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FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL (STARTING SEPT. 11^{TH}) – 9:15 AM FALL WORSHIP & COMMUNION (STARTING SEPT. 11^{TH}) – 10:30 AM

USS-ARK NEWSLETTER

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE



"ALL SHEEPDOGS DO NOT GO TO HEAVEN" BY DARYL WINGERD

I recently learned of one man's fascinating analysis of people. He described human society as being comprised of sheep, wolves, and sheepdogs.

Ninety-eight percent, he explained, are sheep—people going about their daily business (he called it "grazing") with no conscious intent to harm others, and without much conscious thought of the danger around them. The looming danger comes from the one percent who are wolves—predatory people, consumed by self-interest and without compassion. Wolves are ready and willing to use violence to accomplish their goals as they prey upon the sheep. The remaining one percent are sheepdogs. These people are also predatory in a sense, ready and willing to use violence if necessary. But sheepdogs are driven by a sense of justice, given to compassion for the sheep as they seek to protect them from the wolves.

You may have already figured out who the sheepdogs are. They are the soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen who willingly face combat in the global struggle against evil. They are police officers, sheriff's deputies, state troopers, constables, state and federal investigators, and anyone else who carries a gun and wears a badge and body armor while seeking to bring criminals to justice. Whether from a local, national, or global perspective, the sheepdog is on the side of good, ready and willing to do the dangerous and often violent work of defending against evil. While the sheep stampede away from the attacking wolf, the sheepdog walks boldly toward it. Believe it or not, sheepdogs are mentioned in the Bible. They are "the sword" Paul mentions in Romans 13:4, the protective and justice-seeking arm of the government, which Paul describes as "a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil." Sheepdogs perform an important societal function, one that is ordained by God. In this day of dash-cams, cell-phone video, and the Internet, most people have seen sheepdogs in action, taking down bad guys at home and abroad, and sometimes being seriously injured or killed in the process. They are truly heroes, facing the danger of knife attacks, bullets, high-speed pursuits, snipers, roadside bombs, and surface-to-air missiles as part of their daily duties. We rightly show them honor and appreciation, when they survive and when they do not. Theirs is a noble profession.

But it is at this very point that confusion and deception often enters into the sheepdog's mind. Since he has faithfully and bravely carried out God's ordained plan for society by enforcing the law and protecting the sheep from the forces of evil, will not God be pleased to include him in the assembly of the righteous? Will not God usher him into heaven as a reward for his necessary and useful service?

No, God will not. All sheepdogs do not go to heaven. In fact, no one goes to heaven as a reward for service rendered here on earth. No one attains to God's standard of righteousness through works, no matter how selfless, noble, or heroic. No one.

As Paul says earlier in Romans, "There is none righteous, no, not one . . . There is none who does good, there is not even one" (3:10, 12). Even the bravest, most faithful sheepdog is not exempt from this universal condemnation. This not because what he does is not good in some sense, and even necessary for maintaining a degree of justice and peace on earth. It is because God knows the corruption of his heart—the badness that may be completely invisible, or even acceptable, to other people, but is intolerable to a holy God.

The sin that dwells in even the most faithful sheepdog's heart can only be dealt with in one way—by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. He is the only person who has ever lived without sin, and He died to pay the penalty for the sins of all who would cast themselves upon Him as their only hope. He is the Savior of all who will repent and believe, and all are in need of God's mercy, whether they are sheep, wolves, or sheepdogs.

There is no heroic deed or record of faithful service to society that can merit entrance into heaven. There is no angel or "patron saint" who can convince God to go against what He says in the Bible about salvation being by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone. As a former sheepdog myself, and therefore one who can fully appreciate the sacrifice and service of so few for the good of so many, I urge the men and women who have shared (or are still sharing) my experience to bow before the God who will one day judge the living and the dead. I implore them to cry out for His mercy so that Paul's words may ring true for them as they now do for me:

