

Summer Inspired Church Sign Sayings

- Even a mosquito knows there is Power in Blood
- We hope your days are filled with Son shine.
- God's Garden: Lettuce praise Him, squash the gossip, and turnip at church.
- Sin burn is prevented by Son screen.
- Our Church is prayer conditioned.
- If you like treats, try our Sundays.
- Summer Vacation? Don't forget to invite God to go.
- There is nothing to fear when your lifeguard walks on water.
- Summer's here! Before you have fun in the sun, make sure you're following the Son!
- I wish Noah had swatted those two mosquitoes.
- God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
- This heat wave is temporary. You certainly don't want to face an eternal one!

Not Everyone's Cup of Tea...

We want to thank those of you who have told us how much you have enjoyed these newsletters. It has been our intention from the very beginning for our message to be inspiring, funny, informative and sometimes downright silly. You cannot write anything and have a 100% approval rating. Even though we're devastated about this, we are still committed in trying to bring a smile to your life. If you find this newsletter not to your liking, just call or email the office and we'll take you off our mailing list.



Shenanigans!!!

by Robert Bresch

While I was looking for a picture of the Liberty Bell, I just busted out laughing when I saw the picture I put in this article. It reminded me when our Concert Choir from Baptist College went on a choir tour up to New York. One of our stops was Philadelphia. We had an afternoon off for sight-seeing. Being a history buff, I wanted to see Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. So four of us headed toward Independence Hall. Before I go any further, I must tell you about my choir companions.



Steve Stone was a Senior and a music major. He was the student director of Warm, Summer, Rain (an auditioned group of students). He was also a superb pianist and sang baritone in the choir. He had a more serious demeanor about him.

Don Williams was a junior, also majoring in music. He probably would be the next student director of W.S.R. His major emphasis was vocal. He was a first tenor. He also was one of our featured soloists. He was more of an instigator with a fun-loving personality.

Scott Wade was a sophomore like myself, still a novice in music. We both started late taking music. As musicians, we struggled a lot more than the two gifted musicians mentioned above. Little did we know we would be leaders in a few years. We learned a great deal from Steve and Don. They reminded me of Abbot and Costello.

Once we got to Independence Hall, we found out they had moved the Liberty Bell to a separate building a couple of blocks away. When we got there, the bell was surrounded by visitors. Then Don talked Steve into acting as if he was blind. Steve wearing dark unglASSES held on to Don's arm and walked toward the bell.



We were in the back of the crowd and Don was amusingly describing the details of the bell. He read the inscription and described the huge crack. The people in front of us took notice of Don's explanation to his blind friend. The crowd parted ways, and the guard motioned for them to come up to the barrier protecting the bell from anyone touching it (cause it was over 200 years old). Then the guard removed the rope and had Don bring him up to the bell. The guard reached in his pocket and had Steve put on a pair of white gloves and then allowed him to feel the crack and the words inscribed around the bell. People were moved to tears. Scott and I both remained in the back, trying to keep from laughing out loud. The guard went to describe that the bell represented freedom for all.

Afterward, Don walked over to us as I yelled out, "Steve, let's go listen to a good movie." Steve said in a low audible voice, "Shut up and get me out of here." They pretended to be blind for at least a mile away from the bell. Steve wanted us to split up. He also said it funny until the crowd parted and people got emotional. He worried if they found out he could see better than most in the room, they would kill him. Well, I'm glad to report we all came home safely. That is until Dr. Cuttino (our conductor) encountered the second shenanigan these two decided to do.

At our last concert unbeknownst, to any of us, Steve and Don decided to switch places. During the middle section of our concert, our vocal ensemble (Warm, Summer, Rain) sang about three contemporary and uptempo numbers. If you remember, Steve was the director. When it came time for us to sing, Dr. Cuttino introduced the songs and then introduced Steve Stone as the director. However, Steve stayed in the group while Don pretended to be him. He stepped up to direct the group with his back to the congregation and we all saw the silly little smirk he gave. I don't know how the group kept their composure but they did. Scott and I did not. After two songs, Don as Steve went to the microphone and said, "Every year we elect a new director of this wonderful group. Since this is our last concert together, I thought I would ask Don to come up and direct this last piece to sing with my friends. So the real director Steve came up and wiped his brow as to say, Phew, we got away with this one."

But we thought, are they going to get away with it? The real Don was a featured tenor soloist on a song called "Lord, I Keep So Busy Praisin' My Jesus" that started acapella on a high "G".

When it came time for us to sing that song, Dr. Cuttino introduced the Negro Spiritual that featured Don Williams as the soloist. Then he made a statement walking away from the mic but loud enough we could hear him. He said, "I hope Don's voice is okay." It sounded a little hoarse tonight (referring to Steve's baritone voice). Steve gave Dr. Cuttino a thumbs up and moved to the microphone.

We thought there is absolutely no way Steve could hit that high note. Surely, they have been caught red-handed now. We were shocked to see Steve getting ready to sing. And then Steve stepped up to the microphone and said, "Since this, our last concert and Steve allowed me an opportunity to direct, I would like to ask him to come up here and sing this opening line with me.

He then asked the accompanist to play the high note and then a note a third below. They both sang the opening lines to "Lord, I Keep So Busy Praisin' My Jesus in perfect harmony. We were all amazed.

Since it was our last concert, Scott and I had a little mischief up our own sleeves. Maybe nothing as elaborate as Steve and Don, but nonetheless pretty cool. We knew Dr. Cuttino loved beautiful women especially Farah Fawcett. Next to his wife, she was the most beautiful woman ever. She was his hold grail. Something real but never attainable.



