens service and Communion will be held on Sunday morning, December 2nd, with possibly a church-wide lunch following at a local restaurant. Carol will endeavor to reserve the room.

Rodney will have a Come-and-Go Communion on Christmas Eve from 4-6 p.m.

Denomination Day will be held on the first Sunday in February with Communion and a short program on the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Following the service, a dinner of bean soup (and other soups), corn bread, desserts, and salad from Texas Roadhouse will be enjoyed.

World Wide Communion is scheduled for Sunday, October 7. We want to encourage everyone to donate food to Shively Area Ministries. The food barrel is located near the front door. Carol Hawkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for September along with current banking statements were shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed, and approved by vote. Ralph shared the updated Pew Pad Challenge donations (29 pews to date) as printed out by Stacy Kyle. We are encouraging more to support this challenge by purchasing a pad replacement which costs about \$200, which could made be "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a family member or church member. Once we have the 30 pew pads funded, we will move to replace the carpet as well.

Christian Education Committee

Our recent monthly Wednesday night youth worship service (All ages are invited though) was held on October 3rd at 7 PM. A good number was in attendance with a good spirit felt. Delbert and Caleb O'Meara led our music with Steve Skipper bringing the message.

Our November Wednesday night youth worship service is set for November 7 at 7 PM.

The annual Haunted House event is in the planning stage and is scheduled for Wednesday October 17 from 7 to 9 pm. A good attendance is expected with an earlier date.

Our midweek Christmas party is set for December 13 and possibly go Caroling on December 20.

OTHER BUSINESS

Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry with pastor Harris encouraging each Shepherd to contact their individual sheep on a monthly basis. A letter was given or sent to each Sheep making them aware of their Shepherd Elder for this year.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2018 after church.

Motion made and approved to adjourn. Ralph Hawkins had the closing prayer.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
(25 YEARS OF GIFTS)

Come pick up your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan Purse, Franklin Graham, President. Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are taking the Gospel to children and their families around the world. From a box to a Bible, will you us help us reach our goal?

Deadline to return your box is November 11th.

We have shoeboxes for you to use No need to gift wrap your box again. Decide whether for a boy or girl and the age category (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14). Fill the box with a variety of quality gifts. Include your shipping label (available at the church) and \$9.00 per box donation to cover international shipping.



Gift suggestions:

Toys: Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a ball (deflated with pump) or plush stuffed toy. Then add quality items such as cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes; School supplies: pencils, pens, notebooks, coloring books, crayons; Non-liquid hygiene items: bar soap, washcloths, combs, Accessories: socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, or hair bands.

Personal note and photo of you and your family or group. Include your name and address so the child might be able to write back. Older children: small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, needles, solar calculators, rulers, scissors jewelry and deodorant.

We have shoeboxes at the church for you to pick up. Won't your family fill one for a child whose Christmas may only be this shoebox?

2018 LOAVES & FISHES

This year the Loaves & Fishes Offering will go to support the Child Development Program in the Philippines. This program is administered by the Council of CP Churches in the Philippines.

Our missionaries, Daniel and Kay Jang provide strong administrative leadership for this program. There are various Child Development Programs in different CP churches/missions located on the island of Iloilo, Philippines.



The program consists of a Saturday event where the children receive a hot meal, hear a Bible study, have classes on hygiene or some other relevant subject, sing and play games. The Loaves & Fishes Offering will be used to provide meals and supplies for the children that attend this program.

Containers can be picked up from the table in the foyer. They will be dedicated on Sunday November 18.

25% of our offerings will be given to our own Shively Area Ministries. We will be **collecting them on November 18**. Please pick up your loaf today.

November Birthdays & Anniversary . . . Living Veterans . . . Ushers

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

MILITARY SERVICE HEROES - LIVING VETERANS



- November 1 Blake Peniston
- November 13 Laura Dittmeier
- November 15 Carol Hawkins
- November 22 David Dittmeier
- November 22 Teri Peniston
- November 23 Darrell Scott
- November 27 Ethel Scott



November 4
Johnny & Becki Baker

November 11
Darlene Johnson & Theresa Vaughn

November 18
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

November 25
Jenna Skipper & Liz Middleton

November 25

Johnny & Becki Baker

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS DINNER
DECEMBER 2 - NOON
Catered by Mark's Feed Store

\$11.00 Person



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Connie Petty
4936 Swaps Lane
Louisville, KY. 40216
(502) 447-5580



Garvin & Ethel Scott
C/O Brian Scott
801 Downsby Lane; Apt. 225
Woodstock, Georgia 30189

Marcella Line
Morningside Senior Center
421 W Poplar St
Elizabethtown, KY. 42701

Maggie McGrath
Landmark Rehab Center
1155 Eastern Parkway; Rm # 616
Louisville, KY. 40217

Consider sending them a card, calling them, or making a visit.