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

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DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 1 DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20
Pray for Teenagers making Adult Decisions
SEPTEMBER 2PSALM 1
PRAY FOR THOSE IN POSITIONS OF POWER
SEPTEMBER 3 PHILEMON 1-21
PRAY FOR A FRIEND WHO NEEDS YOUR HELP
SEPTEMBER 4LUKE 14:25-33
Pray for those facing difficult decisions
SEPTEMBER 5 1 TIMOTHY 3:14 – 4:5
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIE
SEPTEMBER 6 1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16
Pray for Pastors serving in their First Call
SEPTEMBER 7LUKE 18:18-30
PRAY FOR WISDOM TO USE WEALTH WISELY
SEPTEMBER 8 EXODUS 32:7-14
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY ANGER
SEPTEMBER 9 PSALM 51:1-10
Pray for Judges and Juries
SEPTEMBER 10 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17
PRAY FOR THOSE IN PRISON
SEPTEMBER 11 LUKE 15:1-10
Pray for those who resist God's grace
SEPTEMBER 12 1 TIMOTHY 1:18-20
PRAY FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR DIRECTION IN LIFE
SEPTEMBER 13 2 PETER 3:8-13
PRAY FOR ATHLETES OF ALL AGES AND THEIR COACHES
SEPTEMBER 14 JOHN 3:13-17
P RAY FOR ARTISTS
SEPTEMBER 15 Amos 8:4-7
P RAY FOR THOSE HELD AS SLAVES
SEPTEMBER 16PSALM 113
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HURT BY GOSSIP
SEPTEMBER 17 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7
Pray for Baptismal Sponsors
SEPTEMBER 18 LUKE 16:1-13
Pray for Diplomats, Activists, and Peacemakers
SEPTEMBER 19 PROVERBS 14:12-31
Pray for young families
SEPTEMBER 20PROVERBS 17:1-5
PRAY FOR ORPHANS AND THOSE SEEKING TO ADOPT THEM
SEPTEMBER 21 MATTHEW 9:9-13
PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING A CALL TO MINISTRY
SEPTEMBER 22 Amos 6:1A, 4-7
PRAY FOR THOSE MAKING A CAREER CHANGE
SEPTEMBER 23PSALM 146
PRAY FOR NEW MOTHERS
SEPTEMBER 24 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE GENEROUS

SEPTEMBER 25 LUKE 16:19-31
PRAY FOR OUTREACH MINISTRIES IN OUR CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 26 REVELATION 3:14-22
Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association
SEPTEMBER 27 JAMES 5:1-6
PRAY FOR COMPULSIVE HOARDERS
SEPTEMBER 28 HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4
PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH HAS BEEN SHAKEN
SEPTEMBER 29 DANIEL 10:10-14, 12:1-3
Pray for selfless givers
SEPTEMBER 30 PSALM 37:1-9
PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER TODAY

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

LECTORS

ACOLYTES

Ron Yorks	4	Braedon Walton
Diana Wise	11	Hannah Ehrisman
Briley Holderman	18	Caden Swailes
Diana Wise	25	Haley Mummah
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ALTAR GUILD

August 29 to September 11Tawny Mummah September 12 to October 2....Christie Holderman

ALTAR FLOWERS

4	Judy Armstrong	18	OPEN
11	Neil and Pat Fisher	25	OPEN

UPCOMING PASTORS & LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

September 4	Sam Leister
September 11	The Rev. Leroy Reitz
September 18	The Rev. Paul Kampa
September 25	Andrea Cameron

PRAYER REQUEST REMINDER!!

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact Judy directly at office at 436-6213 the church or at messiahlutheran@pa.net! If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS EXTENDED TO...

.....Mona Lawson and family on the death of husband and father, Earl "Whitey" Lawson, on August 17th at Mt. Nittany Medical Center in State College.



The WELCA met on June 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. with Cynthia Smith presenting the devotions from her book entitled Pew Sisters.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report was accepted. A brief report was given by Barb on our convention that was held at Camp Mt. Luther.

New Business consisted of a report on the delivery of our quilts in October. We can no longer take them to St. John's in Lewistown due to the loss of the delivery truck, so Kathy and Jeff Whitesel have graciously volunteered to use their trailer to deliver the quilts from St. Stephens, Port Royal, and Messiah to Selinsgrove.

We also discussed the School Kits. Barb will talk to the congregation about the contents of the school bags and what is still needed.

Barb has obtained our new Bishop, Barbara Collins to be the speaker for our Thankoffering Service in November. Cynthia has agreed to lead the worship service. We will not have communion that day. We will get ushers closer to the date. We will also have a Thankoffering meal following the service. Keep Sunday, November the 13th open. We also set the date of Monday, September 12th as the starting night for our knitting class. We will continue to work on the prayer shawls and Barb will place the pattern directions on the table next to the piano in the Adult Sunday School room. We also discussed working on knit hats for the Seafarer's bags for anyone who may be interested. Linda Leister will provide devotions for our September 8th meeting and she and Cynthia will have refreshments.

We welcome any women of our church to come to our meetings the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 downstairs in the Young Adults' Sunday School classroom.

