

“WHEN IT’S NOT FUN ANYMORE”

Stop the presses! A Hollywood couple has decided to call it quits!!

I know; I know. The news is almost impossible to believe, but a famous couple has decided that their relationship is history.

Of course, they were not married to each other. You wouldn’t really expect that from a thoroughly modern couple, would you? They *have* “been together” for a few years. In today’s social climate, and especially in Hollywood, that’s an accomplishment in itself. Alas, they are no longer even *together*.

I saw a short clip of an interview with the woman who was no longer a part of this relationship. She was asked when a person “knows it’s over.” Her answer was, “*When it’s not fun anymore.*” She went ahead to explain (and tried to look very serious, convincing, and intelligent in doing so) that, when you have to start *working* at a relationship, you might need to consider whether the relationship needs to be continued.

If that doesn’t sum up much of what’s wrong with people today, I don’t know what does. How many times do people do one or more of the following “when it’s not fun anymore?”

Dissolve a marriage

Quit a job

Abandon children

Stop serving the Lord

Stop attending worship services and/or Bible classes faithfully

Change worship styles

Fail to keep a promise

I am thinking of a man whose last name I share and whose first name is my middle name.

Nobody would describe his relationship with my mother as “fun” as Alzheimer’s slowly and steadily took her away from him (and the rest of us) during the last years of her life.

I am also thinking of a wife whose daughter now shares my name. Her relationship with her husband would not have been described as “fun” at various times in their marriage and especially as his health deteriorated during his later years.

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West Side Youth



Happy Birthday This Week:

Peggy Paxton—6/12
 Lila Conklin—6/12
 Sarah Cook—6/13
 Ed Argabright—6/15
 John Black—6/16
 Wayne Dixon—6/17
 Mitzi Petit—6/17

Happy Anniversary This Month to:

Josh & Lori Whitlow—6/20
 Barry & Gloria White—6/25



WOW

The next event will be planned for August.
 Keep an eye on this spot for details!!



Ty Stricklin is in Afghanistan .

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

Katie Halling is now stationed in Norfolk, Va. She is in training with the Navy Search & Rescue unit.

Lcpl Harper, Matthew D.; 1/5 Bravo Co., 1st Plt Unit 40330, FPO-AP 96427-0330 is a Marine from Galax who is now serving in Afghanistan.

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Why was it that, when both of our children got married, both sets of their grandparents had already celebrated fifty years of marriage? Why did my parents and my in-laws stay together all those years “for better or for worse?” Was it because they’d had fun every day for over fifty years — or —

I am grateful that sometime during the arrest, the trials, the scourging, and the insults that were hurled at our Lord prior to His crucifixion He did not say, “Wait! Let’s call this whole thing off. This isn’t fun anymore.”

Aren’t you?

By the way --- Where do you find the word “fun” in *your* Bible?

—Jim Faughn

Sunday, 6/12— Songs For Our Kids 7:15-
 Wednesday, 6/15— TBS

Thursday, June 16— Girls’ Sleepover

Friday, June 17— Shut-ins Service Project
 12:00— 4:30

Sunday, 6/19—6/24—VCC at Camp Christi

Monday, 6/27— SYD at West Side, 7-8:30

Tuesday, 6/28—Tubing Trip

Wednesday, 6/29— WND



BABY SHOWER

A shower to welcome the newest Beavers addition will be held June 26th in the fellowship hall. Charlotte Harrington is hosting and will have more details to follow.

JUNE ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Gums—Dentyne fire (spicy cinnamon) and Blast (cool lime). Flavorings—almond, butter (no glass bottles please). Give to Jeanny to be shipped over.



SUNSHINE BASKET

A Sunshine basket is in the foyer for Bradford Durham. He will be in a neck brace for 3 months and will need some cheering up! Some gift suggestions would be: Candy, Snacks, Gift cards to iTunes, Subway, Game Stop.

If you have any questions contact Melissa Rogers.

REJOICE !!!

Amy Higgs was baptized into Christ on Thursday night by her husband, Harry.

For Your Information

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues June 21th. Bring your dinner at 6:00 or come at 6:30 pm and join us for the work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19-25—VCC at Camp Christi
June 28—Tubing Trip
July 2-8 is Horizons Junior & Senior week at FHU
July 9-15 is CTS series at FHU
July 17—Preacher Camp
July 30—Vacation Bible School
August 6—Anti Drug Program at ALMS auditorium/Tom House
August 12—18—Polishing the Pulpit
October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall
November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast

Wednesday Night Summer Series:

June 8- **Andrew Connally**- "Jesus Whom We Should Desire to See" (March 1991)
June 15- **Guy N. Woods**- "The Inspiration of the Bible" (March 1991)
June 22- **Dan Winkler**- "Some Things I Am Thankful For" (His first sermon after the murder of his son. April 2006)
June 29- **Alan Highers**- "What About Instrumental Music in Worship" (August 2004)

VCC CRAFT NEEDS

VCC Craft Department is looking for the following donations:

Gallon size ZipLoc bags; Sharpie markers (all colors); 1" Masking tape; 3" Masking tape; Felt back table cloth (rectangle size for 6' tables); Clean Icing Containers with lids; Assorted grit sandpaper. Please give to Jo Ann or Melissa ASAP. Thanks.

