



Senior Heartbeat



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Sue Ledford to share tips, testimony

By Dale Oden

When your plans fall through, try to find a "backup plan." When I received a call from Jon Barker on Monday morning, Feb. 17, as Sadel and I were on our way home from Atlanta, plans for our Tuesday, Feb. 18, luncheon program

fell through. Jon was scheduled to be our soloist at our monthly luncheon, but was having some throat issues and could not come sing for us. Fortunately, I knew musicians that I could call.

Thankfully, Jeremy Asher and Zach Husser came to

the rescue! They willingly accepted the challenge. And they stepped in on Tuesday for our program and did a wonderful job.

Many thanks to these fellow staff members for blessing us with their musical talents. These kinds of things don't hap-

pen often, but when they do it is great to have folks to fill-in at the last minute.

Our monthly luncheon for March is set for Tuesday, March 17, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program for this month will be presented by one of our own, Sue Ledford.

Sue and Tommy are very active members here at Temple Baptist Church. Sue will be sharing some ways to take better care of our bodies as we age. Her topic will be "How to Live Until You Die."

She will also share her personal testimony. I hope you will join us and invite

someone to join you for our luncheon.

There was an interesting statement in the February issue of *Mature Living* that ties in with what Sue plans to share with us. The quote from the magazine is, "We leave the land of the dying to enter the land of the living."

Great observation about how we should live our lives knowing that even though we are dying, for the Christian, we will be alive for eternity in the presence of our God and our Savior.

I hope to have some information about some possible day trips this spring. Be watching for the details.

Businesses' signs say a lot

On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."

On the trucks of a local plumbing company: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

Pizza shop slogan: "7 days without pizza makes one weak."

Door of a plastic surgeon's office: "Hello. Can we pick your nose?"

At a towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

In a non-smoking area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On a maternity room door: "Push. Push. Push."

At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."

On a fence: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive."

In a restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry. Come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a funeral home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait"

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Laugh lines

A mother asked her small children, "Why do we need to be quiet in church?" Her daughter replied, "Because old people are sleeping."



"The odds of going to the store

for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are 3 billion to one." — Erma Bombeck



"Life is short; eternity isn't."
—From *The Joyful Noiseletter*

Bible speaks to all in many ways

By Henry Van Dyke

Born in the East and clothed in oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere.

It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the hearts of men. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a son of God.

Children listen to its stories with wonder and delight, and wise men ponder them as parables of life.

It has a word of peace for the time of peril, a word of comfort for the time of calamity, a word of light for the hour of darkness.

Its oracles are repeated in the assembly of the people and its counsels whispered in the ear of the lonely.

The wicked and the proud tremble at its warnings, but to the wounded and the

penitent it has a mother's voice.

The wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad by it, and the fire on the hearth has lit the reading of its well-worn pages.

It has woven itself into our dearest dreams; so that love, friendship, sympathy and devotion, memory and hope, put on the beautiful garments of its treasured speech, breathing of frankincense and myrrh.

No man is poor or desolate who has this

treasure for his own.

When the landscape darkens and the trembling pilgrim comes to the Valley named in the Shadow, he is not afraid to enter; he takes the rod and the staff of Scripture in his hand; he says to friend and comrade: "Good-bye, we shall meet again," and comforted by that support, he goes toward the lonely pass as one who walks through darkness into light.

—From *The Sword Scrapbook*



"No, I won't drop it! When I asked you what you admired about the saints, why did you say 'fasting'?"

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Morning Hymn

*New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely
brought
Restored to life, and power, and
thought.*

*New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of
heaven.*

*If, on our daily course, our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless
price,
God will provide for sacrifice.*

*The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask;
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.*

*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us this and every day
To live more nearly as we pray.*

—John Kettle

**"Preach the Gospel
at all times. If neces-
sary, use words."**

**—St. Francis of
Assisi**

Singing: God wants us to praise Him via music

By Ann Clark

"When the Morning Stars sang together ..." Job 38:7

I found it interesting that we read that the morning stars "SANG" at the creation of the earth according to the book of Job. Both the KJV and the NKJV seem to hint that Satan was also involved with music in heaven. Did he lead the heavenly choir (the stars) in singing worship to God? Was Satan the head musician? Maybe.

