

June
2006



The Mayonnaise Jar

(from an unknown source)

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle – remember the mayonnaise jar and the coffee.



A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, without saying anything, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – God, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else – the mundane things of life that sometimes we think are important.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the mundane busy things, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. Finish that book and start another. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."



The writer in Ecclesiastes offers the following:

*Better one handful with tranquility
than two handfuls with toil
and chasing after the wind.*

*There was a man all alone;
he had neither son nor brother.*

*There was no end to his toil,
yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.*

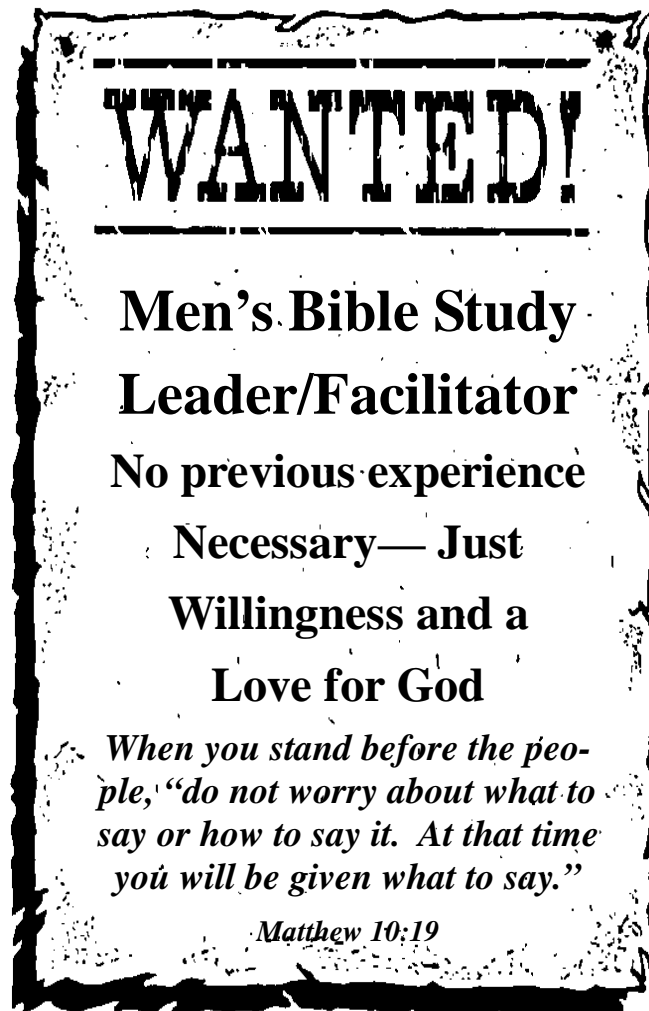
*"For whom am I toiling," he asked,
"and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?"*

*This too is meaningless –
a miserable business!*

In opposition to many things in this life and the ideas of some, I intentionally set aside time for enjoyment. There are some I am sure that do not understand that and think that I am lazy or uncaring. But, even Jesus took some time to be alone and rest from the people. So if God took time to 'rest' then surely I need to.

Think about it, you are no good to anyone if you are always stressed out about what is not being done. Look to the important things of life not the busy things of life which one day will have no meaning.

