



Preserving Christian Homes

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Tag, you are it

I am married to the kindest and sweetest man on the planet. He almost always smiles and he is always able to make me laugh even during those times when I really don't feel like it. All of our friends and neighbors love him and at work he is the go-to guy whenever there are issues because he is good at solving problems. A few weeks ago, I went to his office because he had forgotten to take his cell phone. He thanked me and asked if I wanted to join him in the cafeteria for lunch. I asked him what is he going to do with the lunch I had packed for him that morning and he said on the way to work that morning he saw a homeless person at one of the intersections. The young man looked frail so he gave him his lunch. Showing kindness to folks Aaron didn't know was not news. It happens all the time. However, Aaron has a blind spot and it is his family. Aaron loves to cook and he is a very good cook. Several times during the week and every weekend he is in our kitchen preparing a meal large enough for an army. Then as if someone flashed the Bat Signal in the sky his family shows up at our door for dinner. It is very rare that he and I can ever enjoy a private meal together because his family is always there. It wouldn't be so bad if they occasionally brought something other than a healthy appetite. One time I asked his Mom if she would bring a gallon of milk the next time she came over but she didn't. When I asked her why not she said her hair was a mess and she didn't feel comfortable going inside the store. I said she could order it online or call the Supermarket and they will bring it to the curb and place it in your car. She raised one of her eyebrows and said only rich people do that and if I really needed some milk just ask Aaron to buy it and she walked away. After dinner I heard Aaron's brother ask to let him hold a few dollars because he almost ran out of gas coming over for dinner and still had to drive across town to work. My husband didn't hesitate and gave him some money. He then hugged him and said let me know if you need anything else. One by one his family members left to go home and most of them carried a to-go box. My husband bought some of those Styrofoam containers at Costco because he said he wanted everyone to feel comfortable taking home a plate. As they left, I created a fake smile because I was hot. How selfish is his family for always taking advantage of us. These are all grown folks who should be taking care of themselves instead of relying on my husband for a handout. After everyone left and we had finished cleaning the kitchen I sat my husband down on the sofa and told him how I felt about grown people who take advantage of someone else. Aaron smiled and began massaging my feet like he so often does. He told me I was overreacting and not to worry. Well, my feet felt great but my opinion didn't change. The Labor Day holiday was coming up and we were hosting a barbecue at our house and Aaron ordered one of those Bouncy Houses for his young nieces and nephews. I told him since he was cooking the meat I would prepare everything else. My plan was to text several of his relatives individually and ask them to bring certain sides and beverages. Maybe this will prey their wallets out of their pockets. To my surprise each one texted me back and asked if I had talked to Aaron before sending them the text. The nerve of those folks. I guess what I did got back to Aaron because when he came home, he didn't kiss me like he always does but he did give me a hug and asked what is bothering me. I told him how I felt about people taking advantage of us. I understand what you are saying and I am sorry it is upsetting you but there is a very important point you are ignoring. As he rubbed my shoulders he said honey, those aren't just people, they are family. In your heart you understand that my family is no different than yours and everyone else's. We have a family which started from humble beginnings and by the grace of God, someone achieves some level of financial success. When that happens, you don't abandon the ones you love or criticize them because they may continue to struggle. You help family wherever you can within your means. That is what strong extended families do. If in the future, another member of the family gets to a point when they can pitch in then tag, you are it. Sweetheart, I help my family because I want to, not because I must. I remember growing up we would all go over to Big Mamma's house on Sundays and holidays and there was so much love there. Over the years we as a family feel closer when a big meal is prepared so that is one way we share our love toward one another.

