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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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6th Sunday after the Holy Cross

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

***Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday and Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: No Mass. Pastor's office work.

***Confession:**

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment

***Baptism:**

Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic

***Weddings:**

Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made

***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688

***Parish Council:**

Lou Kourey, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad

***Choir Members:**

Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Holly Stahl

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Altar Server:**

Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby

***Altar Boy:**

Christopher AlKhoury

***Cedar Club:**

Linda Duffy, President

***Women's Society:**

Carol Dougherty, President



***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week

***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners

***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

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Readings: Gal 6:1-10 and Mt 25:14-30

Today's Gospel stresses once again the need for constant vigilance and courageous initiative on the part of these who, in their day, welcome the word of salvation. There are overtones of controversy here: Matthew is obviously thinking about a community which lacks enthusiasm and rests on its laurels. The servant who is satisfied with burying his talent and carrying out in servile fashion what he considers to be the minimum required as "WICKED AND LAZY" and "GOOD-FOR-NOTHING". Matthew's gospel is so anxious to urge the faithful to go beyond themselves when they enter upon the life of the Beatitudes, that what awaits such a servant is not surprising.

Matthew is not tender, and he is right: we are dealing with the relationship for eternity between Christ and the Christian, with that "MASTER'S HAPPINESS" to which we have been called. One could almost say that on the last day the judge we have to face will be the judge we deserve. There is nothing of the hard and demanding master in Jesus; what he expects of us is as much as his love for us which could not be stinted; he asks us for everything so that he can give us everything. There is much more than a question of developing the gifts we have received. The wealth entrusted to us by the Lord is, above all, his word; and this opens limitless horizons in our life. It goes so far as the task of spreading the gospel and involves the future of the Church and of the kingdom.

Let us ask ourselves: have we Christians tended to become custodians of the word -afraid to take risk, lacking imagination and initiative when faced with the needs of the world? Let us no longer miss our appointment with history through an excess of that caution which has imprisoned us for so long!

This Weekend, Oct. 23-24: 6th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday October 23 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Dick and Billy and Susie Fadoul (Birthday) by Millet Fadoul
- ✠ Betty Joseph and John Wilson (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Special Intentions of Michelle Breit on her Birthday

Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family
- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Tony Matesic by Rosalie Conti

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday October 25: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday October 26 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Theodore and Bertha Rydzak
- ✠ Deceased Family members of Rosella Saseen and Sylvia Long by their Last Will.

Wednesday October 27: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday October 28 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Friday, October 29: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

***Next Weekend and the following weekdays: All Souls Masses
All Souls Day (October 30 thru November 5)***

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“Can we actually help those in purgatory get out by our prayers?”

Answer: Yes. The members of the body of Christ are connected to each other. The Church refers to three types of Christians: the Church Militant (those on earth), the Church Triumphant (those in heaven) and the Church Suffering (those in purgatory). We are all part of the same mystical body of Christ, whether in heaven, on earth or in purgatory.

The Bible exhorts us to pray for one another (1 Tim. 2:1-4, 2 Macc. 12:46). This prayer includes all members of the body, especially those in need. Those in purgatory are in need because they can't help themselves.

Our prayers, especially the Mass, are said to relieve the suffering of the holy souls in purgatory. These souls are eternally grateful for our prayers and will remember us when they get to heaven. If we go to purgatory, they will surely pray for us. Praying for the dead is an obligation for Catholics, so keep up this good and holy practice.

If you need to remember your parents and beloved ones, please fill the attached Form.

