

A TUB FOR BOBBING?

Late in the Fall, a church was holding baptisms during the service and had brought in a large tub, filled with water. A boy was visiting and sat near the front. He leaned forward to look in the tub and then nudged his father, asking him, "When do they fill the tub with apples?"



TAKING YOUR MEDICINE

A man in obvious pain hobbled into the ER of the local hospital and asked for his foot to be examined. After x-ray, and determining the foot wasn't broken, a nurse took the man back to the ER to await a doctor's visit.

When the doctor arrived, he handed the patient a surprisingly large pill but before he could give any instruction, his pager went off and he excused himself from the room.

Still hurting, the man looked at the humungous pill and wondered, "How am I ever going to swallow that!" But he was in a lot of pain and he didn't know how long he'd have to wait for the doctor's return. So he closed his eyes and forced himself to swallow the tablet. It was horrible.

Just then the doctor returned with a basin full of hot water. "Okay," he said, "Just dissolve the pill in the water and soak your foot in it for a while."

NOT POSSIBLE!

A police officer had stopped a speeding motorist.

"What's the problem, Sir?" she asked.

"Sorry, miss, you were travelling over eighty kms an hour in town where it's posted for only 50 km/hr."

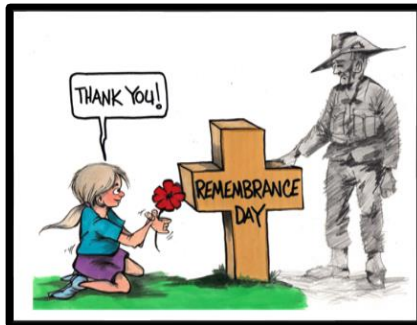
"Oh, no, that can't be! It's not possible! I haven't been driving for an hour."



NEW PERSPECTIVE

A salesman, tired of his job, became a police officer. When a friend asked about his new career, he responded...

"The pay could be better, and the hours are long, but what I really like about it is that the customer is always wrong!"



When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out all right!

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Remember...

**We will remember
them**



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Sunday, 11 a.m. Services.

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

Thot: "You may feel broken, but God sees you as His masterpiece in the making," ~ Dr. Charles Stanley

'Til the Storm Passes By

In the dark of the midnight

Have I oft hid my face,

While the storm howls above me,

And there's no hiding place.

'Mid the crash of the thunder,

Precious Lord, hear my cry,

"Keep me safe 'till the storm passes by."

When the long night has ended,

And the storms come no more,

Let me stand in Thy presence

On that bright, peaceful shore.

In that land where the tempest

Never comes, Lord, may I

Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

'Til the storm passes over,

'Til the thunder sounds no more,

'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,

Hold me fast, let me stand

In the hollow of Thy hand,

Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

~ Mosie Lister

YA-WAY!

Moses is wandering around in the badlands, tending the sheep of His father-in-law when he comes across a burning bush. He looks closer and sees that while the bush is on fire, it is not burning up. As he continues to watch this, he just can't believe his eyes, and in utter amazement, says, "No way!"

Then a voice comes out from the bush, saying to him, "Yah way!"



IRONY

Did you hear about the bald pastor who patted his head, explaining, "I apologize, I almost didn't come. The power went out to my house this morning, so I couldn't use my curling iron. Does it look okay?"



Something to Think About...

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." ~ Isaiah 41:10

We're told in scripture many times that we're firmly held by God. What a peace we have that comes when we're reminded, we're in God's hands. His wisdom and His loving, perfect timing in our lives tells us that the Creator of the universe, the God over all things, is not indifferent about the anxieties and concerns we carry. He loves us. He provides for us. God takes care of us, holding us in the palm of His hand so that we never fall. His Word promises that *"Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand"* (Psalm 37:24 NKJV).

Because of God's gracious provision for us, He's holding us in the palm of His hand whenever we face despair, anxiety, or fear. Because God has conquered the circumstances that lie behind us, we have confidence that God is greater than our circumstances that are before us. Because we know that God is working on our behalf – shown in His finished work in Christ at the cross of Calvary, shown through His gift of the Holy Spirit as a deposit for His promises, we can trust in God's love for His people and His desire to encourage us, provide for us, and equip us for our future.

Dr. Charles Stanley emphasized the importance of trusting God's faithfulness and guidance in every aspect of our lives. He taught that God holds us in His hands, providing strength and hope during difficult times. But he also asked the question of all believers some years ago, *"How dependent are you upon God?"* Before you can answer that question, I want you to think back to when you held a little baby in your hands. Perhaps you were amazed at how small and dependent that little life was for your provision and safety at that moment. Now consider what it was like to hold a baby who was determined to fling themselves out of your protection and

care! They struggled, they cried, and they wiggled, trying to escape. It took all your effort to hold them in your hands where you knew they were safe. Just like that little baby, often we try to escape out of God's providential hand to go our own way, to do our own thing, as though we have everything figured out. Even then, God holds on to us ensuring we're not destroyed. We may like to think we've totally surrendered and rely fully on Him but there's that stubborn streak that keeps us at arms length. The evidence of that is found not in what we say or sing on Sunday, but in our thoughts, our actions, and our attitudes when we're out in the world.

But here's the Good News – our heavenly Father holds us in His hands and He's greater than all. That right there is what our hearts need to be reminded that come what may, in Christ we're held in the Father's hands and no one can snatch us out of His hands! Our God does not change – He's the same Lord yesterday, today and tomorrow, and our circumstances are never too hard for Him.

Rather than forget who our God is, we need His constant reminder of who we are and that we can trust Him with our lives each and every day; that we're held in the hands of the God of heaven and earth and He meets all our needs.

When doubts and fears assail you, hold on to this wonderful truth: *'your God's got a plan for you and your life, guided by His hand'*. Even that guidance is informed by His love, planned in advance for you in His wisdom, and timed in His sovereignty. How great is our Father God? The old gospel song says, "He's big enough to rule the entire universe and small enough to live within my heart". What an amazing God! How often do our hearts need to be reminded of that truth? Today, if you're facing difficult circumstances and you're not sure where to turn, look to the God who is there for you and with the psalmist, Asaph, proclaim, *"Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand"* (Psalm 73:23). God doesn't let you go when things get hard and He's not afraid when the enemy attacks, He's always with you; the *"God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear"* (Isaiah 41:13), who says I will help you be encouraged wherever you find yourself. You are in His victorious right hand, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark Your Calendar!

November 2nd – Communion

November 4th, 1:30 p.m. Godwinks' Café
Women's Mission Encounter Group

November 8th – Men's Breakfast
Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

November 11th – **Remembrance Day**
Refreshments at FBC Strathroy follow
the Cenotaph Service

Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.
Weekly Prayer (FBCS Godwinks' Café)

Message Series...

Are You Road Trip Ready

"You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

~ Matthew 24:44

Come and join us!