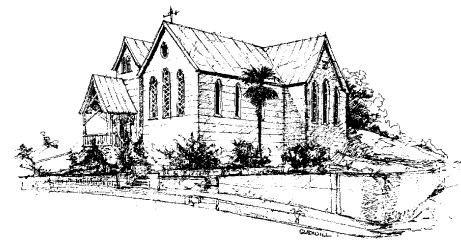


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This Month at Our Saviour

August 1st ~ Birthday
Party at the Ballpark

August 8th
~Transfiguration
Sunday (patronal
festival)

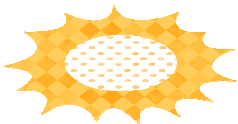
August 13th - 15th
Women's Retreat

August 17th ~
Worship Committee

August 21st ~ Parish
Social

August 22nd ~ Parish
Picnic

August 28th ~ Usher
Training



Upcoming Events:

September 25th
~Ministry Day

October 30th ~ Fall
Convocation

But I have learned to feel safe and satisfied, just like a young child on its mother's lap. (Psalm 131:2, CEV)

Dear friends,

I will be sharing with you in various formats, including the newsletter, some of the things I learned from this year's Smart Marriages Conference. For this month's newsletter, I will tell you what I learned from the latest research in relationships, particularly youth relationships. The researchers are Dr. Howard Markham and Dr. Scott Stanley from the University of Denver and Dr. Frank Fincham, one of the leading psychologists in the world.

For Generations X and Y they are very digital and they have very casual relationships. 50 to 75 percent of them had a "hook up" in the past year. Two-thirds of their relationships began with a "hook up." Twenty percent of their relationships began on Facebook.

This data presents challenges in delivering relationship education and information to these generations. We need to be more flexible in the delivery of this information. And new ways of monitoring results need to be developed. Stanley and Markham, being the authors of PREP a relationship education system, shared how the latest changes to PREP deal with their new research.

There were some other interesting points made. Divorce is a good outcome to prevent children from growing up in a poor relationship household. Relationship Education is not very effective for many couples, but is for: African-American couples, low education couples, younger couples, and couples with high marital satisfaction levels.

Oklahoma was the only state that made significant improvements for married couples in the United States. Their program is called the Family Expectation Program. In Oklahoma, there are state laws that encourage couples to seek relationship education. Community activities are held in conjunction with the program.

Oklahoma has given us a model of how we can improve couples and families home life. It must be done in a partnership between non-profits and the state, and the non-profits must offer coordinated, consistent programs.

Some of the keynotes at the conference were educator or therapist specific. Some, like "Erotic Intelligence" may not be suitable in this venue along with the more clinical presentations.

But I will close with some remarks from Dr. Gary Chapman. Churches with an on-going, relationship education program for every stage of life, with mentor couples, will have a very effective evangelism program. This will be a team effort.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all who helped with Vacation Bible School in July, "Galactic Galaxy, A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!" We had a wonderful week with 33 children praising God and enjoying songs, stories, crafts, snacks and even some science discovery time.

Teachers- Wendy Roberts, Brandy Dorrans, Ellen Piazza and Tanya Gautschi;
Crafts- Kathy Fritschi; Snacks- Janice McDonald and her helpers: Brenda Hill, Dorothy Nisbett; Elsie Cannon, Sheila Wagner, Patty Wooldridge, Marcia Goodrich; Music- Susan Dockter; Discoverytime- Loren George, Elise Piazza and Angela Gautschi; Storytelling and Decorations- Karin and Juline Aguilar; Classroom Aides- Emma Piazza, Alexis Gautschi, Tamara Cannon, Kayla Knox, and Lindsey Parker. Assembly- Jillie and Matty Devine; Registration and attendance- Diana Mooney; Storytelling- Fr. Craig and Bill Baird and Mission- Fr. Craig. Thank you also to members of the Parish who donated needed items. Your support is really appreciated! Vacation Bible School is always such fun for the children of our Parish and is also a wonderful outreach into our community. Please be sure to look at the posters in the Parish Hall which show the children and adults enjoying the week together.