God bless,
Pastor Tim





Congratulations Graduates



2006 Graduating Class of West Iredell High School

Katy Blevins

Brent Mauney

Amanda Peralta

2006 Graduating Class of Lenoir Rhyne College

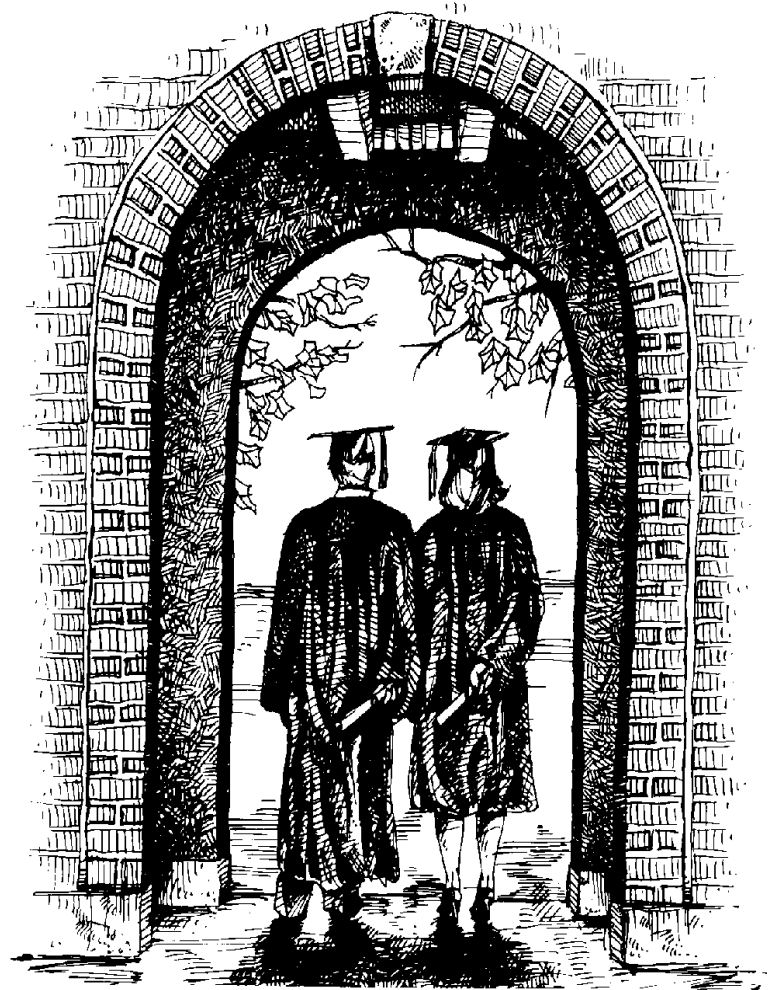
Nolan Winters

2006 Graduating Class of Western Carolina University

Matt Decker

*But the wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, open to reason,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without uncertainty or insincerity.*

James 3:17



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(from left to right) Kattie Compton, Cory Wilson, Jessica Ciccarelli , Anthony Brady, Katy Blevins, Casey Clarke, Brittany Flosenzier

Children's



Choir



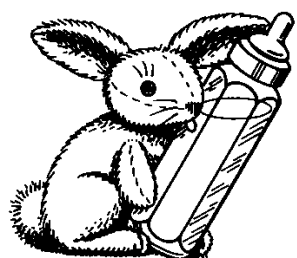
To Mother with Love:
The children's choir sang "Thank You Mom", a very special song for Mothers Day.



Elder Emeritus



Steve Stewart and Jeff McNeely recently presented Elders Jim Dagenhart and Carroll McNeely with plaques recognizing them as an Elder Emeritus.



**nursery
workers**

Nursery Schedule for June 2006

Denver Presbyterian

June 4 Frank & Kitzi Emery

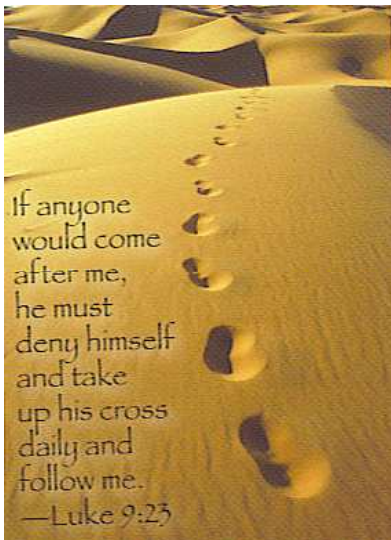
June 11 Rick, Judy & Helen Cashion, Stephanie Watts

June 18 Clay & Pat Price

June 25 Kim Brady & Judy Watson

The father is the head of the house; the mother is the heart of the house.

Family Bible Conference



The 2006 Family Bible Conference will be held at Bonclarken, July 24-27, 2006. The theme for this year's study is *Following Christ*. There will be Bible teaching and seminars, music, crafts, skits, fellowship and fun. There will be programs for children preschool through 8th grade and recreational activities for the entire family.

There is an early registration which must be turned in by July 1.