Meals-On-Wheels

Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to make a contribution to the Meals-On-Wheels program, your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be sent to:

> Juniata Meals-On-Wheels P.O. Box 251 Mifflintown, PA 17059

STORE GIFT CARDS



Giant Store Gift Cards are also now available as well as the Weis Cards to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

LOCUST GROVE

(69 COTTAGE DRIVE, MIFFLIN, PA 17058) Jean McNaight 190 JAM House Rd., Cottage #5 Mifflin, PA 17058

BROOKLINE MANOR & REHAB SERVICES

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059) Flo Beale, Sara Ann Aurand, Mary Ernest, Reba Sigler

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jane Marhefka 92 Village Drive Mifflintown, PA 17059

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(62 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059) Carol Simonton

NORTHRIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING (99 NORTHRIDGE DR., MCALISTERVILLE, PA 17049) Dorothy Cleck Dottie Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR., APT. 108, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

LEHIGH CENTER

(1718 SPRING CREEK ROAD, ROOM 205B, MACUNGIE, PA 18062) Lura Aughey

AT HOME

Fay McCormick 38 Wagon Wheel Lane Mifflintown, PA 17059 Jim Yetter 128 Manbeck Drive Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty WaltersCraig WalkerP.O. Box 617016 Rt. 333Port Royal, PA 17082Mifflintown, PA 17059

Mona Lawson 2792 William Penn Hwy. Mifflintown, PA 17059

PRAYER LIST (AS OF AUGUST 30TH)

Rick Waller, Sr.		
Jim Woltman		
Michal Gayer		
Bill Geise		
Josh Delancey		
Cindy Reed		
Letha Swab		
Brady Mingle		
Gwen Swisher-Lewis		
Jim & June Bricker		
The Family of Mrs. Dan (Barb) Geedey		
arl Lawson		

HELP AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael "Doc" Johnston at 436-9209.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING IN

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER..... September 17 – Eliza Arentz September 28 – Jonathan White



....AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING <u>VERY</u> <u>SPECIAL COUPLES!!</u>

September 4 – Warren & Claire Mummah September 13 – Jonathan & Dani White September 20 – Brian & Eliza Arentz

If you want to add your name to the birthday/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let Bob St. Clair know at stclairb@embarqmail.com.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

A reminder that the summer worship services will continue through Sunday, September 5th, with Worship beginning at 9:15 AM. Regular worship services, with service time at 10:30 AM, will resume on Sunday, September 11th.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING UP

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 during the SS hour at the rear of the Adult Sunday School Room. All youth who are in 6th to 8th grade are eligible to participate in the Confirmation program. Please notify the church office at 436-6213 (email) <u>messiahlutheran@pa.net</u> or Sam Leister at 436-8589 (email) <u>sleister@gmail.com</u> if you are planning to attend the class.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

Any member of Messiah who wishes to receive the monthly financial reports and the weekly tallies by email, please contact Treasurer Ann Beaver at <u>annbeaver@embarqmail.com</u> with your email address. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to members and friends of Messiah for the prayers, cards, visits, food and phone calls during the recent illness and passing of Dutch. Thanks also for the beautiful flowers that were sent for the funeral. All was greatly appreciated. --KITTY WALTERS & FAMILY

Thank You to Messiah Congregation – The members, leaders and families of the Juniata Beef and Breeders Club greatly appreciate the use of your facility to hold our club meetings October through April. Thank you for your small part in keeping 4-H alive in Juniata County!

Thank You – Dear friends at Messiah Lutheran Church.... Thank you for your generous donations to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Your gifts greatly bless the lives of your neighbors in need by providing them not only with the necessary nourishment for their bodies, but also the hope and encouragement to nourish their spirits. The Lord bless you and keep you. --YOUR FRIENDS AT THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Two groups are in need of volunteers for serving our church and community. First, the "Needlers" need people to press quilt tops. Tops can be taken home and pressed and brought back to the church. Anyone who is interested, please contact one of "The Needlers."

Also, the staff of "Hospice: The Bridge," Lewistown Home Health, is looking for volunteers to share the gift of caring with those who have end-stage illnesses. Training will be held at the convenience of the participants. For more information, please contact Marina at 242-5000.

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME"

A reminder to anyone who would like a daily devotional to jump start their day. There are plenty of devotionals in "Christ in our Home," which can be picked up and are FREE.....and are located at the back of the adult Sunday school room. Get yours today!

DATE	ATTENDANCE	Total Offering	General Fund Offering	Other Funds Offering
July 31	101 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$2,686.00	\$2,186.00	Benevolence \$145.00 Building Fund \$255.00 Memorial Fund \$100.00
August 7	56 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$2,923.00	\$2,163.00	Sunday School \$120.00 Benevolence \$115.00 Building Fund \$285.00 Memorial Fund \$40.00 Summer Camp \$200.00
August 14	60 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$4,657.00	\$3,467.00	Sunday School \$50.00 Benevolence \$265.00 Building Fund \$675.00 Summer Camp \$200.00
August 21	51 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$3,398.00	\$1,272.00	Sunday School \$25.00 Benevolence \$105.00 Building Fund \$120.00 Summer Camp \$1,000.00 Flowers \$22.00
August 28	68 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$2,305.00	\$2,095.00	Benevolence \$125.00 Building Fund \$60.00 Memorial Fund \$25.00

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MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – JULY 31 THRU AUGUST 25, 2016



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your board of Christian Education has been meeting regularly to plan for a smooth start-up of Sunday School and Catechetical Class, both scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 11th. We "Jump-Started" children and youth Sunday School last fall and thus have a solid foundation to build upon this year. There will be selected changes in curriculum that we will outline in upcoming weeks. But here it is our purpose to stress the importance of our Sunday School program and solicit your support AND participation.