LeAnn Bettencourt VBS Coordinator

We are now looking ahead to our Fall Sunday School classes which will begin in September. At this time we have a team of three teachers who will rotate teaching the Kindergarten-3rd grade class Sundays from 10:30-11:10. The children and teachers will again process into the 10:30 service, return to their classroom for a story and simple activity based on the Lectionary, then join the service during the Passing of the Peace. We would really appreciate at least one more teacher! The class for the older youth, taught by Tom Weikert, will also begin in September. Starting dates for both classes will be announced in the September newsletter. Call LeAnn (644-4789) to offer to help.



BUNCO AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

The Usual Suspects BUNCO Group meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Our next game night will be a **POTLUCK Tuesday Aug 3rd at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall hosted by *Kathy Fritsche and Diana Mooney*.

BUNCO is a fun and incredibly simple dice game. If you can count you can play!

We need a minimum of 10 ladies (sorry boys!). Please bring **\$5, a non-perishable food item and a dish of your choice to share**.

Wine and snacks will be provided.

If this sounds like your kind of game contact me or sign up in the Parish Hall.

Wendi Roberts

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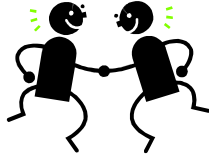
WOMENS RETREAT

Plans are shaping up for this year's Women's retreat at St. Columba's in Inverness. It will be a time for sharing, praying together, crafts, and enjoying good food and fellowship. Most of us missed the activity "Praying in Colors" presented by Suzanne Kuehn so that will be a part of our time together. We're still looking at ways to include singing. We have praise music from Cursillo and are looking for someone who can play guitar or piano. Mona Baker has consented to lead our meditations.

The dates are August 13, 14, and 15. Meals included are two dinners, two breakfasts, and one lunch. We are invited to Eucharist on Sunday morning and to share in coffee hour after the service. There will be carpools for transportation. The cost is \$150 per person. If you have not signed up yet, please contact Sandy Bert at 622-4343 as soon as possible.

USHER TRAINING

Ushering and greeting is an important ministry at Our Saviour. Ushers greet and welcome parishioners and newcomers, collect contributions, and facilitate the communion service. Being an usher helps one feel more a part on the service and our parish community. There will be a training class for ushers on Saturday, August 28 at 9:00 AM. All ushers who are currently serving as well as those who would like to become ushers should attend this training. There are some usher duties which have not been emphasized in the past few years and we all need to be up to speed. Also those with experience can provide helpful hints for newcomers.



PARISH SOCIAL AUGUST 21 @ 5 p. m.

For those of you who desire a really great fellowship with your fellow parishioners, you should plan to attend our next parish social. It will be held at the home of Clair and Frankee Bishop, 1321 Golf Way in Placerville on August 21. This will be our usual potluck starting at 5 o'clock. You may bring your choice of dish, whether it is appetizer, salad, entree, side dish, or dessert. Please provide your own wine or spirits as you wish.

This is always a fun and relaxing time for all attendees. So plan to join us for another great evening.

I will have a signup sheet along with maps to their home on the bulletin board in the parish hall in early August. Please indicate what you are bringing so that we will have a nice variety of dishes.

For additional questions, please call Janice McDonald at 677-9736

CLOTHING DRIVE

JoAnne will begin collecting gently used clothing the last Sunday of the month. These items will be given out to people in need by Green Valley Church.



BAPTISM DATES

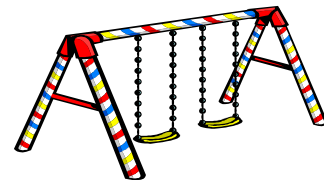
The recommended dates for baptism as specified on page 312 of the Book of Common Prayer are All Saints' (day or Sunday following), the Baptism of Our Lord, the Great Vigil of Easter, Pentecost, or the bishop's visitation. Those respective dates coming up are: November 7th, January 9th, April 23rd, and June 12th.

