

If you are a U.S. Citizen, I hope you are planning to pray for and vote in the next election...even if results are not what you want. (PS:) If you need help getting your vote legally mailed-in or need a ride to a voting center this month for early voting, please reach out to us and we'll assist. Of course we don't publicly endorse parties or candidates, but we can recommend some resources for you to look at the party & individual candidate platforms to research and decide; then use your Biblical values, and go vote. Above all else, let's use love to season our political comments and the Bible to exercise our values when we vote.

**The Living Christmas:
An Outdoor Christmas Experience
December 3-6 - 6:30-8:30 PM**

For the past 36 years we have celebrated Christmas using The Living Christmas Tree as a platform to usher in the Christmas season with music, drama and sharing the story of Jesus' birth with our community. COVID-19 hit and everything changed, but we were determined to figure out how this virus would not stop the 37th year. So with that we came up with a plan to construct the Living Christmas Tree on the outside of the church. We also decided the best way to maximize everybody's time is to have a drive through starting at the main street entrance and winding through the church campus looking at all the lighted trees while listening to the Living Christmas Tree on a local FM station. From there it grew into a live Bethlehem town with Roman soldiers, nativity, shepherds, wise men and musical groups spread throughout the campus. It didn't stop there. We created a Christmastowne where people can park their cars at a Park n' Walk area (Warner Street) and enjoy hot chocolate, popcorn, cotton candy, games, photo opportunity, train ride for children, admire Christmas trees representing various carols and lastly, enjoy seeing cakes decorated with a Christmas theme. Oh, I forgot to mention the hayride. All of this will be ADA compliant. Across from the Sanctuary, food trucks will be set up for anyone hungry. We have taken a great deal of precaution to make sure you are protected from COVID-19 by sanitizing all of the stations on a continual basis. There is no charge for any of this. We are raising awareness for Second Mile Ministry by asking all the attendees to give a gift card from Food Lion or Harris Teeter to help better assist those in need during the Christmas season. There will be a Second Mile station where the cards can be dropped off. It's going to be an awesome experience for the whole family. We really have tried to make sure this will be open to ALL ages, but with this massive undertaking we have some pressing needs that you might feel you can able to help with. I'll list them below:

- 1. We can always use contributions and prayers. This will allow us to purchase things we need. If you write a check, just earmark it to Living Christmas Tree.
- 2. If you have 50 or 100' extension cords we would love to borrow them. We have to have 3500 feet of it. We will tag each cord with your name and they can be picked up at the Family Life Center at the end of the Christmas season should we leave the lights up.

- 3. We need Christmas inflatable lawn decorations. Same thing will apply to the tagging as above, but these can be picked up after the event.
- 4. If you would like to purchase LED "warm" Christmas lights. They generally come in 50-100

The Summerville Light
by Robert Bresch

With Halloween coming up it's time to tell you one of my favorite spooky stories and how I lived through it.

There was a dirt road in Summerville, SC that was a few miles from my college dorm and it boasted a story about a light that would swing from side to side and even chase you as you drew closer to it. The road was creepy even in the daylight, but super creepy at night...especially when it was foggy. The road itself had overgrown trees and bushes that came right up to the edge of the road. I have personally witnessed this light along with my friends. As a broke college student you're always looking for cheap entertainment and this road never failed to cause your skin to crawl with chills. We would load a car with boys and off we would go. We always loved to get those who had never seen the light before. Even if we never saw the light, your spine would still tingle with the eeriness of the road and the possibility of seeing it. The story I want to tell you is how we convinced a group of girls to follow us out there one cold and chilly evening. But before I do that let me share the legend about the Summerville Light.



This was the story written in the local newspaper. A railroad track once ran near Summerville back in the 1800s, and according to local lore, the wife of a conductor would travel a nearby dirt road with a lantern every night at midnight to greet her husband with lunch as he passed through. One night, the woman was left waiting for hours. As it turned out, the train had derailed and her husband was decapitated. She was devastated by the news and never came to terms with the death of her husband. Hopeful for his return, she would visit the spot every night to wait for her husband until her own death. Legend says if you travel down the road late at night you will hear the typical sounds of the forest — crickets chirping, leaves rustling in the nighttime breeze, and frogs croaking in the distance. Stop on the road, flash your car lights and the sounds will suddenly stop. Then a small ball of light will appear, resembling a lantern moving from side to side. Some