There are really very few verses that I can find that back this up, but the scriptures do say he was the "anointed cherub" in Ezekiel 28:14. Considering the fact that the angels constantly worship God (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8), it is possible that Satan led the angels constantly in that worship. Likely he was the highest of all angels, after all he was persuasive enough to convince one-third of the angels to join him in rebellion.

I began a search to see how many times the Bible records the angels singing. It surprised me that I didn't find them singing in Heaven again until I got to the book of Revelation.

However, I did come across David and the Psalms. David was called "a man after God's own heart." David was a singer. The Psalms are to be sung and to be sung to music. David



and Bathsheba should have been stoned for what they did, and David according to their law should have been put to death for murder. However, see David "SINGING" his repentance in the Psalms. God must have been pleased because he forgave David, although David did have to pay a penalty for his actions.

Something else I noticed about David. He was definitely onto something when he said a certain Psalm was to be sung with a certain instrument to a certain beat. Just think of it, if "Just As I Am" was sung to BeBop instead — the whole feeling would be lost. You just have to hear the first four words and you FEEL the song. The same with that new Christian song "I Can Only Imagine" — those first bars of music set the tone for that song — any other application and it loses something. I could go on and on — "O, Holy Night" etc., but I'm sure you get the picture.

Think about it. If Satan was the heavenly choir leader and when he fell he took that choir with him, then was there SINGING in heaven after that or just here on earth? Do the angels sing?

Thus began my thinking and reasoning. We find all through the scriptures the Israelites singing. They even had the choir go before them as they were entering into the battle to destroy Jericho. They constantly sang. And even in today's Israel the Passover has six or seven songs they sing. It is called the Hallel (which means Praise) taken from Psalms 113-118.

Interesting, I always thought the angels sang at the birth of Christ, but it says they "SAID." Even the four living creatures at the throne of God "SAID", "Holy, Holy, Holy". Jesus and the apostles sang after the Lord's Supper. We get to the "church era" and we have Paul and Silas singing when they were in jail. I began to

notice the difference between "singing" and "saying." Put your hand on your diaphragm and "SAY" — Hallelujah; no movement, right? Now put your hand on your diaphragm and "SING" — Hallelujah; quite a difference. Your whole inner being is involved. And the scripture tells us that not only is our spirit within us but the Holy Spirit lives in us also.

Could it be we are heaven's choir now? How pleased God must be when we "SING" his praises. When the Jewish people sang and shouted the walls came down. As Paul and Silas sang the chains fell off and they were set free. As our worship leaders and choirs lead us we should be so excited — God is listening and approving our worship. It doesn't matter if we can't carry a tune. Sing anyway — don't just sing in your heart — open your mouth and let God be praised. These praise songs are setting us free and loosening the bonds that have us bound. We are FREE — free to worship and praise our God for who He is and what He does.

When we get to heaven, we will definitely be singing. So let go and sing your praises now with the knowledge that God is listening and loving hearing you sing.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Hurry up, Dolly. God's waitin' to hear MY prayers."

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"Methuselah didn't know how good he had it! He lived 969 years and never had to file a single income tax return."

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March Birthdays

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3	Jonann Byargeon	14	Liz Hood	23	Kip Franklin
3	Willie Green	15	Dick Lewis	24	Paul Frazier
3	Jan Hall	16	Billy Jack Talton	24	Angel May
3	Joyce Sutton	16	Galen Turner II	24	Ruth Yung
5	Jo Woods	17	Patsy Westerburg	26	Cynthia Mitcham
6	Carolyn Talton	18	Wanda Lemke	26	James Frazier
6	Dianna Stone	18	Elsie Spiller	26	Charlie Pippen
6	Pam Dance	19	Carolyn Garner	27	Ann Clark
8	Jimmy Robinson	20	Betty Parks	27	Mickey Sumrall
9	Joe Mitcham	21	Louise Alexander	27	Roy Wall
10	Sandra Williamson	21	Cecil Sibley	28	Richard Hamilton
11	Richard Hood	22	Dan Smith	30	Pat Attebery
12	Ronnie Ainsworth	22	Ed Spiller	30	Maria Owens
12	Gene Smith	22	Judy Mears	30	Zack Spivey

March Anniversary

17 Trudy and Jack Potter (1962)

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