If you or someone you know is contemplating baptism, please contact Fr. Craig to arrange time for instruction.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC IN AUGUST

The annual parish picnic will be held at Gold Ridge Park in Pollock Pines again this year. It will be held on August 22nd at 10:30 AM. **There will be no 10:30 AM service at Our Saviour on this day.** Please join the whole parish family at Gold Ridge. Gold Ridge Park is at 4101 Opal Trail (at corner of Opal Trail and Gold Ridge). Take the Sly Park exit, south. You may follow Gold Ridge Trail from the first turn off from Sly Park (right) or take the second turn further down and turn right.

Please bring your own grilling food and a dish to share. There is a playground at the park as well as facilities for other recreation activities. Oh, AND BRING A FRIEND to have fun with our parish family.



NEW MEMBERS

John and Michelle Miller-El Dorado Hills
Greg and Gayla Mott-Pollock Pines
Danielle Morgan
and daughters Sophie and Delilah-Placerville
Kim Carnahan- Cameron Park
Welcome to Church of Our Saviour!

4th DAY

7am every second Thursday of the month at Denny's by Big Lots in Placerville. This is an informal prayer group and everyone is welcome. Please talk to Suzanne Kuehn if you have questions.

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

By now, if you have been attending the 10:30AM services, you have heard the sounds from the new organ. Lorna Perpall does make beautiful music on the new organ.

I have heard rumors from the parish family, wondering how we could spend money for a new organ when we are sending out letters requesting an additional month pledge to help us meet our operating expenses. The truth is the old organ has been giving out in ways that were not repairable. I must say, the organ has served us well in the past. But, the Vestry has found it necessary, in the past, to set aside in a separate fund, money that was donated by parishioners for the repair and upkeep of the organ. As of April 2010, we had a total of \$5,557.10 in this fund. During our May Vestry meeting Lorna Perpall reported that the organ had stopped functioning. She reported to the Vestry that she had been in contact with the organ repair man who had done the repair work in the past. He had told her that repairs would not be possible because the parts were no longer available. He said her best bet would be to find a good used organ to replace ours. He said he had a fairly new organ that he could sell us. Laura asked how much he was asking and he said \$4,800. She asked if she could come down to Sacramento and see it and get the background information. She did this and reported it to the Vestry. The Vestry decided to purchase the newer organ to replace our older one. The price of the new organ included the removal of the old one and installation of the new one along with new speakers. The new organ is fully digitalized, with chip boards that are easily replaced. As you have noted, our old organ less it guts is sitting out by the back door of the church. We must still find a home for the frame. So if anyone is interested in making a desk or computer desk from the beautiful wood including the bench, please call or contact me.

There also have been some concerns raised because of recent identity theft within the church. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have the sheriff's office come down and pass along how we can prevent identity theft. This will not take place until later this fall.

You may contact me at 530-295-8152 or through e-mail address of ypoal@comcast.net

Yours in Christ,
Charles Griffin
Senior Warden

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Angela Gautschi and Elise Piazza for their expertise and good humor at Vacation Bible School. ~Sincerely Loren George

RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

HOLD ME TIGHT

Hold Me Tight was developed by Dr. Sue Johnson and how she applied Emotionally Based Therapy (EFT) to couples. First, this course is *not* therapy. It is an eight session course of study to learn how couples can talk together, resolve differences, and increase the satisfaction of their relationship. Couples who successfully complete the course will find an increase in their loving bond. This will be effective for couples in good relationships and for couples who are experiencing difficulty.

This course will bring out couple conversations that are not helpful and how to turn those conversations into empathy, understanding, and resolution. Participants will be required to buy a copy of *Hold Me Tight: Seven Conversations for a Lifetime of Love*. Copies may be purchased from the Our Saviour Store on our website, www.oursaviourpv.org/store.

This class will begin Sunday, October 10 at 1PM.

WHO ARE YOU?

We have a fair number of new members at Our Saviour. One way for members who have been around for a while and the newer people to know and remember the names of each other is to wear name tags. Please wear your name tags on Sunday. If you don't have a name tag or have lost the one you had, please notify Teresa at the office and a name tag will be made for you.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Worship Committee will meet Tuesday, August 17, at 7 PM. The committee is open to all parish members. The Worship Committee plans the worship and music activities and times at Our Saviour. This meeting will focus on the rest of the Pentecost season, including the Instructed Eucharist and the Blessing of the Animals.. Please consider participation in this important ministry.

