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From the Pastor

The last five months have been unbelievable have they not? It is like America has been transmitted through a time continuum into another period. For weeks, our churches were shut down. My sister who lives in southern Illinois, told me that all Methodist churches in southern Illinois were still not given permission to gather for worship irregardless of their size. Many larger churches across our land have been unable to meet the social distancing guidelines and are unable to meet together for worship or fellowship.

Presbyterial boards have been unable to meet as have our presbyteries and even our General Assembly! Fall meetings of presbyteries are having to meet via computers, smart phones, and tablets with Zoom conferencing. Pastors have been forced to utilize social media to communicate God's Word to our church family - which in part has become another tool of outreach to the lost, unchurched, and our own members! It is so sad that we are unable to visit family or friends in nursing homes. I know they must be so lonely. And many have had to hear about their loved one dying without being at their side.

Our city of Louisville it seems is being transformed into a hotbed of protests and rioting. We see scenes of looting, destruction of downtown businesses, riots, bridge and traffic closures, the tearing down of statues, the ransacking of restaurants, car jackings, violence, and murders. We all wonder "When will it stop"?? How will this turn out for the cities like ours? Will our leaders step up to fulfill their responsibilities they pledged when taking their oaths of office? (1) To protect EVERY CITIZEN AND BUSINESS (2) to help make our cities better and safer places to raise our families and (3) help provide opportunities for economic growth and individual advancement?

Only God knows what the days and weeks ahead will hold for America. But we serve a mighty God who never leaves us or forsakes us no matter what the situation is! Remain vigilant in prayer and faith! God will see us all through this time.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. – Romans 15:13

Blessings,

Bro. Rodney



REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – May 24, 2020

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on May 24, 2020 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 11:40 AM.

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Laura Kaelin, and Steven Skipper. Darlene Johnson (Work), Delbert Kyle (Out of town), and Diane Rohleder (Surgery Recovery) were excused by a voice vote.

Brother Rodney opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of March 8 and Called Meeting of April 2 were read by Session Clerk Laura Kaelin. Motion was made and approved to accept those minutes as read.

COMMUNICATIONS CORRESPONDANCE:

Reviewed the calendar concerning future church rentals. All rentals for March through May were either cancelled or postponed to a later date to be determined by the lifting of Corvid 19 Virus guidelines.

Noted that one of our church members had refinished our tile floors recently. The Session greatly appreciates the work done. The floors look brand new!

In light of this work to beautify our facilities, the Session approved an increase for the non-member rental of the fellowship hall to \$350 an event for groups of over 20 people.

LifeChurch has resumed their Sunday afternoon services as well. Discussed our Kentucky State Annual Report. Approved Steven Skipper as the State Registered Agent and elected Rodger Davis to serve as one of our three Directors. He joins Ralph Hawkins and Laura Kaelin as Directors. The state charges an annual fee of \$15 for this required registration.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger reported that Abrams Roofing had cut out some sections of roofing on the fellowship hall due to waving and then recovered those areas. However, there is one leak and a problem with roofing screws used being too long and coming through the fellowship hall ceiling in two long areas. A representative met with Rodger and Rodney to discuss these concerns. They will be returning to correct these problems soon. We asked that Abrams contact the company that manufactures this roofing material and send an inspector to meet with us. The roof has a three year labor warranty and 15 year material warranty.

Ralph Hawkins will speak with All Season's Roofing on amount still owed.

<u>Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship</u>

Due to the cancelation of in house services from March 12 until May 24, we were unable to celebrate the Lenten season with Palm Sunday and Easter services this year. We also missed our Mother's Day celebration.

The committee honored our deceased veterans this morning. It was a moving service. Our church has been blessed with a continued membership of veterans through the years.

Plans are being made to honor Fathers in June.

General Assembly to be held at the Galt House June 7-12 was recently cancelled due to the pandemic. It is being rescheduled to meet back here in Louisville next June.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for April was shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed, and approved by vote.

Christian Education Committee

Steven Skipper gave us an update on the youth and young adults. They too have had to cancel meetings for the time being. Steve took us on a You Tube Traveling Thursday trip recently to Jeffersonville, Indiana helping us to focus upon Women's month celebrated in March. You can find it on You Tube by the title "Winds of Change."

