

The Atheist Teacher

A young teacher explains to her class of small children that she's an atheist. She asks her class if they're atheists too. Not really knowing what atheism is but wanting to be like their teacher, their hands explode into the air like fleshy fireworks with one exception. A girl named Lucy hasn't raised her hand. The teacher asks her why? "Because I'm not an atheist." The teacher then asks, "What are you?" "I'm a Christian." The teacher is a little perturbed now, her face slightly red. She asks Lucy why she's a Christian. "Well, I was brought up knowing and loving Jesus. My mom is a Christian, and my dad is a Christian, so I am a Christian." The teacher is now angry. "That's no reason," she says loudly. "What if your mom was a moron and your dad was a moron. What would you be then?" She paused, and answered, "Then," says Lucy, "I'd be an atheist."

Bible Characters to Ponder...

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

a. Samson – he brought down the house!

Q. Who was the greatest investor in the Bible?

a. Noah - He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

a. He was ruthless.

Q. Who is the shortest person in the Bible?

a. Bildad the Shuhite (shoe-height). Nehemiah (Knee-high-miah) was a close second.

Q. Who was the greatest female businessperson in the Bible?

a. Pharaoh's daughter - She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet. (Profit)



Kids' Logic...

A 5th grade geography teacher asked one of her students, George, to locate North America on the map located at the front of the classroom. After he showed the correct location, she then asked her class, "Who discovered North America?" Without hesitation they all responded, "George!?"

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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*Strangers are Friends
We Haven't Met*

God knows no strangers,
He loves us all,
The poor, the rich,
The great, the small...
He is a friend
Who is always there
To share our troubles
And lessen our care...

No one is a stranger
In God's sight,
For God is Love
And in His Light
May we too, try
In our small way
To make new friends
From day to day...
So pass no stranger
With an unseeing eye,
For God may be sending
A new friend by.

- Helen Steiner Rice



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*"Love costs everything;
we don't need to
haggle over the price
anymore."*

~ Bob Goff

Join us each Sunday for Worship...

3 p.m. Worship and Praise

THOT: The prayer offered to God in the morning during your quiet time is the key that unlocks the door of the day. Any athlete knows that it is the start that ensures a good finish. ~ Adrian Rogers

Anger vs. Exasperation

A young girl who was writing a paper for school came to her father and asked, "Dad, what is the difference between anger and exasperation?"



The father replied, "It is mostly a matter of degree. Let me show you what I mean." With that, the father went to the telephone and dialed a number at random. To the man who answered the phone, he said, "Hello, is Melvin there?" The man answered, "There's no one living here named Melvin. Why don't you learn to look up numbers before you dial them?" "See," said the father to his daughter. "That man was not a bit happy with our call. He was probably very busy with something, and we annoyed him. Now watch . . ." The father dialed the same number again. "Hello is Melvin there?" asked the father. "Now look here!", came the heated reply. "You just called this number, and I told you that there is no Melvin here! You've got a lot of nerve calling again!" The receiver was slammed down hard. The father turned to his daughter and said, "You see, that was anger. Now I'll show you what exasperation means." He dialed the same number, and a violent voice roared, "HELLO!" The father calmly said, "Hello, this is Melvin. Have there been any calls for me?"



Something To Think About..

As we journey into September here at Mt Brydges Baptist Church change is in the air. Yes the nights are beginning to be a little cooler, and the youth have returned to school having enjoyed a wonderful vacation with new adventures, new discoveries and perhaps making a few new friends. The old and the new seem to go hand in hand. Another change that the congregation is anticipating is moving from a building that has housed their worship for over 100 years and looking at how God is going to bring a new chapter into their corporate lives.

Many centuries ago, another group of people looked at change. The Hebrew remnant was looking at returning to the Promised Land after years of exile and to the demands of rebuilding their lives after years of captivity. Yet the Lord did not abandon them, He was with them and promised He would provide protection and success for them. Today, as His faithful followers, we too need to

trust in God's wonderful provision. True, in our lives, challenges arise, transitions are inevitable, new circumstances and uncertainties for what tomorrow holds can produce anxiety but it can and will also allow us to discover the wonderful plan God has for our lives and encourage us in our daily walk with Him.

Just as God, through the prophet Isaiah, encouraged Jewish exiles to think about a new beginning saying, "*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past*" [Isaiah 43:18], He is telling us to stop dwelling on where we have been – the good as well as the bad which has been before us. That doesn't mean we abandon our memories, but that we focus on where God is taking us – trusting in Him always. Just as He wanted the attention of the Israelites focused on God who would give them a new beginning by bringing them home from Babylon through a new exodus, telling them, "*See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*" [Isaiah 43:19], He is asking us to place our hope in Him.

With God, new beginnings are possible in our hearts, in our lives and in our churches. He will help us to let go of the past and start as we cling only to Him. Relationship with Him provides a new hope for all who will trust Him. We look forward – not back!

I recently saw this quote, "*No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending*" (Author Unknown). As I thought about that statement, the conclusion was that we don't start over; but we begin again right where God wants us, making things better in our lives.

As believers in Christ, it's not about saying we'll do this but won't do that or dropping the idea or falling short. It's not about clinging to what is familiar out of fear, it's about trusting that God has our best interests at heart, it's more about asking the Lord to help us each day, and stepping out in faith that He will lead us where He has chosen us to go and that we continue to build the foundation of our faith on Jesus.

Mark your Calendar...

Sep 6th – Communion Sunday

Sep 13th – Grandparent's Day

Sep 27th – Farewell Service

Oct 3rd – Camp Hermosa Celebration Dinner (doors open @ 4:30) Westview B.C. \$35.00

Oct 4th (6 p.m.) – Concert with *Heartsong* and guests

Oct 11th – THANKSGIVING & 1st Sunday Service at Community Christian Centre (22243 Allen Rd)