THANK YOUS

Ministry continues at Our Saviour by many people. Special Thank Yous go to Teresa Schoener for her care and concern for Our Saviour that goes beyond her regular duties.

CHEERFUL REMINDER

A reminder to all parishioners that use the Parish Hall- we need to make sure we clean off the tablecloths and either vacuum or use the carpet sweeper on the floor so that it is ready for the next group that uses the room.



TO ALL USERS OF THE COFFEE POTS IN THE KITCHEN

For safety measures the coffee pots do not need to be plugged in all the time. When you need to use them it only takes 10 minutes to heat the water after they are plugged in. When you are done unplug them. COFFEE HOSTESSES: 8am hostesses please plug in the pots when you arrive. 10:30am hostesses please unplug the pots when you leave.



DINNER AND A MOVIE

The next Dinner and a Movie will be in September date and movie. More information coming.

AUGUST PARISH FORUM TOPICS

- 1st: Was America Founded As a Christian Nation? Participants will explore the question of whether America was founded as a Christian nation. We will examine the relationship between the religious views of the nation's founders and the instituting documents of the nation, and reflect on what difference it makes for the Christian citizen today.
- 8th: Names for God in the Bible, part 1. Where does the word God come from in the Bible? What do the other names for God in the Bible mean? Is God male or female?
- 15th: Names for God in the Bible, part 2. The names by which God is called in biblical faith are given so that the believer may know more of the character of God and therefore shape the human response to the divine will.
- 22nd: No forum – Parish Picnic
- 30th: An overview of the causes--and potential long -term effects--of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Parish Forum is held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in All Angels Hall.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:30am Christian Education 10:15am Nursery Care 10:30am Family Service 12:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	2 4:45-6:15pm OA Meeting	3 8:45Morning Prayer Afternoon Play Dates Set Up (Peirce Hall) 6:00pm Bunco	4 8:45Morning Prayer 9-12 Play Dates Peirce Hall 12:30-1:30pm OA Meeting Parish Hall 6:00pm Celtic Eucharist	5 8:45Morning Prayer 2pm -6:30pm Cleaning	6 8:45Morning Prayer	7 10:00am Pastoral Partners
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****Please note that this calendar is subject to change and you should contact the office before scheduling.

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PROPER

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	49:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
8 The Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 34:29-35	99:5-9	2 Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9:28-36
15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:23-29	82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 58:9b-14	103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sirach 10:12-18	112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1,7-14

8 AM Ministers

DATE	EM	READERS	USHERS
1	S. Bert	J. Mc Donald	L.Hill/ C. Griffin
8	B. Wirth	J. Porter	S. Wagner / N. Lawson
15	L. Hill	T. Wilson	B. Wirth / P. Wooldridge
22	C. Bishop	Weikerts	J. George / L. George
29	T. Weikert	L. Perpall	C. Griffin / L. Hill

*If you're unable to do the date assigned then you need to find your own substitute. Please contact Lee Weikert for scheduling issues. Once you have found your substitute please inform the office.

10:30 AM Ministers

DATE	EM	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS
1	J. Baker	J. Baker	M. Baker	J. Scholl / J. McCormack
8	T. Myers / S. Kuehn	T. Myers		T. Sullivan / M. Muetz
15	A. Wyly / R. Wyly	T. Fritschi		P. McLain / B. Baird
22	Parish Picnic	M. Muetz		
29	S. Bert / S. Kuehn	M. Muetz		D. Mooney / W. Roberts

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Tom Weikert
- 2 Clair Bishop
- 3 Bob Wirth
- 8 Helen Outlaw
- 9 Loreen Butts
- 10 Anne Gladwill
- 12 Susan Shimmin-Okey
- 19 Antonio Villalobos (Gay)
- 23 Patti Wooldridge
- 25 Jackie Scholl
- 25 Tim Sullivan
- 25 Gary & Kathy Ames (1984)
- 27 Bob & Pat Wirth (1950)
- 28 Bruce & June Ebbe (1960)
- 29 Mel & Helen Outlaw (1953)
- 30 Ree Ann Wyly

My, How Your've Changed!