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Austin Ghaphery

✠ John G. Moses and Sophie Moses by their son Jim Moses

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary Ragase

✠ Richard W. Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier

✠ Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier

✠ Mickey & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ Elias & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ Ray & Sara McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ Amelia & William Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Dick Coury

✠ Family of Mary A. Khoury by Rosemary & Dick Coury

✠ Mary K and Tom Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris

✠ Tom Jochum by his Family

✠ Tim, Ginny and Martha Shia by their Family

✠ Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

✠ LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

✠ Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

✠ Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog by Fran Saseen

✠ Deceased Members of the Harb and Togliatti Families by Mr. Jamil Harb

✠ George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ Helen Fielding & Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ Mr. Frank Sharkey & Mike O’Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ In honor of Jesus suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ George Weisner by Jean Weisner & Family

✠ Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families

✠ Deceased of the Maroon & Mary Catherine Habeb Families by the Weisner & Joseph Families

✠ Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop and Schmeichel Families by Jean Weisner and Family

✠ Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty

✠ Bill Dougherty by Carol Dougherty

✠ Al & Helen Schroeder by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine

✠ Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine

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- ✠ George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- ✠ Anna Marie, Julian, Leslie & Jerry Jr. McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- ✠ Silvio Perilli (Joe) and Rhoda Perilli (Ginger) by their Children
- ✠ Michael George by Margaret George
- ✠ Tony & Charlotte George by Margaret George
- ✠ Lucy Gibbons and Ann Otterbeck and Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- ✠ Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Robert L. Hunter Jr. & Robby L. Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Deceased of the Namon Joseph Family by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Stephen P. Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- ✠ Robert L. Yeater by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- ✠ John George Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- ✠ George & Rose Fadoul and Susie & Terrie Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Joseph & Nell Duffy and Bill, Ray, Joe, Larry Duffy and Dorothy McKee by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Deceased of the Reynolds, Jeneske and Bentz Families by Carolee Bentz
- ✠ Deceased of the Harb and Togliatti Families by GiGi Rice
- ✠ Michael Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Susie Marie Fadoul by her husband Millet L. Fadoul
- ✠ Jim Hengler, Elaine Cybulski and Marthann Rineheart by Millet L. Fadoul and Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Fadoul, Werner, Sengewalt and Shedeed Families by Millet L. Fadoul and Family
- ✠ Susie Marie Fadoul by Millet C., Jonathan Fadoul and Janet Wilson
- ✠ For the Repose of the Soul of Dorothy Duffy McKee by Millet L. Fadoul and Family
- ✠ Jan Hendrickson by his son Josh & Ingrid and Family
- ✠ George A., Dolores & Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Dennis & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabiha & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Deceased of Sylvia Long Family
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Gerard Joseph and his daughter Tessa by Stephanie Joseph
- ✠ Our Loving mother Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family
- ✠ Donald A. Nickerson Sr. by his loving Family
- ✠ The Elias sisters: Shirley, Madeline, Mary, Helen, Rose, Jeannie and Margaret by their loving Family
- ✠ Our Loving grandparents: Nicholas & Amelia Elias and Albert & Wanda Nickerson by their loving Family
- ✠ Ryzo and Dolores Palotay by the Palotay Family
- ✠ Jerrie Williams by the Palotay Family
- ✠ Deceased of the George and Elias Families by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Deceased of the Golebiewski and Tomaszewski Families by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Intentions of Libby G. Magnone on her Birthday by her sister Mary Stees
- ✠ Intentions of Julianna Breit on her Birthday

30th Anniversary to the Priesthood (Sunday, Dec. 19 after Mass)

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This year, Msgr. Bakhos reached his 70th Birthday (February 9th) and his 30th Anniversary to the priesthood will be on (December 21). He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21, 1991. He designed the church of Saint Joseph in Croydon -which is a suburb of Sydney, Australia- and he handled the building project to the parish council over there before he moved to the United States in 1994. He served in Lawrence (Massachusetts), Dayton (Ohio), St. Paul (Minnesota), in many Missions and he spent the last 20 years serving Our Lady of Lebanon in Wheeling. A brunch will be served on Sunday, December 19th following the 10:30 am Mass at the Cedar Hall. All parishioners and Friends are cordially invited to attend. Please call Linda at 304-242-6853 and let her know how many guests are attending so that the ladies can prepare food for everyone. Please plan to attend because Msgr. Bakhos likes to see you there.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
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 October 30: Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn
 November 4: Kenny Joseph, Libby G. Magnone
 November 8: Staci Duffy, Mark Wilson, Garrett Bratton
 November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
 November 11: Ryan Murad
 November 15: Rena Bratton
 November 24: Rex Strawn