We will hold off on returning to our Sunday School and other small groups for the time being.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cumberland Presbytery met on Saturday May 9 in a Zoom type meeting from our own home locations due to the social distancing requirements. Steven Skipper was our Elder delegate. Steven and Bro. Rodney shared briefly about various reports and the vote of approval to unite with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, which is primarily African American. The Cumberland Presbyterian presbyteries have approved this recommendation by a majority of presbyteries. We now await the votes by our Sister denomination.

Please bring your food donations to church or drop them off at Shively Area Ministries. They have a great need at this time.

Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry with pastor Harris encouraging each Shepherd to contact their individual sheep.

The Session discussed this year's financial needs to present date. Our offerings have been down. We reviewed recent discussions on proposals now being offered through unemployment such as temporary lavoffs and furloughing of staff. Last month we applied for the CARES PPP Loan / Grant offered to small businesses and churches in hopes this would benefit us. Our application has not yet been accepted for these monies. With this in mind, the Session Approved the Furloughing of Pastor Rodney Harris through July 31. Session members will divide up the work as needed. Steven has consented to filling the pulpit during this time.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2020 after church.

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

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – June 28, 2020

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on June 28, 2020 by Session Clerk Laura Kaelin, with a quorum declared at 12 PM.

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Laura Kaelin, Delbert Kyle, Diane Rohleder, and Steven Skipper. Darlene Johnson (Work), was excused by a voice vote.

Ralph Hawkins opened the meeting with prayer.

By a voice vote, Elder Steven Skipper was elected Moderator Pro-Tem for this meeting.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of May 24 were read by Session Clerk Laura Kaelin. Motion was made and approved to accept those minutes as read.

COMMUNICATIONS /

Reviewed the calendar concerning future church rentals. We have

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one wedding in July and two in August reserved at this time. We noted that Laura Kaelin, Steven Skipper, and Theresa Vaughn will need to be replaced soon. We discussed current membership and Session size. We are to prayerfully consider nominations for next month.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger reported that the Scaggs mower had been serviced by Delbert and Sammy Kyle and Rodger Davis.

Dustin Webb has been mowing the lawn weekly. We had to have Jarboes out to work on the air conditioner unit on June 26 for the sanctuary.

Ralph Hawkins sent a check and letter to All Seasons Roofing to cover the contract from last summer.

Abram's Roofing did come out and remove the screws that had come through the fellowship hall ceiling.

We requested that the roof committee contact Earl of Abrams Roofing about a possible extension of a labor warranty on the new flat roofs. Rodger is going to see if we can talk to a representative from Firestone, the materials maker, about their thoughts on the patches that have had to be put on the new flat roof on the fellowship hall due to incorrectly applying the roof material.

<u>Committee on Worship, Missions,</u> <u>& Christian Fellowship</u>

Fathers were honored in our service on June 21, 2020. We are looking at doing a graduate reception for the 2020 high graduates before the end of July. We discussed using cup cakes and one person with gloves scooping ice cream to keep everyone safe under the COVID-19 guidelines. A discussion was held of possible mission projects that would allow us to support missions on a local, national, and international level.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for May was shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed, and approved by vote.

A motion was made and approved to add Stacy Kyle and Laura Kaelin to the Mutual Funds financial accounts reporting and to remove Theresa Vaughn and Leonard Shipp.

Christian Education Committee

Steven Skipper gave us an update on the youth and young adults programs. They held a Zoom, and Rev. Bob Watkins joined the young adults that week.

They held their first in-person meeting last week with seven people in both groups.

We decided to not start Sunday School back up just yet.

It was noted that General Assembly and church camps were cancelled this year as well. We have also cancelled Vacation Bible School this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Skipper shared that his PAS program for this summer will be online this year due to COVID-19. It will take placed in July, but he will still be able to supply our pulpit on the Sundays during that time.

We reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry and encouraged each Elder to continue to contact their Sheep.

The next Stated meeting of the Session is scheduled foe July 19, 2020 after church.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn. Steven Skipper closed with prayer.

