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Maudie's Naughties



Christmas Program

Well, Pa is in church on Sunday night before Christmas to watch the grandchildren's play. This is one of only two times a year that Ma is able to drag Pa into the churchhouse (Christmas and Easter). But, Pa nearly slips up.

The pastor opens the program with a greeting saying, "I guess you all have been in the Christmas spirits this holiday season!"

Pa jumps up from the back row and says, "Did Ma tell on me, preacher?"

Christmas Holler Days

A city cousin is visiting with Ma and Pa up at Needmore and Emmerline tells her how much she dreads the holler days. The city cousin decides to correct her, telling her it is "holidays," and not "holler days."

"Oh yeah!" says Emerline. "You just wait 'till Christmas Day when Ma starts hollering from the kitchen, 'Keep your fingers out the food until meal time,' and Pa will be hollering at the kids for messing with his tools, Flora will be hollering at the kids to not open the presents and Junior will be hollering for them to stay away from his pickup truck."

Christmas Presents

Pa decides to buy Ma a mirror for Christmas but he's had nothing but bad luck since. He gets her one of those full length mirrors and puts it behind the seat in his pickup. However, while driving home, he looks around and sees his own reflection and thinks it's a carjacker so he jumps out and lets the truck roll over the hill into the ditch. The truck isn't hurt but the mirror is broken.

He goes back and buys her another and hides it behind the door in Ma's bedroom.

But Ma pulls the door back and, seeing her own reflection, says, "So, you're the old bag that Pa's been sneaking around with," and blasts it with her 12-gauge.

I think Pa's going to end up getting Ma a big box of candy for Christmas.

Sunday Morning Service

Lucy Smith grabs her son by the collar after church Sunday morning and tells him she is going to take him behind the church and give him a good spanking.

"What for, Mom," asks her surprised son?

"For talking too much during congregational singing and moving around while prayer is being said," she replies.

"But, Mom," says the son. "I'm 42 years old and I'm the pastor of this church!"

"Yep," says Lucy, "That's why you're going to get a couple of extra licks. And that associate of yours is going to get whatever you get from his mom."

Nature's Call

Pa and Junior drive over in the next county to a country general store where Pa is having some corn ground into meal. While they are there, Pa notices that Junior has gone to their old outhouse several times.

"Junior," says Pa. "Have you got the trots or something? I'll bet I've seen you go to that outhouse five times."

"Nah, Pa," replies Junior. "I only had to go once. The other four times were so I could look at their catalog for something for Emmerline for Christmas."

Narrow Road

A man is driving up a steep, narrow mountain road. A woman is driving down the same road. As they pass each other, the woman leans out of the window and yells "Pig!!"

The man leans out of his window and replies, "Cow!!"

They each continue on their way, and as the man rounds the next curve, he crashes into a pig in the middle of the road.

If only men would listen . . .

Eye Test

An Eastern Europe immigrant applies for a driver's license. He has to take an eyesight test. The optician shows him a card with the letters "C Z W I X N O S T A C Z."

"Can you read this?" the optician asks.

"Read it!?" the man replies, "I know that guy. He's my first cousin!"

The Check Up

An old man, who is hard of hearing, goes with his wife to the doctor for his annual check up.

The doctor tells him that he needs a urine sample, a stool sample, and a sperm sample.

The man turns to his wife and asks what the doctor has said.

His wife replies, "He needs your underwear, Pa."

Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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The Beard

Christmas is almost here! It seems like every year the meaning of Christmas gets a little more watered down, due to political correctness, and Christmas has become a secular holiday. People are offended at the drop of a hat anymore. So, Jesus has been taken out of Christmas.

It's that time of year when I let my beard grow out. When winter hits I just feel like the beard must be left alone. I keep threatening, I am never going to shave or trim my beard ever again. The wife says different and yes, I trim the beard.

I've got this 3-year-old named Joel who has got in a bad habit of grabbing two handfuls of beard. When he grabs the beard he then lays back. Wow it hurts! It almost brings tears to my eyes. I usually get upset with him and fuss at him.

So, the other day Joel got me good. I think he was pretending to rein in a team of horses. A 3-year-old was bringing some serious pain to his father. In the mist of this pain from my beard being pulled, a thought hit me. Jesus suffered more physical pain in His final hours on Earth than any man in history.

Matthew 27:27-31,
"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole

band of soldiers. 28And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. 29And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. 31And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him."

Our Heavenly Father went through PHYSICAL PAIN for us. He took a beating and was crucified for me. He paid a price He did not owe, for us all. We can have eternal life because He died on the cross.

Jesus was born of a virgin in a manger because there was no room at the inn. He lived to die for us. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This Christmas, remember what Christmas is about. Seek His presence not his presents. The best Gift I ever received was the Gift of Jesus in my heart.

Until next week get out and enjoy Gods creation! Merry Christmas!

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