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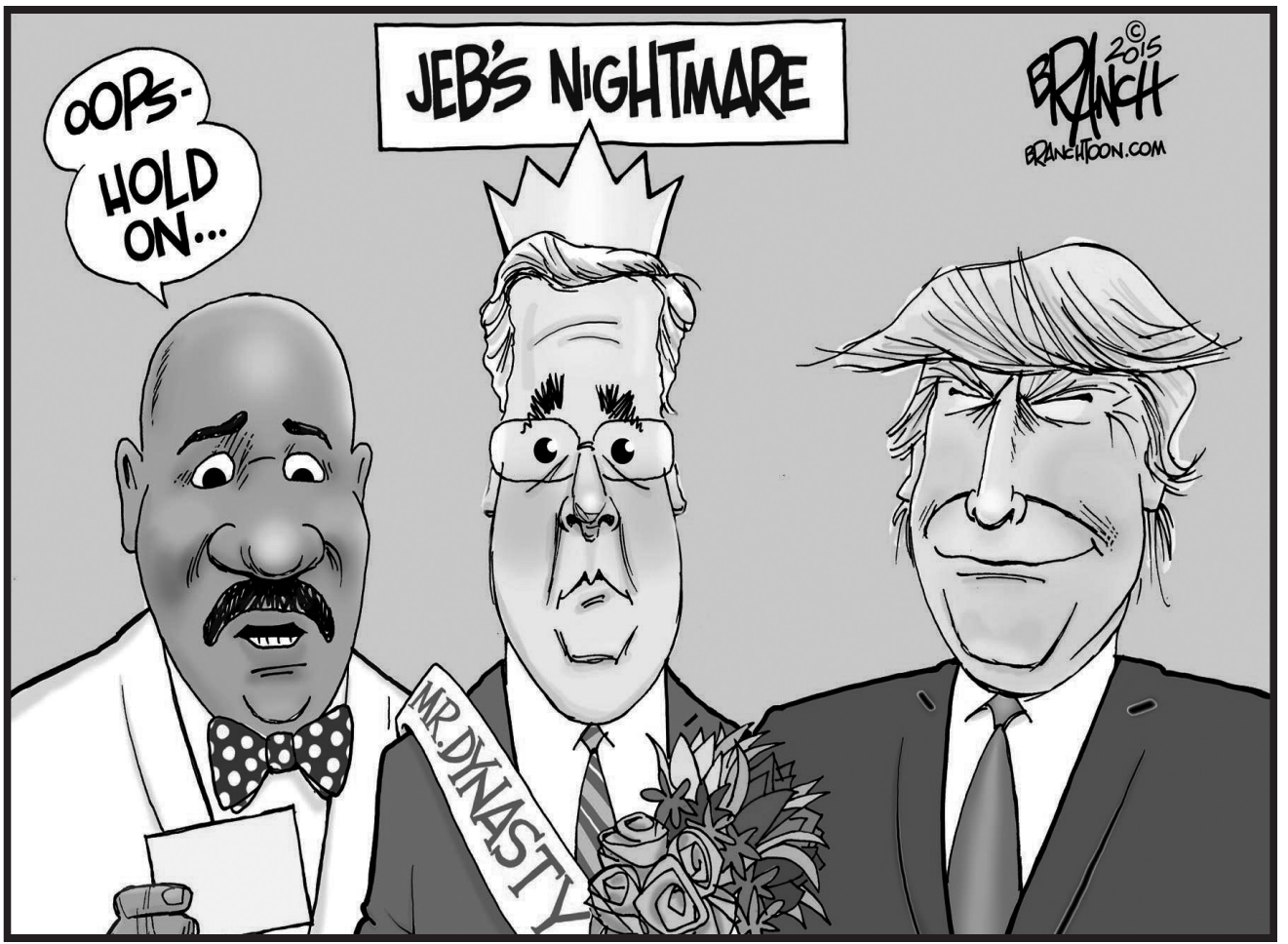
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Maudie's Naughties



Courthouse Evacuation

Pa is shopping downtown when he notices a big rukus going on at the courthouse. He sees Junior and Howard over to the side, snickering to themselves.

"What's going on over there," he asks.
 "Somebody puts three goats inside the courthouse," says Junior.

"Yeah," says Pa. "I guess that's over with. They're bringing all three out now."

"Not really," replies Howard. "We had the numbers 1, 2 and 4 painted on their sides. They'll be looking for No. 3 all day."

Pa's New Shoes

Pa gets a new, expensive pair of shoes for Christmas but Ole' Red chews the tongue out of one pair before Pa finds them under the tree. So, Pa takes the shoe down to the Twin Cities to the shoe repair.

"My dog got a hold of this," says Pa. "What would you recommend?"

The cobbler picks up the shoe, looks it over, places it on the counter and says, "Why don't you just give your dog the other shoe!"

Proportional Portrait

Junior takes a community education class downtown where he paints a portrait for a class assignment.

The professor gives him a C-minus. Junior asks him why the grade is so poor.

"The proportions in the painting are all incorrect," says the professor. "Nobody could be that unusual."

The next day Pa comes down from the holler to ask the professor about Junior's bad grade. The professor takes one look at Pa and declares, "Okay, A-minus."

Hit The Ducks

Howard Green and Junior are driving around the "Old Pike" when they see a lone golfer out on the green. The snow is just melting off and back water surrounds the green. They jump out of Pa's pickup and approach the guy.

"Hey," says Howard, pointing to one of the pools of water, "I'll bet you ten bucks you can't hit a ball close enough to those ducks over there in the water to make even one of them move."