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Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Ralph Hawkins (Fall – Rotator Cuff Surgery 10/30); Mary Ann Robinson (Fall – crushed vertebrae; Colon Surgery – Home); Carri Roth (Ileostomy surgery – Home); Ann Rose; Wanda Young (Leg Pain); Janet Turner; Mary Alice Gregory (Health Issues); Steve Young (Knee & Back pain); Doris Shipp; Leonard Shipp (Neuropathy); Randi Murray (Loss of eyesight; Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension & Retinitis Pigmentosa).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Janet Gibson (Rodney's sister - Fall & Knee Fracture); Brian & Debbie Mobley Family; Ernie Matthews (Knee Injury); Alena (Liver complications – Adam Farris's mother); Joann Sallee (Liz Middleton's Aunt); Louis Jackson (Pat Harris' father); Allen Vititoe (Melanoma Cancer treatment); Shane Roof (Friend of Christian O'Meara); Janice Sanders (Cheryl Fugate's relative); Resa Garcia (Brian Mobley's Mother); Cheryl Fugate's grandmother Mossie (Dementia); Sue Head (Janet Turner's cousin & Maggie McGrath's niece). Marjorie's Brother in law (Cancer).

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White; Marty Baldwin; **TERRORISM.**

SHUT-INS

Marcella Line; Connie Petty; Garvin & Ethel Scott; Maggie McGrath; Bob & Ann Rose.

Shively Area Ministries

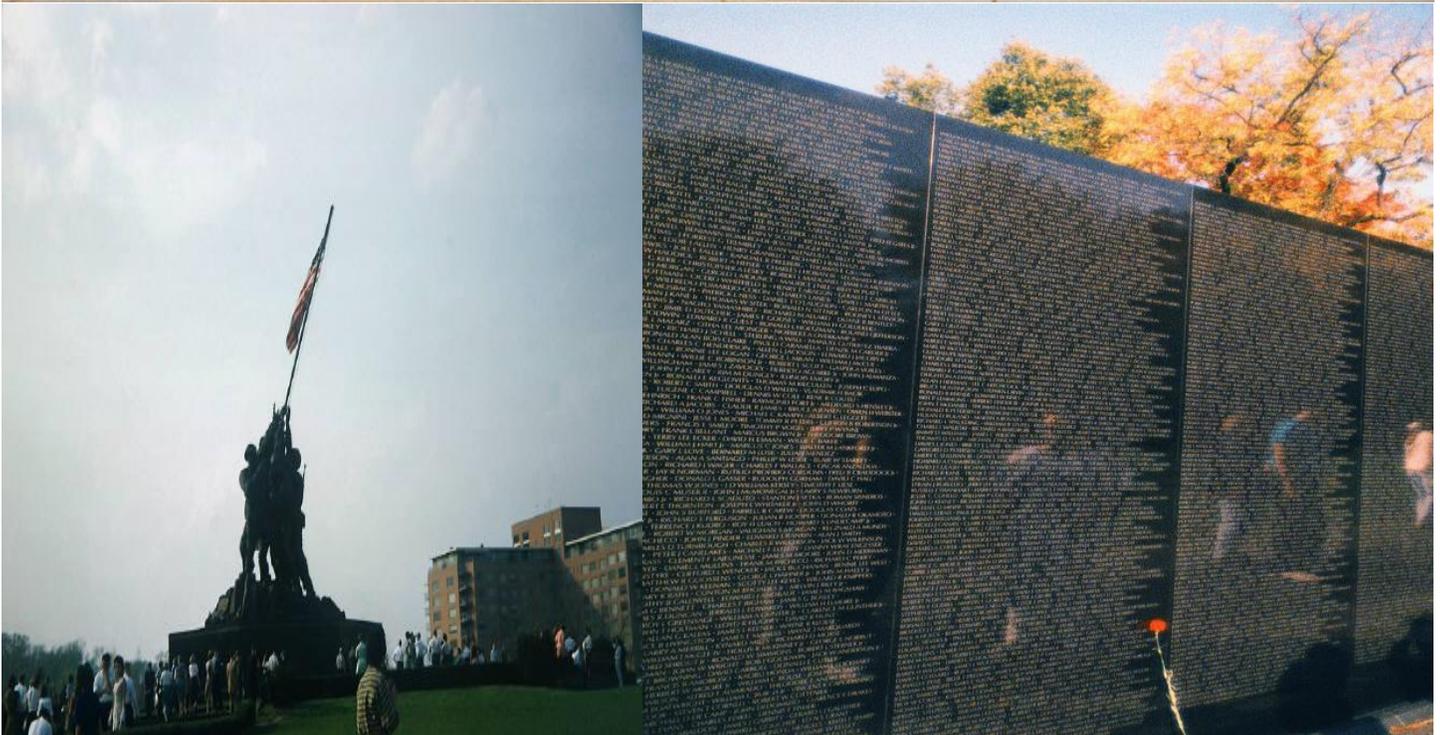
SAM continues to need food to distribute to families in need. Please place nonperishable food in the food barrel in the foyer.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Return Shoeboxes November 11	Return Loafs & Fishes November 18		1 ALL SAINTS DAY 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Children, Youth, & Adults	2	3 SET CLOCKS BACK 
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	5 7:30 Home Dartball vs Chapel Hill	6 NO SCHOOL ELECTIONS VOTE	7 7 PM YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE	8 NO SERVICES TONIGHT	9	10 5 PM Bella Vista Neighborhood Association Meets
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Veteran's Recognition Noon: Chili Cook-off	12 Metro Curb Side Pick Up ← VETERAN'S DAY 7:30 Dartball @ Arcade Baptist	13	14	15 TRAVELING THURSDAY	16	17 2 – 6 PM Fellowship Hall Rental For Private Gathering
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Noon Session Meeting	19 7:30 Home Dartball vs Ralph Ave.	20	21 <i>Philippians 4:6</i> "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving , present your requests to God."	22 THANKSGIVING 12 – 6 PM Fellowship Hall Rental For Private Gathering	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	26 7:30 Dartball @ Fairdale Christian	27	28	29 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Children, Youth, & Adults	Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." December 1 ... Decorate the church for Advent December 2...Hanging of the Greens Catered Lunch by Mark's Feed Store	