say if you walk towards the light it will chase you. The fall of 1979, Halloween season wouldn't be the same if we didn't make our trek toward the Summerville Light. Now it was spooky enough any time of the year but, then you add the creepiness of Halloween and everyone's emotions are over the top. Our favorite thing to do was to convince people who never had heard about the legend to go out there (and then we would go ahead and lie in wait). Our instructions were simple; once you get about a half mile down the road, turn your main lights off but keep your parking lights on and go slowly down the road. Periodically, flash your lights on and off and then hopefully you will see the light start to swing back and forth. When the car got near us we would rush out and scare the mess of them. It was way better than seeing the light. I will tell you it was especially spooky hiding in the woods waiting on them. One Friday night before Halloween, we were able to convince a group of girls to go see the Summerville Light. But the only way they would go if they followed us out there. I knew it was going to be an evening of blood curdling screams just by the way they looked when they heard about the legend. We didn't dare tell them just how frightening the dirt road would be, especially when the moon wasn't bright.

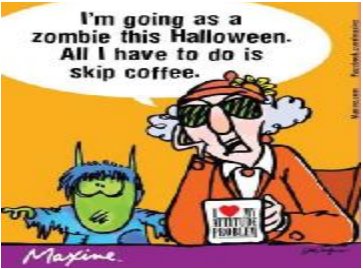


We loaded up the two cars and off we went. I was hoping for a foggy night but it wasn't to be. If it would have been foggy, they might not have gone. Everything was going great. We hadn't even gone a quarter of a mile, we could hear those girls screaming with our windows down. We got right about to the half-mile mark when we turned off our lights. They did likewise. The screaming intensified. The one thing I did not mention, that added to the suspense, was that there wasn't an easy way to turn around. We got about a mile down the road when we stopped the car and got out to check on the girls. They were hysterical, holding and clapping on to each other. I was at the back seat passenger side window when one of my buddies added to the drama by slapping the car with his hands and hollering with a mask on. It was pandemonium. They were screaming and ducking their heads and that's when I got the inspiration to do what I did. I started to climb up on the roof of the car with a mask I had. Once my buddies saw what I was trying to do, they began to push the car side to side just as a diversion. Once I got in position, the boys ran back to the car and proceeded to continue the route. So there I was lying on the roof of the girl's car and wondering if my buddies were going to leave me or if the girls would panic and start to speed. But the girls started turning the lights on and off and screaming. That moment will be forever etched in my memory. The boys started to pick up speed to leave the girls alone on the road and me on the roof. I knew then I had to act quickly cause the girls turned on the main lights and started to

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- 1. A woman whose husband often came home drunk decided to cure him of the habit. One Halloween night, she put on a devil suit and hid behind a tree to intercept him on the way home. When her husband came by, she jumped out and stood before him with her red horns, long tail, and pitchfork. "Who are you?" he asked. "I'm the Devil!" she responded. "Well, come on home with me," he said, "I married your sister!"
- 2. The maker of this product does not want it, the buyer does not use it, and the user does not see it. What is it? (answer on back page)
- 3. Why don't mummies take time off? (answer on back page)



Jan's "Short" Stories...

My Mom loved music! She could not play an instrument and could not carry a tune, but she loved to pantomime songs. One of her favorites was a song by Jake Hess called "Wore Out". When I first heard this piece, 20 years ago, I didn't appreciate the lyrics, but the older I get, the more I understand why my Mom liked this piece!

You come home at night sit down for a bite and you're wore out
You're hardly able to get up from the table 'Cause you're wore out
You crawl into bed sleep like you're dead 'Cause you're wore out
In the morning you wake up can't seem to get up
'Cause you're wore out
When we get to heaven with Jesus our king
We won't have to worry about any thing
We'll be happy and free and our bodies won't be wore out
You get up on Sunday dread to see Monday 'Cause you're wore out
You go sit in church your back starts to hurt 'Cause you're wore out
The choir starts to sing but you can't feel a thing
'Cause you're wore out
You pray the sermon and psalm won't last too long
'Cause you're wore out
When we get to heaven with Jesus our king
We won't have to worry about any thing
We'll be happy and free and our bodies won't be wore out