OUR GOAL

"Speak to Folks About Heaven in Two Thousand-Eleven-"

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Lock and hide any valuables in your car, turn off your cell phone. Change the thermostat in the fellowship hall before leaving. If you are the last one out of the building, turn off all the lights and close and lock the doors!!



Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson
Norma Biller
Betty Buckner
Jim Dorsett
Al Furrow
Walter Jenkins
Martha Keith
Margaret Kratz
Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove
Grace Myers
Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith
Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White
EV Wimmer
WJ Wood

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- Jack Cook came home on Friday.
- Kevin, Bernard, friend of Jennifer Laplante, has inoperable cancer.
- Don Walker, father of Barbara Saunders, was in a car accident.
- Sandra Speir, Dorothy Mays' sister, has bone cancer.
- Jeannie Ruf, Jean Argabright's relative, has esophageal cancer.

Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Shannon VanRavestein, Hazel Maness, Don Pettit, Annette Shrader, Willard Campbell, Clarence Angelotti, Vicky Rogers, Dale Janosik, Renee Galloway (LTF), James Paul, Jack Cook family, Herb Baker, Hazel McFalls, David Manno, Keely-Justin's cousin, Wes White, Maureen Gearhart, Evelyn White, Donell Argabright, Garret Pennington, Brian Anderson, Elsie Smith, Hannah Duke, Missy Dye, Bradford Durham, Jerri Blevins, Bud Ferguson, Neil Richey

June 2011

Announcements: Bob Garby

Song Leader (AM): Jeff Durham

Opening Prayer (AM)

6/5 David Brown

6/12 Charles Maness

6/19 Charlie Gwaltney

6/26 Fred Altizer

Preside at Communion: Wayne Dixon

Serve Table

Glenn Gabbard, John Black
Sam Valentine, Jeremy White

Closing Prayer:

6/5 Paul Mays

6/12 Josh Whitlow

6/19 Don Pettif

6/26 Barry White

Song Leader (PM): Paul Mays

Opening Prayer (PM)

6/5 Jim Cooke

6/12 Jonathan Beavers

6/19 Tom Richardson

6/26 Ron White

Scripture Reader: Andrew Gibson

Closing Prayer (PM)

6/5 Danny Guard

6/12 Andrew Gibson

6/19 Bradford Durham

6/26 Bob Garby

Serve Table (PM)

Nathan Pelfrey, Jimmy Harrington

Song Leader (Wed): Chandler Jearls

Prayer (Wed)

6/1 Jim Bush

6/8 A. C. Janney

6/15 Tom Rogers

6/22 Eddy Gilpin

6/29 Jerry Anderson

Open/Close Bldg: Mike Durham

Greeters: Jearls, Valentines

Nursery Attend: Shree Lowe (am)

Leah Durham (pm)

Ushers: Curtis Oakes, Roger Mays

Handouts: Kevin Mickens, Cameron B.

Prepare communion: Myrtle Peverall
Wanda Martin

Baptismal Garments: Bonnie Wood

Cards/Pencils: Austin W., Dylan Tyler

Last week's attendance 6/1 & 6/8/11

Bible Class—153, Worship Service—154

Sunday Eve.—130, Wed. Eve.—126

Contribution—\$6717

Gleanings from the NKJV (7)

“Delivered from the Hand of the Wicked, and Redeemed from the Grip of the Terrible”

We continue our study of some statements that are translated differently in the New King James Version. These differences in the wording of these statements make for some interesting studies. We continue in the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah's words were pronouncements of destruction on Jerusalem and Judah beginning in chapter 14. Chapter 15 presents this judgment as being irrevocable. The Lord said to Jeremiah, “Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people. Cast them out of My sight, and let them go forth” (Jer. 15:1 NKJV). Considering the times that Moses pled for Israel before God and, considering how strong and faithful an individual Samuel was, these were very serious words indeed. God later stated to them, “For a fire is kindled in My anger, which shall burn upon you” (Jer. 15:14b NKJV). In response, Jeremiah pleaded with God to deliver him from the people and made accusations against God which were not right. He concluded his remarks to God with these words: “Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, as waters that fail?” (Jer. 15:18 NKJV).

God's attention is then turned to Jeremiah. He said to him, “If you return, then I will bring you back: you shall stand before Me; if you take out the precious from the vile. You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, but you must not return to them” (Jer. 15:19 NKJV). Evidently, Jeremiah had allowed the people to influence him, however brief that period might have been. However, it was enough for God to call for Jeremiah's repentance. If Jeremiah did so, God promised to make him as impenetrable as a bronze wall (Jer. 15:20). And, He concluded by telling him, “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, and deliver you from the grip of the terrible” (Jer. 15:21 NKJV).

Such a promise belongs to all who will turn to God with a penitent and contrite heart and be obedient to His will (Ps. 51:17; Heb. 5:8, 9). He is ever willing to “deliver us from the hand of the wicked, and redeem us from the grip of the terrible.”

-Eddy

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