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – July 26, 2020

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on July 26, 2020 by Session Clerk, Laura Kaelin, with a quorum declared at 12:45 PM.

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Darlene Johnson, Laura Kaelin, Delbert Kyle, Diane Rohleder, and Steve Skipper.

Laura Kaelin opened the meeting with prayer.

By voice vote, Steve Skipper was elected Moderator Pro-Tem for this meeting.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of June 28, 2020 were read. Motion was made and approved to accept those minutes as read.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS /</u> <u>CORRESPONDANCE</u>

We reviewed the calendar concerning future church rentals. We have one wedding in July and two in August reserved.

We discussed elder nominations for Laura Kaelin, Steve Skipper, and Theresa Vaugh whose current terms are ending or will be leaving the session. We also discussed the number of elders we thought were appropriate for our current needs.

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Next month we will decide on the number of elders needed and the exact nominations to put forth to the congregation.

Steve Skipper will be preaching at Clifton Mills on August 2, 2020. Steve reported that he had finished his two weeks of classes for the PAS program via the computer due to Covid-19.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger reported that after the repair for the screw holes in the hall's fellowship roof was reviewed; that strips of the roofing material was to be put over the patches. A strip was put over one row but squares were put over the other row. We have not heard back on the possibility of extending the warranty on the flat roof. It was reported that the manse A/C was not working properly and Jarboe's was to come out and look at it. Delbert and Sammy Kyle removed limbs that had fallen on the church yard and trimmed up some branches.

<u>Committee on Worship, Missions,</u> <u>& Christian Fellowship</u> Darlene Johnson reported that we had our reception for our two high school seniors, Sammy Kyle and Maurice Sojo. Steve Skipper presented them with Bibles in the service; and following CDC guidelines, we had a reception in the fellowship hall honoring them.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements and reports for June was shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed and approved by vote.

Christian Education Committee

Steve Skipper reported that our midweek services have continued to be in person. He also reported that for the time being that the youth group would meet on Wednesday evening and the Young Adults/Adults would meet on Thursday evening. We discussed what we might be looking for in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS

The motion was made and approved to elect Steve Skipper as our delegate to fall Presbytery on September 12, at Leitchfield CP Church. This may end up being a

Zoom meeting due to restrictions caused by Covid-19.

Each elder was encouraged to keep in contact with their sheep.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2020 after church.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn. Steve Skipper closed in prayer.

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 1Liz Ann MiddletonAug. 14Richard RothAug. 16Laura KaelinAug. 19Laney WagnerAug. 29Christian O'Meara

KROGER REWARDS SIGN-

UP SHEET can be picked up on the table in the Foyer for anyone not yet signed up. This is a <u>FUNDRAISER</u> for the church. It will not affect your points or rewards personally but Kroger will donate to the church a small percentage of all your purchase. You can also go on line and sign up as well.

SHIVELY AREA MINISTRIES

Food pantry is in need of: cereal, canned fruit, soups, peanut vegetables, butter, crackers, and what children will like. Let's fill the SAM's food barrel, which sits at the front entry door for your convenience.

THANKS FOR HELPING OUT!

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Aug. 10Cheryl FugateAug. 15Mike ZimmermanAug. 16Sean O'MearaAug. 21Becki BakerAug. 31Carri Roth

ANNIVERSARIES

August 7 Richard and Carri Roth (2004)

August 19 Sean & Michele O'Meara

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Janet Turner

4213 Foreman Lane Apt. #1 Louisville, KY. 40219

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



Ethel Scott C/O Brian Scott; 801 Downsby Lane Apt. 225

Woodstock, Georgia 30189

Maggie McGrath Landmark Rehab Center

1155 Eastern Parkway; Room # 616 Louisville, KY. 40217 Let our shut-ins know that you are thinking about them and praying for them with a card <u>or call.</u>

Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Wanda Young; Steve Young (Vertigo; Tests); Megan Kaelin (Wisdom Teeth Surgery – 13th); Danny Allen (Balance Issues); Janet Turner (Neuropathy in feet); Mary Alice Gregory; Leonard Shipp (Neuropathy); Randi-Murray-Davis (Eyesight Loss), PANDEMIC. POLICE FORCE. CITY OF LOUISVILLE – Riots & Destruction of Property, Huge Rise in Looting, Murders, and Car Jackings.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