We found a swimsuit picture of Ms. Fawcett. Let's just say, there wasn't a whole lot of fabric in that suit. We cut out her picture and finally decided to tape it onto one page of a song he would use to direct us. Since he thought she was beautiful, we would place her picture in the most beautiful and holiest piece of music in our repertoire. I remember taping it on the left side of the score right in the middle of the piece so when he turned the page he would see it.

Here's the part that's funny. Steve and Don thought that this wonderful idea was terrible. What...are you kiddin' us? Anyway, what was done was done. When we finally came to that song, we were trying to keep our composure. We only told a few of our choir buddies. The song kept building as we sang, "Holy, Holy, Holy... and finally, he turned the page where she was pinned up for his eyes only. He did nothing. There was absolutely no reaction on his face that he saw her. What happen? Did Steve and Don remove it? Did somebody else remove it? Did he see it and remove it? Surely, he could have smiled or something if it was still there. He directed us as usual. While directing in the most beautiful section of the piece, he turned back to the page she was on and gave us a huge big grin with his eyebrows lifted up as if to say, "wow". He then quickly scanned the choir to see if that caused any reaction from us. Scott and I still reeling in self-pity, didn't respond, but our friends (who we told) gave away what they knew.

Until this day, Dr. Cuttino still believed it wasn't us even though our friends ratted us out. We told him we would have never done anything to take away from that beautiful moment. I still find myself still repenting today



Still Room for you!
Yates Association Fall Trip
Our Fall trip still has about 6 openings for a fantastic trip to the Amish Country and Sight and Sound Theatre to see Esther.

Contact Randall Floyd or Jan Perry
The cost is \$425.00 per person.

Now Showing



MOVIE TIME

Tuesday, August 24
Legacy Center Upstairs
Noon

FREE!

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We know a good many of you don't get out to see a movie for various reasons, so we are planning to bring them to you. In our first of many to come, we hope that you will come and have a theatre experience without the hassles.

Our first movie will be a matinee starting at 12:00 noon upstairs in the big room of the Legacy Center. There is an elevator for those of you who don't like stairs.

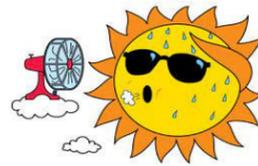
Here's a trailer:
<https://youtu.be/DL0Y68422Gw>

There is no cost for the movie, pizza, popcorn and drinks. Other concessions will be available for \$1.00 ea (candy etc).

We do need to know how many are coming. So if you could email: Jan at jans.piano@gmail.com or robert@gmail.com. to let us know.

Sound of Joy choir
 Fall Kick Off
 Wednesday, August 18
 4:00 PM
 Room B202
a great hour of fun!

August



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What Can We Say About August
 by Randall Floyd

What can we say about August? Did you know the month was originally known as "Sextilis" (or six) because it was the 6th month of the year, which at the time only had 29 days. Later, January and February were added to the new Roman calendar. When Julius Caesar also added his namesake month, "July," he also renamed this 8th month "August" in honor of the first Emperor, Caesar Augustus (because most of his triumphs took place during this month). The new 12-month calendar took days from February and added extra days to August and July. This is why February only has 28 days.

Entertainment Events: Do you remember any of these?

- 8/5, 1957: American Bandstand hosted by Dick Clark premiered.
- 8/15, 1969: Woodstock Music & Art Fair opened.
- 8/16, 1962: Ringo Starr replaced Pete Best as drummer for the Beatles.
- 8/16, 1977: Elvis Presley died of a heart attack.
- 8/29, 1964: Walt Disney's Mary Poppins was released in theaters.

Invented or introduced in August: champagne, screw caps, diesel engines, sewing machine, coin-operated telephones, wiffle ball, the dial-telephone, venetian blinds, the waffle iron, and banana splits!

Here are some world-altering events:

- 8/6, 1945: The Atom bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the U.S.
- 8/14, 1945: Japan surrenders, ending World War II.
- 8/25, 1932: Amelia Earhart completed her trans-continental flight.
- 8/31, 1997: Princess Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car accident.

**Want to have a great time?
 Check out the movie info on page 2**

US History in August

- 8/1, 1790: The first U.S. Census counts four million people in the U.S.
- 8/9, 1974: Pres. Richard Nixon becomes the first & only president to resign the office.
- 8/20, 1866: The Civil War declared to be over by Pres. Andrew Johnson.
- 8/21, 1959: Hawaii became the 50th state.

An August Inspiration

Meet Isaac Jogues: French Missionary to the North American Indians. On August 2, 1643, his party of Huron Indians and Frenchmen was ambushed by an enemy



Iroquois party. Jogues, hidden in tall grass, could have escaped, but stayed in honor of his fellow travelers. So, he stepped out and was seized with the rest and tortures followed. The men were forced to run the gauntlet whenever they entered a new village. His fingernails were pulled out by the roots and his body was tortured by fire. Through it all, Jogues maintained his

Christian witness to his captors and fellow prisoners. When he urged one young Frenchman to escape, the boy refused. Your fate will be mine, he said, and swore to join the Society of Jesus if he lived. Eventually Jogues was "adopted" by an elderly native woman and continued to witness about Jesus. After several months, he was ransomed by the Dutch and returned home to France for a time. Then Jogues voluntarily returned to the Iroquois who had tormented him so he could share the gospel with them. Although admiring his courage, the Iroquois seized Jogues and one of their braves tomahawked him. Later the murderer was captured and tried by the French. Before the murderer was hung, however, he converted and took "Isaac Jogues" as his baptismal name as a new convert. (Sources: Dictionary of Christianity in America; The Jesuits in North America in the 17th Century).

What are we willing to do for the sake of sharing the gospel?

Mark 16:15...He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone." Everyone includes our neighbors, countrymen and foreigners, our captors, our torturers, and even our murderers. A man named Joques lived that verse.