ADVENT BEGINS on Sunday, December 2. We will hold our annual HANGING OF THE GREENS service on that Sunday morning. Following the service, the Worship, Christian Fellowship, and Missions Committee will host a catered meal by Mark's Feed Store. There will be a choice of meat, 2 vegetables, dessert, and drink. The charge is \$11.00 per person.

THANK YOU VETERANS ...



American Indian Heritage Day in United States



Native American Heritage Day

Celebrated on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Background to This Special Day

Native Americans are the descendants of the indigenous, people who inhabited what we call USA (and Canada) before the European settlers arrived starting with Columbus.

American Indian Heritage Day fosters the relationship between the United States government and the Native American governments. This special day also honors the achievements of Native Americans to the United States of America.

Native Americans have made significant contributions to the United States in agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art. Furthermore, Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs and spiritual leaders.

SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY

No Labor Required

When my friend got a job, her husband agreed to share the housework. He was stunned by the amount of effort involved in keeping a house clean with small boys to pick up after, and insisted that he and his wife shop for a new vacuum cleaner.

The salesman gave them a demonstration of the latest model. "It comes equipped with all the newest features," he assured them.

The husband was not convinced. "Don't you have a riding one?" he asked.

Playground Rules

Last year my youngest granddaughter, Samantha Grace, started kindergarten. After a few days, she came home and said, "Grandpa, I learned the slide rule today." I was happy to hear that she was learning something new and really pleased it was about math. I asked her to explain it, and she said, "Only one kid on the slide at a time."

So much for math!

One Great Performance

About two o'clock one summer morning, my friend and her husband, who likes to sleep in his birthday suit, were awakened by a thunderstorm. They both dashed from the bed and began shutting windows. When her husband got downstairs, he realized the umbrella on the patio table had been left open and gusts of wind were causing the table to teeter precariously near the glass doors. He figured it would take only a moment to run out and take the umbrella down, so he did not waste time fetching a robe.