At this time in our Church's history, when we are in a low financial ebb and without a called pastor, we must all, more than ever before, step up to the plate with an individual commitment to maintain a strong congregation and carry forth the mission of the Church. This translates to a strong grass-roots participation in all our church groups and their activities. We on the Board of Christian Education believe a good place to start is Sunday School. Sunday School provides opportunity for spiritual growth and cohesive fellowship. Sunday School is not "just for kids." We at Messiah have classes in place ready to serve ALL age groups. It is up to you to avail yourself to what Sunday School has to offer.

On the practical side, when one attends Sunday School he or she is already here on site and participation in the Worship Service is a natural follow-through. For those of you who have children, if you are in Sunday School, chances are good your children will also be "regulars," and they will follow-up with Jr. Church. All this can only snowball for the good!



SEPTEMBER 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 1:	-1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal -6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library			
Sunday, September 4:	 -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion (Final Summer Service for 2016) -Worship Leader: Sam Leister -4:30 p.m. – Juniata County Fair Community Worship Service at the Fairgrounds in Port Royal 			
Monday, September 5:	-LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall	Tamm		
Tuesday, September 6:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall			
Wednesday, September 7:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room	Sentembery		
Thursday, September 8:	-7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.	Politolillocid		
Sunday, September 11:	-9:15 a.m. – Sunday School & Confirmation Class -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church -"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday -Worship Leader: Rev. Leroy Reitz			
Monday, September 12:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall. -6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area			
Tuesday, September 13:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall			
Wednesday, September 14:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room			
Thursday, September 15:	-1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal			
Sunday, September 18:	-9:15 a.m. – Sunday School & Confirmation Class -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church -Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Kampa			
Monday, September 19:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall. -6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area			
Tuesday, September 20:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall			
Wednesday, September 21:	-7 a.m., United Way Breakfast in Fellowship Hall -7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room			
Thursday, September 22:	-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.			
Sunday, September 25:	-9:15 a.m. – Sunday School & Confirmation Class -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY -Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron -Thrivent Luncheon in Fellowship Hall			
Monday, September 26:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall. -6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area			
Tuesday, September 27:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall			
Wednesday, September 28:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room			





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Juniata County Fair Community Worship Service – Port Royal, PA Theme: GOD IS ON THE MOVE Sunday, September 4th, 2016 – 4:30 PM TO BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!!

- This event will be held under a large tent located on the upper Juniata County Fairgrounds (located in the general area of the George Settlemyer Livestock Building . . . and along the Juniata County Fairgrounds roadway that is adjacent to 8th Street and leads toward the free stage area).
- Juniata County Ministerium members/pastors will lead the community worship service.
- Special music will be provided by THE BOYZ.
- Please bring your own lawn chair.
- It is suggested that you arrive by 4:00 PM to secure a parking space and your lawn chair seating position.
- A free-will offering will be collected to help local charities.
- This annual community worship service occurs thanks to the generous support of the Juniata County Agricultural Society. After initially paying the admission fee to enter the Fairgrounds, people attending the worship service will receive reimbursement for their paid admission fee following the completion of the annual event. *Attending worship service members will simply exchange their fairgrounds admission ticket for cash reimbursement.*

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JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER UPDATE

What a blessing is all the healthy fresh produce pouring into the Food Pantry! Thank you for sharing the Lord's bounty with your neighbors in need! We also appreciate your support for our summer backpack program as we were able to help a total of 218 children spend their summer having fun instead of going hungry.

In July 2016, the Food Pantry served 314 families in need – a total of 874 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided 3,220 lunches for 161 school age children. *WE ARE STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR A NUMBER OF POSITIONS!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Fresh garden produce and ALL non-perishable foods, baby care items such as shampoo/baby wash, diaper rash ointment, lotion and powder.

CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

No More Plastic Bags, Please (although we will gladly accept clean cloth bags)



Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive donations.

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059 717-436-9718

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12

Once again, our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive donations. Cash, checks or gift cards may be deposited in the vestibule's mail slot.

*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY.

(CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH). Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

LITTLE JOHN THE BAPTIST

MATTHEW 18:4-5 "THEREFORE, WHOEVER HUMBLES HIMSELF LIKE THIS CHILD IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. AND WHO EVER WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME."

Johnny's mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. Awhile later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."