You Are Missed



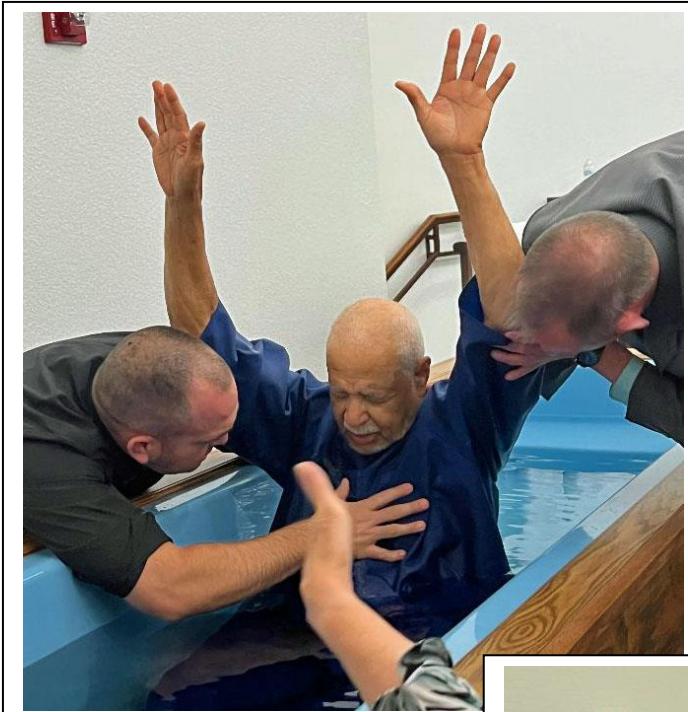
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In Loving Memory
Dorcas Cordova
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Baptisms



Bro Ronald Thompson



Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and



District 6 Spanish Conference at Life Tabernacle Church August 16th

The City of Rio Rancho's Sunday-Funday at Haynes Park was a Huge success



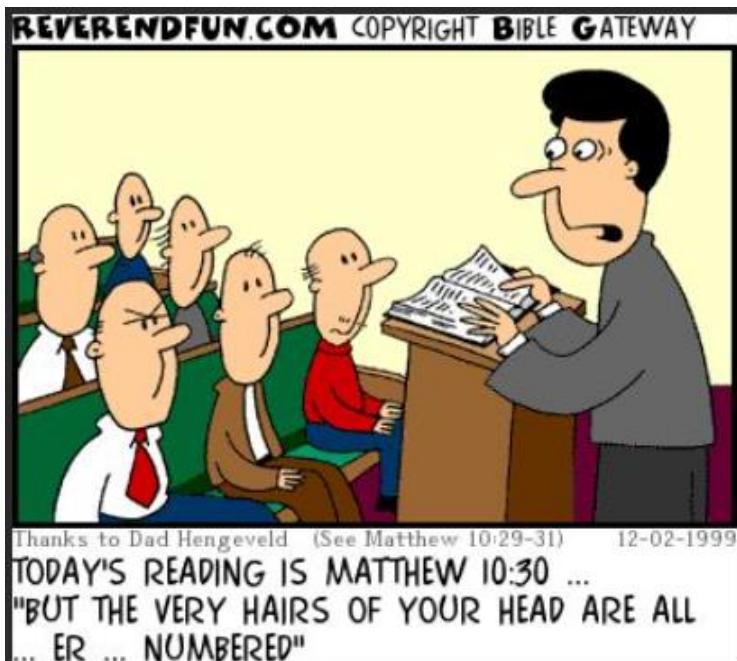
GIVE YOURSELF

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

– 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 NIV



SEPTEMBER

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday Worship@10:30	2 Life Support- Celebrate Recovery	3 Pastor's Prayer@10	4 Midweek Matters@7	5 Texico Ladies Conference	6 Texico Ladies Conference	7 Texico Ladies Conference
8 Armor Bearers@8:45 Sunday Worship@10:30	9 Life Support- Celebrate Recovery	10 Pastor's Prayer@10	11 Midweek Matters@7	12 GriefShare@7 Men's BBall@7	13 Youth Activity@7	14
15 Sunday Worship@10:30	16 Life Support- Celebrate Recovery	17 Pastor's Prayer@10	18 Midweek Missionary Edition@7	19 GriefShare@7 Men's BBall@7	20 Families of Faith@7 Sponsored by LWC Kids	21
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