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Carol Dougherty, Shirley George, Harper Musilli, John Frazier, Dennis Porter, Mary Stees, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, Nick & Judy Bedway, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), Louis "Butch" Elias, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shibben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer, Anthony Chockery, Ted Olinski & Family, Corey Armstran,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$856.00	Sunday Collection
135.00	2 nd collection: Propagation of the Faith
5.00	Utilities
1,165.00	Rummage sale
\$2,161.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

What's New?

Help needed to sanitize pews

Dear parishioners,

Our goal is to protect you inside and outside the church. We are asking for two volunteers after every Mass to help sanitizing the pews and railings and door handles, etc. Please stay after Mass in the church for five minutes and join those who are sanitizing. May the Blessed Mother protect you and reward you. Msgr Bakhos

2022 Mahrajan (Festival) *(Sunday, August 14, 2022)*

Dear Parishioners, The Mahrajan committee decided to have the 2022 Mahrajan at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 14, 2022. There will be only one day festival instead of two. More details will be published in the coming bulletins.

Spirituality: Resume of Jesus

Address: Ephesians 1:20

Phone: Romans 10:13

Hello. My name is Jesus -The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart.

Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications

- I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19)
- I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)
- The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

Occupational Background

- I've only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).
- I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.
- My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15-17)

Skills Work Experiences

- Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).
 - I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).
 - Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

Educational Background

- I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, (Pr. 2:6).
- In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).
- My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a lamp unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).
 - I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments

- I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times, (See Genesis 1:26).
- I laid down my life so that you may live, (See II Corinthians 5:15).
- I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (Col. 2:15).
- I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!
- There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot - the BIBLE](http://www.dot-theBIBLE.com). You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

References

- Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healings, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

In Summation

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (Proverbs 3:5-6), and lead you into everlasting life, (Jn 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (Heb 3:15).

Wisdom: Alphabet

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Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits.

Believe in yourself.

Consider things from every angle.

Don't give up, and don't give in.

Enjoy life today; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come.

Family and friends are hidden treasures. Seek them and enjoy their riches.

Give more than you planned to give.

Hang on to your dreams.

Ignore those who try to discourage you.

Just do it!

Keep on trying. No matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.

Love yourself first and most.

Make it happen.

Never lie, cheat or steal. Always strike a fair deal.

Open your eyes, and see things as they really are.

Practice makes perfect.

Quitters never win, and winners never quit.

Read, study and learn about everything important in your life.

Stop procrastinating.

Take control of your own destiny.

Understand yourself in order to understand others better.

Visualize it.

Want it more than anything.

Xccelerate your efforts.

You are unique of all of God's creations. Nothing can replace you.

Zero in on your target and go for it!

Story

When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember well, the polished old case fastened to the wall and the shiny receiver on the side of the box.

I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother would talk to it. Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person and her name was *"Information Please"* and there was nothing she did not know. *"Information Please"* could supply anybody's number and the correct time.

My first personal experience with this genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement. I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible but, there didn't seem to be any reason in crying because there was no one home to give me sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone!

Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and held it to my ear. *"Information Please"* I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. *"Information," "I hurt my finger"* I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience. *"Isn't your mother home?"* came the question.

"Nobody's home but me," I blubbered.

"Are you bleeding?" the voice asked.

"No," I replied. *"I hit my finger with a hammer and it hurts."*

"Can you open your icebox?" she asked. I said I could.

"Then chip off a piece of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called *"Information Please"* for everything. I asked her for help with my geography and she

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told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me that my pet chipmunk, which I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then there was the time Petey, our pet canary died. I called *"Information Please"* and told her the sad story. She listened, then said the usual thing grown ups say to soothe a child. But, I was inconsolable. I asked her, *"Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"*

She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, *"Paul, you must remember that there are other worlds to sing in."* Somehow, I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone. *"Information Please"*. *"Information,"* said the now familiar voice. *"How do you spell fix?"* I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. *"Information Please"* belonged in that old wooden box back home and somehow I never thought of trying the tall, new shiny phone that sat on the table in the hall.

