

Claiming hundreds of dependents certain to get IRS attention



America's Heartland
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A fellow found himself at odds with the IRS for the number of dependents he claimed on his income tax return.

It seems he had claimed 100 U.S. senators and 435 U.S. representatives, 36 state senators, 100 state representatives, 12 city council members, and a mayor.

In a strongly worded letter, the IRS wrote: "The number of dependents you claimed is clearly wrong."

"I was careful to be as complete as possible," the fellow responded. "Who did I leave out?"

With tax season upon us, perhaps it's appropriate that we look at what Jesus had to say on the subject. Some folks came to Him during his public ministry and asked Him if it's appropriate to pay taxes.

In an exchange recorded in the Gospel of Matthew 22:17-21, Jesus told those folks to show him the money they used to pay their taxes. He followed that by asking whose likeness was on it. They answered that it was Caesar's.

"Then he said to them, 'therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's'" (Matthew 22:21).

The Bible actually goes on to tell us something that seems to very strange to us in modern-day America with our divisive politics and our begrudging nature toward paying taxes. It says in Romans 13:6 that our government leaders are God's ministers and for this cause we should pay taxes.

"Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; cus-

tom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor" (Romans 13:7).

I knew a man long years ago who objected to paying taxes to the U.S. government because he disagreed with the political policies of whatever administration was in office at the time. His pastor wisely shared with the man the same scriptures I'm sharing with you today. In doing so, he may very well have kept him out of serious trouble with the federal government.

I'm reminded of the truth of the statement that the Bible contains the answer to every question we face in life ... even tax questions.

I'm also reminded that, as unpopular as it is to say, we're all kind of like the fellow who claimed every government leader as a dependent. They're dependent on us, and we're dependent on them.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

Ladies Night Out For Heart Health Awareness "Women's Heart Health: The Top 10 Myths"



Dr. Paula Hollingsworth,
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Thursday, March 21
 5:30 p.m.

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SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFASTS

Sausage Biscuit Oranges Milk	Oatmeal & Toast Apples Milk	Maple Waffles Peaches Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Hash Browns Milk	Chocolate Muffin Fruit Apple Juice, Milk
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SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCHES

Popcorn Chicken Biscuit Green Beans Applesauce, Milk	Beefy Mac & Cheese Texas Toast Peas Mandarin Oranges	Bologna & Cheese Sand., Potato Smiles Broccoli Bites Strawberry Cup	Chicken Pattie/Bun French Fries Peaches Milk	Pizza Corn Pears Milk
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ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza or Toast/Cocoa Puffs Pineapple Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Mini Maple Pan- cakes or Cinn. Toast Crunch/Graham Snacks, Applesauce Asst. Juice, Milk	Donut or Chocolate Pop Tart/Frosted Flakes, Peas Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Scrambled Eggs or Lucky Charms Bacon, Toast Mandarin Oranges Asst. Juice, Milk	Blueberry or Banana Muffin, Fruit Loops Peaches Asst. Juice Milk Choices
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ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Chicken Patty/Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peaches Milk	TACO TUESDAY Taco/Wrap, Peas Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Salsa/Taco Sauce	Chicken Noodle Soup/Gr. Cheese Cauliflower/Dip Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Steamed Broccoli Pineapple Milk	Hot Dog/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Strawberry Cup Milk
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WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Pear Halves Juice, Milk	Biscuit & Gravy or Cereal Peach Cup Juice, Milk	Mini Cinni Rolls or Cereal Grapes Juice, Milk	Scrambled Eggs & Toast or Cereal Pineapple Tidbits Juice, Milk	Assorted Muffins or Cereal Apple Juice, Milk
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WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets Roll, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Pear Halves Milk	Corn Dog French Fries Steamed Broccoli Peach Cup Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup, Gr. Cheese Cucumber Slices French Orange Milk	Hamburger/Bun French Fries Pork & Beans Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Cheese Pizza Corn Tomato/Dip Apple Milk
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Dutch Waffle, Choc. Mini Wheats Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Mixed Fruit	Bosco, Frosted Flakes, Reese Puffs Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Peas	Biscuit & Gravy Lucky Charms Cereal Bars, Pop Tart, Juice, Milk	Scr. Eggs, Toast Cocoa Puffs, Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Or- ange Slices	Donuts, Apple Cinn. Cheerios, Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts Peaches
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Asian Chicken, Roll Cheesy Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Apples/Mixed Fruit Milk or Juice	Hamburger on Bun or Spicy Chicken/ Bun, French Fries Let./Tom./Pickles Applesauce Strawberry Cup	Chicken Pattie/Bun or Potato Bar/Bread- stick, Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Peaches/Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks/Dip Oranges Sidekicks Milk or Juice	Mini Corn Dogs or Mr. Rib on Bun Slaw Broccoli Bites/Dip Peaches Pineapples
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Saus., Egg, Cheese Slicers, Cereal, Ce- real Bars, Pop Tarts Donuts Oranges or Apples	Breakfast Pizza Pop Tarts Powdered Donuts Yogurt Parfait Apples or Oranges	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait, Donuts Apples or Oranges	Sausage Biscuit Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait, Donut Holes Oranges or Apples Juice, Milk	Eggstravaganza Wrap, Poptarts, Cereal, Cereal Bars Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Pepperoni Calzone Chicken Quesadilla Marinara Sauce Glazed Carrots Normandy Blend Tropical Fruit Sidekicks Juice/Asst. Milk	Hot Ham & Cheese Pizza Hut Pizza Tater Tots Baked Beans Strawberries Blueberry Apple- sauce Juice/Asst. Milk	BBQ Oven Roasted Chicken, Roll Spicy Chicken/Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapples Peaches Juice/Assorted Milk	Chef Bradley's Spaghetti, Bread- stick, Mr. Rib on Bun Garden Salad Corn Pears Applesauce Juice/Assorted Milk	Chili w/crackers Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Broccoli Bits Mandarin Oranges Strawberry Cup Juice/Assorted Milk
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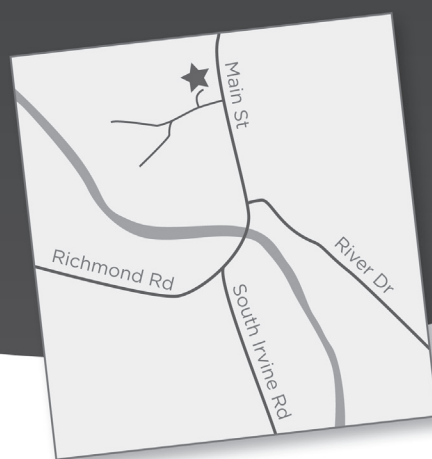
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