Being a betting man, the guy takes Howard up on his bet. He launches four shots toward the ducks and then throws two by hand. The ducks still won't budge. Disgusted, the guy gives Howard the ten bucks and leaves.

Junior asks Howard, "How did you know them ducks wouldn't move?"

"They're decoys," replies Howard. "I was out here hunting this morning and forgot to bring them in."

Cab Fare

An immigrant driver is waiting in his cab in downtown Lexington on Christmas eve when Mitsy and Trixie jump in the back seat, stark naked and nearly drunk.

The driver is beside himself and just keeps on staring at the women. He makes no attempt to start the cab.

Upset, Trixie yells, "What's wrong with you, mate, haven't you ever seen a naked woman before?"

"It's not the custom of my people to stare," says the driver. "But, I was just wondering where you are keeping the money to pay your cab fare with."

Mistaken Identity

Howard Green comes home early from a new job after getting fired. Mr. Green meets him at the door and asks, "Say, why did the foreman fire you?"

"I guess he was jealous," replies Howard. "I was standing around watching other people do the work and everyone thought I was the foreman."

Late Nighter

Bubba goes out with his buddies one night and is awakened the next morning by Emmerline.

"Honey, what time did you get in last night?" she asks.

"Not too late," he replies nervously.

"Well," says Emmerline. "You'd better speak to the paper boy about putting the newspaper under the front wheel of your car!"

Correct Change

A counterfeiter is driving up the holler when he decides to stop and pass off some bills at the Needmore store. He hands a phony \$18 bill to the clerk and says, "Can you change this for me?"

The clerk looks at the bill for a few seconds then says, "Of course I can. Would you rather have two nines or three sixes?"

Pan Handler

Mitsy and Bambi are walking downtown when a beggar approaches them, asking for spare change. Mitsy opens her purse and hands the man a few ones. The beggar thanks them and continues on his way.

"Why on earth did you do that for?" asks Bambi. "He's just going to use that money for booze and partying."

"And we weren't?" replies Mitsy.

Letter To The Editor

Thank You For Show of Support During Loss of Firefighter

December 15, 2015
 Dear Estill Countians:

It is with mixed emotions I write this letter. On behalf of the Estill County Fire Department, volunteers, paid staff and families we cannot thank the Estill County Community for their show of support and prayers during the recent loss of our beloved

comrade. Zachary was an outstanding firefighter that loved serving and protecting. He will be sorely missed.

We feel blessed to live in a community where people pause during their busy day to show respect in the manner which Estill County did. We appreciate the members of the Estill County Rescue

Squad for providing traffic control and safety measures. We cannot thank the Estill County Fiscal Court and its employees enough for all the wonderful things they have done during this trying time. We also want to thank the area businesses that donated various materials, food and other items.

There have been so many people that have shown support to us during this time that it would be impossible to list them all. Please know that every kind and supportive act was and continues to be much appreciated.

Respectfully,
 Derrick Muncie
 Estill County Fire Chief

By What Authority? by BOB CASEY, preacher Cornerstone Church of Christ Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine

Recorded in **Mark 11:15-33** is the story of our Lord when He entered into the temple, and when He went in this is what He found. **A common market place**, the money changers were doing their bankers' action, also some were selling doves for sacrifices to be offered. Livestock were also offered for sale. **John 2:12-22** tells the same story.

While doing this our Lord quoted **Isaiah 56:7** saying that "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Then for that day the Lord left, but He returned early the next morning and this is what happened. The scribes and the chief priest came to Him and said: "By what authority doest thou these things?" But our Lord also had a question for them. He asked: "The baptism of John. Was it from Heaven or from man?" If they said, "from heaven," they would have believed upon what John said, or if they said from men, they would have to denounce John as being the prophet sent from Heaven. So they lied and said: "We cannot tell."

So what can this story tell us today that will be helpful in striving to arrive at the right answer in matters of faith? So we need to work a little with the question: "By what authority do we point unto for things we do in worship."

(1) By what authority does the Catholic ascribe to as the supposed headship over the church? For the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ alone was given that function (**Ephesians 1:22-29** and **Colossians 1:18**).

(2) By what authority do Protestant denominations teach that salvation comes by faith only? Many of them do so. But the Bible clearly says that we are not saved by faith alone (**James 2:24**).

(3) By what authority in Pentecostal churches teach that we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, so that we can speak in sounds, that are unintelligent, and other revelations from God. The Bible clearly teaches that the Holy Spirit to do miracles was only promised to the apostles (**Acts 1:1-6**) and that this supernatural gift would cease when the perfect revelation was given (**1 Corinthians 13:8** and **James 1:25**). The Bible also says that this was given once and not thousands of times thereafter (Jude 3).

(4) By what authority does the Christian Church use mechanical instruments of music into their worship. The New Testament is emphatic in teaching us that we are to sing (**Ephesians 5:19**, **Colossians 3:16**).

(5) By what authority do some churches of Christ build facilities called fellowship halls out of the treasury fund for dinners, games, etc. when the scriptures plainly teach that eating is to be done at home (**1 Corinthians 11:22-34**) and that the only activities that the church is to be engaged in is edification, benevolence, and evangelism (**Ephesians 4:12**).

Closing, so when churches attempt to work outside the authority of the Bible, they fail to show a proper respect of our Lord. If we continue to do things outside of authority, we jeopardize our relationship to Almighty God.

We always desire your comments upon our articles. If you would like a private study in your home, just call either of these numbers: 1-859-369-4165 or 859-358-0393 (cell).

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

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