Like a hot buttered rum on a frosty night, a good class reunion can lift the spirits and warm the heart. For the first 10 of them or so, its old home week, catch-up time. "You're a sight for sore eyes! Howvyaben?" Hugs and high-fives all around. Then, along about the 25th, the revels grow more subdued. Nostalgia sets in, the remember-whens, the lament for lost youth; "Where are the snows of yesteryear?" Time has quietly started exacting its toll. And by the time you arrive at your 50th, that reunion can bring an identity crisis as well. As the hair has been thinning, so have the ranks, and among the survivors not every face is easy to place. You resort to reading the name tags-if, that is, you can still see that far. It becomes a kind of guessing game: name That Classmate!

And along those lines, here's another pastime: Name That Church. For it that sort of transmutation is true of people, it is also true of the institutions they populate. Among them, then, this Church of ours as, leaping back a half-century in time, we reminisce about the Class of '55, the year when, turning my collar around, I first put this uniform on.

Case in point: Episcopal seminaries, in those days, had something in common with the New York Yankees' locker room: not a female in sight. Maybe that's one of the reasons there was such a clergy shortage back then, as there memorably was. A far cry from today, when some jurisdictions have clergy in abundance-to the point that entering seminarians are warned they might not find work when they emerge. This feast of clergy can be attributed, at least in part, to a famine of parishioners which has made downsizing the order of the day, with the result that a lot of places that once had curates on staff (the traditional training ground for the newly ordained) are now being served by a single priest.

Back in the '50s, though, the place was jumping. Making up for lost time after the war, parents were hatching scads of young, and soon clamoring for Sunday schools to give their little boomers a salutary dose of religion. But so acute was the shortage of clergy to oblige them that, like others of my classmates, I was sent out to start up a church while still in divinity school. Armed, like the Bard, with "small Latin and less Greek" (plus, as if to pronounce myself no slouch, a smattering of Hebrew), I entered the fray, knowing as much about that sort of husbandry as a flea knows about veterinary medicine. That, again, was what curacies had been good for in the glory days that could afford them.

Founding a church, not always an easy task was if anything harder in those days because of the high bar people had to clear to join it. In particular, that bar was represented by the hands of a bishop in or line of succession, which alone opened the way to the communion rail. So it fell the lot of the clergy to tell perfectly nice people who happened to be Presbyterians, say, that they would oblige us by abstaining from the feast until they had been anointed at those hands – that is to say, become Episcopalians. Not the most effective way, it proved, to grow a church; and a stricture that might have taken an even larger toll were it not that in most places the Eucharist (then known by the homelier name of Holy Communion) was celebrated only once a month.

The same inhibition was true, of course, of our own young; They too should hold off until they were confirmed in the seventh grade or so. Nowadays, when baptism conveys full citizenship in the kingdom, confirmation has become, if anything, a rite of passage or puberty rite (hence aptly if whimsically known in some parts as a "confirmitzvah"), letting sponsors in their role as proxies off the hook. And in some places the sole qualification for access to the sacrament by anyone of whatever age or creed is the ability to swallow – an Episcopalian being, under the terms of this hospitable practice, pretty much anyone who frequents an Episcopal church.

Another case in point: there were, back then, other strictures too, several of them aimed at the ladies, who were asked to remove their gloves to receive the bread, to blot their lipstick lest it besmirch the cup, and (enabling that cup to hone in on its target) to avoid wearing broad brimmed hats. Nowadays, through, such niceties are needless, those adornments having largely gone the way of the gentlemen's mutton chops and spats.

Case in point: Again, in those days the clergy were taught not to eulogize the dead, on the principle that those in mourning knew all too well, without being told, the measure of their loss, and so also, full well, did

God. Instead, the homilist was to direct his thoughts toward the promise of the world to come – if, that is, he preached at all, no provision for remarks of any kind being contained in the rite as it appeared in that version of the prayer book. Today, contrarily, many a funeral consists in the main of a string of tributes, some moving, some of them attempt at levity, recalling a span of years now ended. Tellingly, what used to be called the order for the Burial of the Dead has commonly come to be known as the Celebration of a Life, an exercise in denial allowing scant opportunity for the catharsis of grief. Then follows the reception, often an oddly festive event and one commonly accompanied by cocktails – a sedative to ease the pain?