pick up speed. I then pushed myself and slid down head first on the front windshield screaming with all I had. What I saw next was the girl in the passenger seat jumped to the back seat. The driver screamed taking her hands off the wheel, grabbing the sides of her head and looked at if she had seen a ghost and slammed on the brakes. This sent me tumbling down the hood of the car just short of me going over the front. That's when it hit me, I could have been run over. But I wasn't hurt, that is, until the girls got out of the car and started flailing and kicking me. My buddies were coming back in reverse, but it

was already too late. I had severe bruises and doubled over in pain not from anything the girls did but from laughing so hard. The girls wouldn't talk to us for weeks. After that, the Summerville Lights would never have the same effect of the ghastly tale of a wife looking for her husband's head. It would be forever my head sliding down the windshield of that car and being thankful there wasn't a new real legend of a college student looking for his own head after a car decapitated it.

Answers:

2. Coffin

3. They're afraid to unwind.

Fall Word Search



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Robert's Time: 8:30

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- FOOTBALL
- SWEATERS
- MOUNTAINS
- COBWEBS
- HARVEST
- HALLOWEEN
- CHILLY
- SPOOKY
- GOURD
- PUMPKINS
- CANDY
- APPLES
- RAKE
- LEAVES
- COSTUMES
- AUTUMN
- COOL
- NUTS
- CIDER



From Your SUDS Team

It's our hope that you are all well and finding ways of staying sane through all that is happening in our world today. Your three cohorts, Jan, Robert and Randall have been looking for ways



to stay connected with you and this newsletter is one that is, first of all, COVID free and secondly filled with goodies to brighten your day. Our September issue of SUDS was mailed out. If you didn't get one you can always request it. We are planning to mail these newsletters each month. If you would like

a digital copy, in addition to the one you receive in the mail, just let us know. We just need your email address. If you would rather have a digital copy instead of the one in the mail, please let us know.

14 Bible Characters Who Did Great Things for God in their Senior Years.

God is not done with any of us until we take our final breath. Just because we are in our senior years we can still do great things.

- 1. Adam (930) - He's near Earl Baker's age
- 2. Enoch (365) - Would have lived longer but God took him
- 3. Noah (950) - He built that little boat - Obedient
- 4. Job (210) - Lost most everything but came back strong...
- 5. Abraham (175) - Abraham believed God could do anything
- 6. Joseph (110) - Trusted God was always with him
- 7. Moses (120) - Stuttering never stopped Him
- 8. Joshua (110) - his secret...he listened to God...
- 9. Caleb (104) - Nothing's too big for God...
- 10. Jehoida (130) - Led the Kingdom of Judah back to God
- 11. Isaiah (over 90) - Prophesied Jesus' Coming as Messiah
- 12. Daniel (over 90) - Overcame the Lion's munchies...
- 12. Simeon (90) - His prayer was answered. He saw Messiah.
- 13. Anna (102) - a great evangelist
- 14. John (100) - Lived a full life of love with the Savior

Biblical Civics 101 in 2020 from Randall

Don't worry about a Majority: It's not a Biblical Value. It's not even Constitutional!

Scripture warns against majority rules: For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. (II Tim 4:3-4). What if a majority got together and voted that you can ONLY eat chicken with a spoon. That would just be wrong! But, your vote counts even if majority rule goes badly in a democratic republic. In The Federalist Papers, founding father James Madison explained that the very structure of government would prevent the formation of oppressive majorities that, by definition, would enact laws depriving individuals and minorities of their rights (Fed. 10). The U.S. Constitution brilliantly does this by excluding the people "in their collective capacity" from any share in the government, (as Madison emphasized in Fed. 63). This means that no official would be elected by a "majority rules" national constituency or by the people collected in one mass. The massive populations in California or New York don't speak for the whole country. Thus there are 435 members of the House of Representatives, each of them elected in a single district; 100 U.S. senators (2 from each state chosen in his or her state); and 1 president chosen by an electoral college whose members are chosen by the voters in their respective states.

To put this differently: For the purpose of choosing representatives, the people of the U.S. are divided into 435 districts; and 50 states for the purpose of choosing senators; and for the purpose of choosing a President and VP, they are divided into 51 districts. The Third Governmental Branch of the Supreme Court (and lower courts) gets its members not by election but by appointment (for life) by the sitting President and confirmed by the sitting Senate. It's not perfect, but this is a system of checks and balances which works pretty well to stabilize government.