The cost is \$12/day or \$40/all 4 days by July 1 or \$15/day or \$50/all 4 days after July 1. \$5 Child activity fee/all 4 days.

(Food and lodging not included)

If you are interested in going, please get in touch with Michelle Hairyes, treasurer of the WOC for early registration.



We are planning to return to GULFPORT once again sometime in the late fall.

If you or someone you know outside our church would like to go, please contact David Sides at 704-585-2503



If anyone has movies suitable to show to a Junior High age group and would be willing to loan them out, please contact Marene Reese at 873-2929.

We would like to use these for some movie and popcorn nights without having to buy videos.

Thanks for your help.

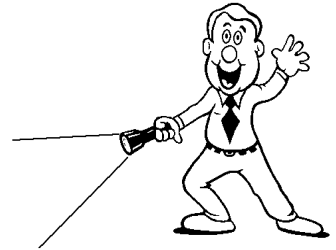


Here and There!!!!!!!



Adeleigh Graham has battle wounds from jumping off the diving board.....**Betty Godfrey, Cora Poovey** and **Swannie Snyder** walked in the relay for life.....**Clifton Mauney** is playing Legion Baseball for the Statesville Owls.....**Juanita Massey** making U-turns?????.....**Delinda and Bill Mauney** hosted 5 "prom guests" for dinner at their home prom night....The **Knit Wits** are off and running. There were 15 at the last meeting....

I know everyone has lots of news to share. Please turn in special events, etc to share with your church family. Vacations are coming up, sporting events, graduations, etc. Please send your news along to we all can share.



don't let this happen to you

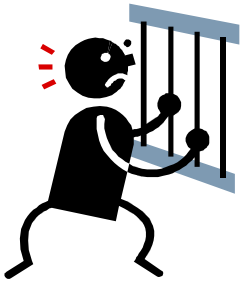
A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy Boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him.



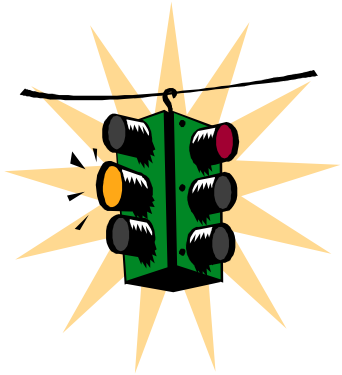
He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection with him.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.



He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, obscenely gesturing and cussing a blue streak the guy in front of you. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."





The Hairyes Family



Richard and Michelle Hairyes met at a friend's pool party. They were married on September 26, 1992 aboard the Catawba Queen Riverboat. Michelle is the daughter on Lynn and Muriel Jenkins. Richard was born in Whitinsville Massachusetts. He is the son of Ron Hairyes who lives in Missouri and Sara Garabodian Hairyes who died November 2000 of ALS. His mother was Armenian.

Michelle has been a lifelong member of New Sterling, hoping in the future Richard will join. Michelle has been a choir member for many years, playing piano whenever needed. For nine years she has played the piano at Bethel United Methodist. She is a member of the personnel and discipleship/ nurturing committee, WOC secretary and treasurer and very active in women's ministry - mentoring, bible studies and conferences.

Richard works at Gregory Glazing as a glass worker and project manager. He still does some electrical work on the side. Michelle works in administration and accounting at Pneu- Mech Systems.

Richard and Michelle both love playing games with their children and playing cards with family and friends. Michelle also enjoys crocheting, jigsaw puzzles and reading. Richard enjoys golf, fishing and reading. Richard once took a three month camping trip to Montana with his friends. He has a dream of retiring in Montana.

They have two children, Cody Lynn Hairyes, who is eight years old. He attends Sharon Elementary and is in the 3rd grade. He has played tee ball, coach pitch and is currently playing baseball. He also enjoys shooting basketball and pellet guns, playing game cube and game boy, watching movies and aggravating Mara.

Mara Lane Hairyes is five years old and attends Salem and Sloan Child Enrichment Center. She loves to dress up, dance and sing, movies and telling tall tales to Mrs. Louanne.

Both are active in Sunday School, children's choir and hand bells. Cody is involved in Youth Shepard's. They have two dogs, Gracie and Reno and had a rabbit.