Once on the patio, however, he found the wind was stronger than he expected. Before he could close the umbrella, the wind lifted the shaft from the table and pulled it and him out into the yard. As he grappled with the umbrella, several flashes of lightning lit up the yard like a Broadway stage. Finally, he accomplished his mission and went back into the house, much to the relief of his wife, who had witnessed the entire episode.

They had no sooner settled in bed than the phone rang. It was their neighbor, who said, "We just wanted to let Mary Poppins know how much we enjoyed the show."

You Can't Teach an Old Dog to Fly

A woman called our airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board.

"Sure," I said, "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over.

The customer was flummoxed: "I'll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow!"

Yearbook Signers Beware...

My son and I were checking out a house he was interested in buying. When the owner came to the door, she looked at me and said, "Larry? I know you. We went to school together. I'm Elaine. Don't you recognize me?"

I drew a complete blank.

She took out our old yearbook and showed me her graduation picture—still nothing. "Let's look at your picture," she said.

She flipped the pages until she came to me. Under my photo I had written, "Elaine, I will never forget you."

The Most Confusing Password

I was in a couple's home trying to fix their Internet connection. The husband called out to his wife in the other room for the computer password. "Start with a capital S, then 123," she shouted back.

We tried S123 several times, but it didn't work. So we called the wife in. As she input the password, she muttered, "I really don't know what's so difficult about typing Start123."

Lamp of Mass Destruction

When I spotted a Navy captain on the street, I saluted and bellowed, "LST 395," which was the designation and number of the ship I served on during World War II.

The captain returned my salute and responded, "LMD 67."

"What's an LMD?" I asked. "Large mahogany desk."

Halloween is the beginning of the holiday shopping season. That's for women. The beginning of the holiday shopping season for men is Christmas Eve.

—David Letterman

Grandma, How You've Changed!

During my mother's memorial, my five-year-old granddaughter could not stop staring at the urn that contained her ashes.

"Is that really Great-grandma in there?" she asked her mother.

"Yes, it is."

"Funny," she said. "I always thought she was taller."

A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"

Alex: Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?

Adam: Why?

Alex: He sensed fowl play.

Robert: Which bird is best at bowling?

Chrystal: I don't know.

Robert: A turkey.

CUSTOMER: I refuse to eat this sandwich. Will you get the manager?

WAITER: There's no use. He won't eat it, either.

JOEY: Did you hear about the guy who dreamt he was a muffler?

ROSS: No. What happened?

JOEY: He woke up exhausted.

A parrot at the auction.

A man bought a parrot at an auction after bidding higher and higher against another bidder.

"I suppose the bird talks," he said to the auctioneer.

"Talks!" replied the auctioneer. "He's been bidding against you for the last 10 minutes!"

TRIP TO SEE THE DOCTOR

"I can't sleep, Doc," the patient says. "I keep thinking someone is under my bed." "I'll cure you," the doctor says, "but it'll cost you \$200 a visit." The patient says he'll think about it. Several days later the patient calls the doctor. "I fixed the problem for free," he says. "Really? How'd you do it?" "I sawed the legs off my bed!"

One smart dachshund

A woman decides to go on a photo safari in Africa. She takes her pet dachshund along for company.

One day, the dachshund starts chasing butterflies, and before long the little dog discovers it's lost. Suddenly the dog sees a hungry leopard bounding toward it.

The dachshund thinks, I'm in deep trouble now! But then it notices some bones on the ground and immediately settles down to chew on them.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the leopard halts its attack. With a look of terror, it slinks away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey that had seen the whole thing decides to put this knowledge to good use, trading it for protection from the leopard.

The monkey goes to tell the leopard it has been duped. The leopard is furious. "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on its back, and thinks, Uh-oh, what am I going to do now? But instead of running, the dog sits down with its back to its attackers, pretending it hasn't seen them yet.

As the leopard and monkey get close enough to hear, the dachshund says, "Where's that monkey? I sent it off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Talking dog.

Bob didn't believe that Fred's dog could talk. So Fred asked his dog, "What's on top of a house?"

"Roof," the dog barked.

Bob wasn't convinced. So Fred asked the dog how sandpaper feels.

"Rough."

He still wasn't convinced.

"O.K., who was the greatest baseball player of all time?" Fred asked the dog.

"Ruth."

With that, Bob walked away, shaking his head in disbelief.

The dog turned to Fred and asked: "Was it Hank Aaron?"