Leon Harris (Heart valve replacement surgery – Home; Rodney's brother); Kristie Russell (Vertebra Surgery 9/14 – Pat & Rodney's Daughter); Heather Branham (Kemo/Radiation completed; Cervical cancer – None Found); Beverly Reynolds' Sister & Niece; Tristan Moudy: Tests; Mary Grace Gehm's mother – Kelly (Cancer); (Ty Johnson (Skull Fracture ... 8 week coma ... Dick Gregory's nephew); Martha Warman (Wesley Manor Nursing Home); Angela Kaelin --Parkinsons (Megan's grandmother); Shane Roof (Friend of Christian O'Meara); Janice Sanders (Cheryl Fugate's relative); Cheryl Fugate's grandmother Mossie (Dementia).

MILITARY

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

PRAYER LIST

If someone you know is ill, recovering from an illness, having surgery, struggling for life, etc., and needs prayer or attention, please, call the Church Office. If someone you know is on the prayer list that is doing better, please, call so we can correct and/or update the list.

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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue Please remem	Wed	Thu ch in your	Fri	Sat 1
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2 10:30 Worship	3 <u>Psalm 23:4</u> "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."	4	Psalm 37:23-24 "The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in	6 5:00 Young Adult Group 6:00 Children Youth Adults	7	8
9 10:30 Worship	10	11	12 6:00 Adult Groups Meet 7:00 Youth Meeting	13	14	15
16 10:30 Worship Noon Session Meets	17	18	19 6:00 Adult Groups Meet 7:00 Youth Meeting	20	21	22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
10:30 Worship			6:00 Adult Groups Meet 7:00 Youth					
			Meeting					
	31	Lord, forgive us when we lose our urgency to hear Your voice and feel Your arms around us. We always need You like we've needed You						
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		during the COVID-19 pandemic. Help me remember Your sufficiency						
10:30 Worship		when I start grasping for control, and foster in me a habit of reflecting on						
		Your work in my life. I want to be more dependent on You every day.						

Ann Elizabeth (Carpenter) Rose



WARMEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO BOB ROSE & FAMILY at the death of his wife **ANN ELIZABETH** (CARPENTER) ROSE, age 88 who passed away at Signature Healthcare of South Louisville, Thursday, June 11, 2020. Ann was preceded in death by her parents Ray and Lula Carpenter.

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She is survived by her husband of 66 years Robert Rose; her children, Robert Rose Jr, Daniel Rose (Patti); six grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

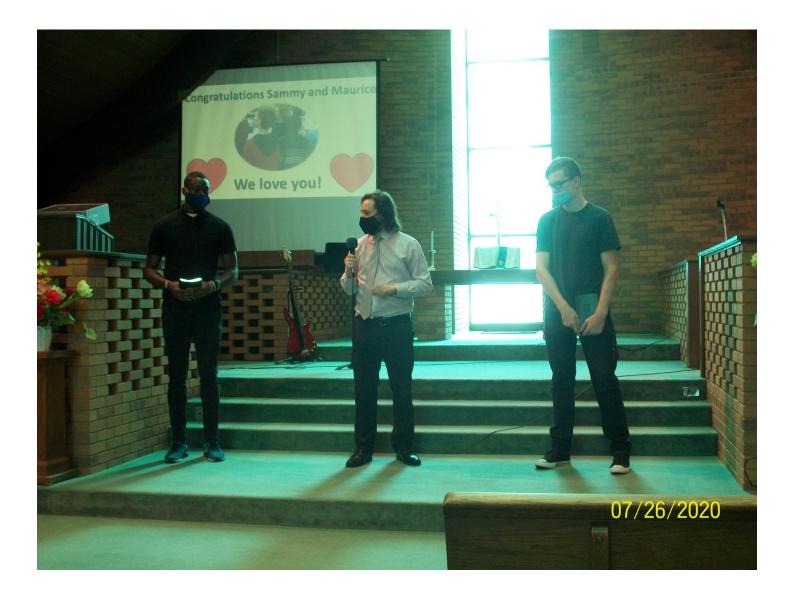
Ann retired from Jefferson County Public Schools while serving as a secretary and clerk at Doss High School for over ten years. Bob and Ann joined Louisville 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church in March 1981. Ann attended regularly until her health started to fail about 2 years ago. Ann was a volunteer at Caritas Medical Center starting in 1979. She compiled over 11,000 hours volunteering there and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2003. Ann served as Auxiliary President two times.

