

Woman learns she's allergic to hot air after talking with pretentious friends



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Some of those fancy, pretentious, highfalutin women had gotten together for lunch at a swanky restaurant and were doing their best to impress one another. One lady said, "My husband bought me a necklace and earring set worth \$50,000 but I can't wear it because I had an allergic reaction to all that gold." Another said, "I know just what you mean. My husband bought me a \$75,000 mink coat, and it turned out I was allergic to it." Just as that moment, another lady fainted. Once she had regained consciousness, the others asked what had happened. "She replied, "I guess I'm just allergic to hot air."

Pretentiousness and pride aren't godly qualities, and the Bible says people shouldn't get caught up in such foolishness. "If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself" (Galatians 6:3). Funny how those sorts of people can deceive themselves but no one else. Those around them can see right through their false facades. Where I grew up, folks would say pretentious and prideful people were "putting on airs." But pride is an affliction that can so very easily arise in any of us. I appreciate what Benjamin Franklin said of pride: "There is perhaps no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Beat it down, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive. Even if I could conceive that I had completely overcome it, I should probably be proud of my humility." I'm told that when Ronald Reagan was governor of California, he made a speech down in Mexico City. "After I had finished speaking, I sat down to

rather unenthusiastic applause, and I was a little embarrassed. The speaker who followed me spoke in Spanish - which I didn't understand - and he was being applauded about every paragraph. To hide my embarrassment, I started clapping before everyone else and longer than anyone else until our ambassador leaned over and said, 'I wouldn't do that if I were you. He's interpreting your speech.'" Yes, all of us are subject to have the pride monster rise up in us from time to time. But we're never to encourage our pride. Instead, we should do our best to beat it down, as hard as that is to do at times. No one, including our Lord, likes having to put up with pretentious, prideful people. We're called to be a people of humility. Let's not be like the women who boasted of their necklaces and furs. Let's be like the one who is allergic to hot air. *Roger Alford is pastor of South Fork Baptist Church. Reach him at P.O. Box 673, Owenton, KY. 40359 or at 502-514-685.*

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It is really funny, because I felt like January lasted foorrreevvveerrrr and here we are almost through the entire month of February. Time is a weird thing. I am actually writing this a week ahead, because I have this week off. See? Time is weird. So now to share some of our activities that will help you pass the time.

Walking Club
 Our walking club is meeting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00. The youngest member right now is 2 years old. Everyone is really enjoying this fun hour long exercise routine - including the little ones. You don't have to sign up anywhere! You can just walk right on in and join the fun.

Crafternoon
 On February 26th, we will be hosting a Crafternoon session where we will be making T-shirt scarves. Lesa has a sign-up sheet at the library. We have several signed up already, if you would like to

join us, just call the library and ask for Lesa. All you need to bring is an old t-shirt that you wouldn't mind cutting up.

CSI: Zoo
 Our kid's club, STREAM, has been having quite a lot of fun the last little bit. We've made chemical reactions happen and we made Valentine's Day cards. I'm really excited for our CSI: Zoo program. The idea of the program is there is an animal that has been escaping from the zoo and making messes. The kids have to solve puzzles and riddles to figure out which animal it is. This program is for kids ages 6-12.

Teen Time
 Our teens have taken a bit of a break from their short film making, but they are going to begin again on the 28th. We tossed around several ideas and they finally settled on a rather funny one. We would love to have several kids come in to help with this project. The group that meets is for kids ages 13-18. We meet every Friday at 3:30.
 We have so much going on that we would love to have you be a part of! Stop in and see us. We would love to talk to you!

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