As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me. Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding and kind she was to have spent her time on a telephone with a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about half-an-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then, without thinking about what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, *"Information Please."* Miraculously, I heard the small clear voice I knew so well. *"Information."* I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, *"Could you please tell me how to spell fix?"* There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, *"I guess our finger must be healed by now."* I laughed, *"So it's really still you,"* I said. *"I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"* *"I wonder,"* she said, *"if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls."* I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister. *"Please do,"* she said. *"Just ask for Sally."*

Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered, *"Information."* I asked for Sally. *"Are you a friend?"* she said. *"Yes, a very old friend,"* I answered. *"I'm sorry to have to tell you this,"* she said. *"Sally had been working part time in the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."* Before I could hang up she said, *"Wait a minute. Are you Paul?"* *"Yes".* *"Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you."*

The note said, *"Tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean."* I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant. Never under estimate the impression you make on others.

A Time to Laugh (528)

Naive Water

Ever wonder about those who spend two dollars for a little bottle of Evian water? Just spell Evian backwards.

Even Better Than Mother

A little boy disobeyed his mother, but his conscience began to hurt him, and he was sneaking up to his room when his mother saw him. "Where are you going, Frank?" she asked.

"To my room to talk to God."

"Is it something you can't tell me?"

Frank explained, "Yes, it is. You'll just scold and punish me while God will forgive me and forget all about it."

Complete Forgiveness

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In teaching my boys, ages four and three, the Lord's Prayer, I was startled to hear my oldest boy say, "As we forgive those who pass gas against us."

Good Sam Strategy

When we bought our new television set, the neighbors gathered one Saturday to help us put up the antenna. Since we had only the simplest tools, we weren't making much progress-until a man who was new on the block appeared with an elaborate toolbox, with everything we needed to get the antenna up in record time. As we stood around congratulating ourselves on this piece of good luck, we asked our new neighbor what he made with such fancy tools. Looking at us all, he smiled and answered, "Friends, mostly."

Affair with Toupee

On *The Phil Donahue Show* on January 13, 1992, a number of reporters and anchor persons from twenty years of the *Today* show were being interviewed by Phil Donahue.

Bryant Gumble commented on his reconciliation with Willard Scott. He said they now had an excellent relationship. In fact, one of the staff found Willard's toupee in Bryant's dressing room and accused them of having an affair. Willard Scott jumped up in surprise and exclaimed, "You're having an affair with my toupee?"

Gum Sisters

My daughter Kelly (age six) grew to be close friends with Michelle (age eleven). Michelle had recently learned about covenant love and persuaded Kelly to become a covenant sister.

They got all excited about "having all things in common," that is, toys, games, secrets, etc. But then they realized that in order to become true bonded covenant sisters they would have to allow their blood to mingle together. Horrors! Feeling quite dismayed, the idea was about to die when suddenly Michelle blurted, "I've got an idea." She ran to her bedroom, grabbed a pack of gum, took one piece and gave another to Kelly. They chewed their gum until it was soft-and permeated with saliva. "Now, let's trade," she said. They traded those mushy, germ-filled, already-been-chewed pieces of gum. They bit into them and they chomped on them. Then they proudly announced to family and friends, "We're gum sisters; we stick together!"

Choose Your Friends Very Carefully

Three friends were having lunch together-Jack Benny, George Burns, and Edgar Bergen. Jack Benny had a reputation for being tight. George Burns said Benny had a "reach impediment" when it came to picking up the bill, so Burns was therefore surprised to hear Benny ask for the check. On the way out he complimented Benny. "That was good of you to ask for the check," he told him. Benny replied, "I did not ask for the check, and that's the last time I'll have lunch with a ventriloquist."