Arrangements were with Owen Funeral Home on Dixie Highway with her service on Monday, June 15.

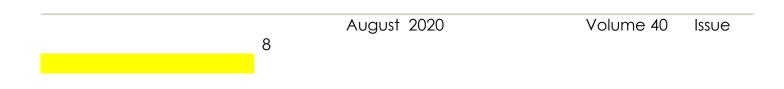
Proverbs 31:10 ff help to describe Ann's Christian life. She will be missed.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised."

CELEBRATE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

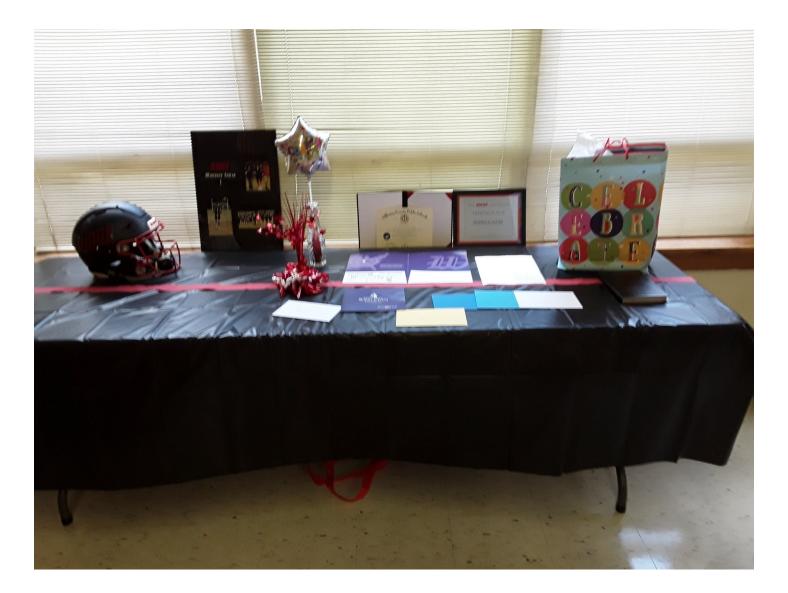


Steven Skipper presenting bibles to Sammy Kyle and Maurice Sodja





Sammy graduated from Bullitt East in Mt. Washington



Maurice Graduated from PRP (Pleasure Ridge Park)





Yummy Graduate Cake enjoyed by all



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Maurice, Bro, Rodney, and Sammy

Proud Parents



Delbert & Stacy Kyle

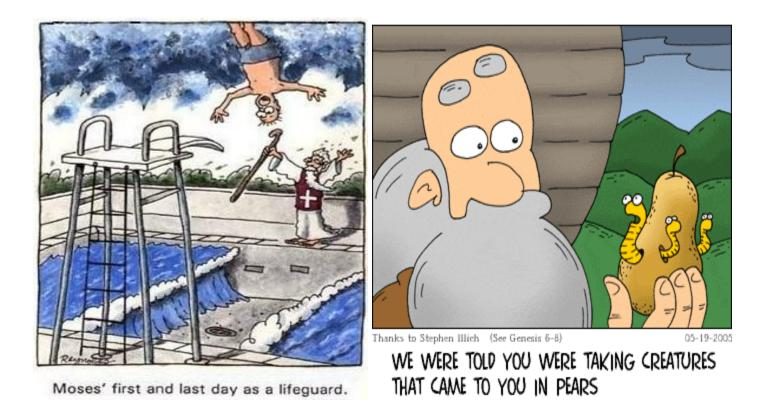
Maurice, Megan Kaelin, and Sammy

NEW SANCTUARY FLAT ROOF & SKYLIGHTS are next on schedule to be replaced. Hopefully, INSTALLED IN SEPTEMBER by Abrams roofing company. Please pray for clear weather and crew safety. Delbert Kyle is pictured here from November 2019 working on repairing the leaks from the roof and skylights.