“The times, they are a-changin’,” observed the balladeer. Fact is, looking back; it seems they never have stood still. Case in point: Where 70 years ago a British king’s marriage to a divorcee cost him his crown, today his great-nephew, and heir to that throne, does the same with hardly a hiccup, with, indeed, Canterbury’s blessing on the enterprise. So much for affairs of state. And as goes the state, it appears, so goes the Church. Leafing through the archives, I see that over the last half century upward of 40 missives of mine like this one have appeared in these pages which, taken together, could make up something like a journal of those changing times.

Case in point: The earliest of them, published here back in the ‘60s, bemoaned the lot of the deacon. In those days, a woman could no more aspire to be one than a man could hope to bear a child. Rather, apart from the convent, her vocational options within the Church were that of the deaconess (licensed, but not ordained), or the DRE (shorthand for director of religious education). As for the newly minted male deacon, he was customarily hired to run the youth group during this provisional stage on his way up the ladder to priesthood, chrysalis to butterfly – if, that is, having stayed out of trouble and minded the rector for a year, he was further found to be, in the language of the rubric, “faithful and diligent” as well as “perfect and well expert...in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiastical Administration.” (*Didn’t one wish!*)

Now, in its most recent incarnation as the icon of servant ministry, the same diaconate, precisely because it is the most self-effacing, has arguably become the most exalted of holy orders. And if, for some curious reason, this pre-eminence has yet to be acknowledged by every presbyter and prelate, such was at any rate, and for whatever it’s worth, the view (20:1; 23:11) of Matthew’s Jesus. Nor am I alone, I should think, in standing chastened by his gaze.

~By Harold R. Brumbaum

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IF FR. CRAIG STILL TOLD JOKES IN SERMONS...

God first went to the Egyptians and asked them if they would like a commandment.

"What's a commandment?" they asked.

"Well, it's like, THOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," replied God.

The Egyptians thought about it and then said, "No way, that would ruin our weekends."

So then God went to the Assyrians and asked them if they would like a commandment.

They also asked, "What's a commandment?"

"Well," said God, "It's like, THOU SHALL NOT STEAL."

The Assyrians immediately replied, "No way. That would ruin our economy."

So finally God went to the Israelites and asked them if they wanted a commandment.

They asked, "How much?"

God said, "They're free."

The Israelites said, "Great! We'll take ten!"

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer, wine, and liquor section. One asked the other if she would like a beer.

The second nun answered that, indeed, it would be very nice to have one, but that she would feel uncomfortable purchasing it.

The first nun replied that she would handle it without a problem. She picked up a six-pack and took it to the cashier. The cashier was surprised, so the nun said, "This is for washing our hair."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and put a package of pretzel sticks in the bag with the beer.

"The curlers are on me."

A minister was talking to a children's Sunday school class about the Old Testament story of the children who mocked Elisha on his journey to Bethel. For once, he had everyone's attention, as he described how the youngsters taunted the poor old prophet and how they were punished: Two she-bears came out of the wild and ate 42 of them. "And now, children," said the pastor, wondering whether he had gotten his point across, "what does this story show us?"

A little girl in the front raised her hand and said, "It shows how many children two she-bears can hold."

A Sunday school teacher asked little Susie, "Who's your favorite person in the Bible?"

Susie said, "King Solomon."

"Can you tell us why?"

"Because he was so nice to ladies and to animals."

"What do you mean?"

"He had six hundred wives and three hundred porcupines."

Three friends decided to go hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor, and the other a preacher. As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot at the same time and the buck dropped immediately. The hunting party rushed to see how big it actually was. Upon reaching the fallen deer, they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole.

A debate followed concerning whose buck it was. When a game warden came by, he offered to help. A few moments later, he had the answer.

He said with much confidence, "The pastor shot the buck!" The friends were amazed that he could determine that so quickly and with so little examination. The game warden just smiled. "It was easy to figure out. The bullet went in one ear and out the other."

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