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SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY



An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Another Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful

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the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."



"What are the last four digits of your Social Security number?"

For our pastor's 50th birthday, the congregation decided to give him a new suit. He was so touched by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit."

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus we here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY LAST YEAR'S HUMOR TOO !

Ate salad for dinner! Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. Fine, it was pizza! I ate a pizza!

A whale swims all day, only consumes fish and water, and is fat. A rabbit only eats vegetables, runs and hops all day long, and only lives 5 years. Meanwhile a tortoise doesn't run and does nothing energetic, yet it lives for 450 years. And you tell me to eat well and exercise! I don't think so.

- Q: What do you call a non-amateur live bacteria?
- A: A Pro-Biotic

Why did the diet coach send her clients to the paint store? She heard you could get thinner there.

"I'm not interested in any diet plan unless it lets me use rollover calories."

- Q. What do you call someone who can't stick with a diet?
- A. A desserter.

D.I.E.T. = Did I Eat That?

It took a lot of will power. But I finally gave up dieting.

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Pupil: I don't think I deserved zero on this test! Teacher: I agree, but that's the lowest mark I could give you!

A dad is very concerned about his son's bad grades in math so he decides to register him at a Catholic school.

After his first term there, the son brings home his report card.

It shows he's getting "A"s in math.

The dad is, of course, pleased, but asks his son, "Why are your math grades suddenly so good?"

The son says, "When I walked into the classroom the first day, and I saw that guy on the wall nailed to a plus sign, I knew one thing... This place means business!"

A general rule of grammar is that double negatives are a no-no.

A teacher says to her class one day, "Whoever answers my next question, can go home." A boy throws his bag out the window.

The teacher asks, "Who just threw that?"

The boy says, "Me! I'm going home now."

What's a teacher's favorite nation? Expla-nation.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun had written a note, and stuck it on the apple tray. It read, "Take only one. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

One child whispered to another, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

What's a chalk board's favorite drink? Hot chalk-olate.

What pencil did Shakespeare write with? 2B.

Two boys were arguing in class one day when the teacher walked into the classroom. The teacher asked them, "Why are you arguing?"

One of the boys replied, "We found a ten dollar bill and decided to give it to whoever tells the biggest lie."

"You should be ashamed of yourselves," said the teacher. "When I was your age I didn't even know what a lie was." The boys gave the ten dollars to the teacher.

My teacher's a real joker. She came in to class today and said, "We'll only have half a day of school this morning."

When we all cheered, she said, "We'll have the other half this afternoon."

Math teachers have too many problems.

What pencil did Shakespeare write with? 2B.

Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? At the bottom.

Who invented fractions? Henry the 1/4th.

What did they do at the Boston Tea Party? I don't know, I wasn't invited!

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What is a math teacher's favorite sum? Summer!

Teachers who take class attendance are absent-minded.

Teacher: 'Craig, you know you can't sleep in my class.' Craig: 'I know. But maybe if you were just a little quieter, I could.' Teacher: I want you to tell me the longest sentence you can think of Pupil: Life imprisonment!

Pupil: I don't think I deserved zero on this test! Teacher: I agree, but that's the lowest mark I could give you!

Teachers deserve a lot of credit. Of course, if we paid them more, they wouldn't need it.

What do you call a teacher without students? Broke ... oh wait, that's a regular teacher.

Teacher: Why have you got cotton in your ears, do you have an infection? Pupil: Well, you keep saying that things go in one ear and out the other, so I am trying to keep them it all in!

Kid comes home from first day at school. Mom asks, "What did you learn today?" Kid replies, "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."

Pupil: Teacher, would you punish me for something I didn't do? Teacher: Of course not Pupil: Good, because I didn't do my homework

Teacher: You copied from Fred's exam paper, didn't you? Pupil: How did you know? Teacher: Fred's paper says "I don't know" and you put, "Me neither"!