Ryan Hairyes, 23 years old lives in Sanford, NC. He is employed by the County School Systems as a computer programmer and is co-owner of E-tech Services as a webmaster.

They have a nephew Cam Sexton, who was recruited as a quarterback for UNC Chapel Hill, also Brent Sexton their brother-in-law played safety for the Pittsburg Steelers

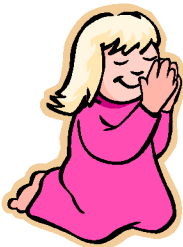
This was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to "explain God." I wonder if any of us could have done as well?

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers."



"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off."



"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K."

"His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he

didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God.? Like a secretary, only more important."

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time."

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!"



Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong.

And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids."

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases."

And...that's why I believe in God."



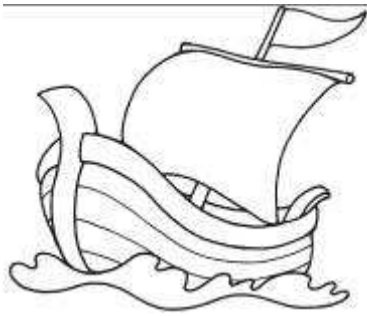


Vacation Bible School

July 31 through August 4th

Ages Nursery 0-2 through 5th and 6th Grade

**Everyone is invited!!!!
Bring a friend!!!!!!**



GOD NEEDS YOU!

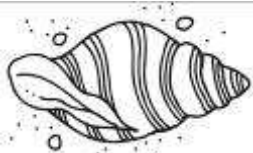
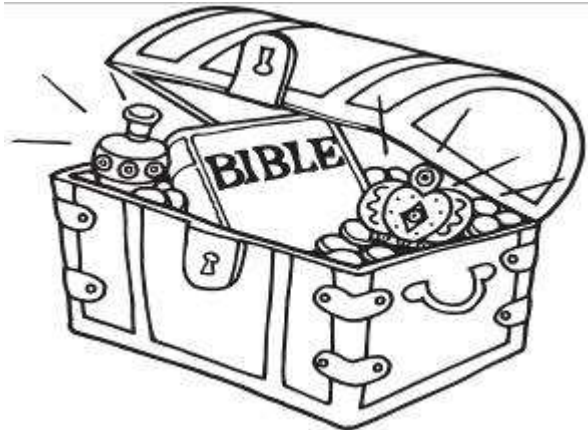
Helpers are still needed for crafts, recreation, kitchen and teachers' assistants. Please see Scott or Jessica Graham to sign up.

Sign Up

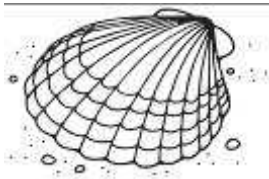


Mark Your Calendars

If you have any empty small glass baby food jars, start saving them. They will be needed for crafts. You may give them to me on Sundays or leave them in the Young Adult class room. Your help is greatly appreciated.



**Thank You,
Taryn Setzer**



Anne VanZandt, a long time member of New Sterling who has lived in Vermont for many years and recently moved to Wilmington, NC to live with her daughter due to health reasons, recently went home to be with her Lord. She always tried to keep up with the things going on at New Sterling over the years by receiving our newsletter and talking very frequently with Lynn and Muriel Jenkins. Keep her family in your prayers.

Stephanie Watts is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award

And needs our help. She is sponsoring a

YMCA NURSERY BABY SHOWER

Place: Statesville YMCA

Date: June 4, 2006

Time: 2 pm to 4 pm

Refreshments will be provided

THINGS NEEDED FOR THE NEW NURSERY:

Toddler Toys

Crayons

Toddler Books

Dolls

Storage Containers

Baby Needs

Pack-N-Plays

Toddler Puzzles

Coloring Books

Toddler Videos

Rocking Chair for the Adult Caregivers



New Communicant Members Leah Gryder, daughter of Patti and Doug Gryder and Jacob McNeely, son of Cindy and Jeff McNeely



Communicant Member Harrison Jenkins, son of Sheila and Traci Jenkins
New Members Adrian Jarrett and Shelby Hodges

Homebound and Assisted Living

Norma and Johnsie Jenkins
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704-585-6960

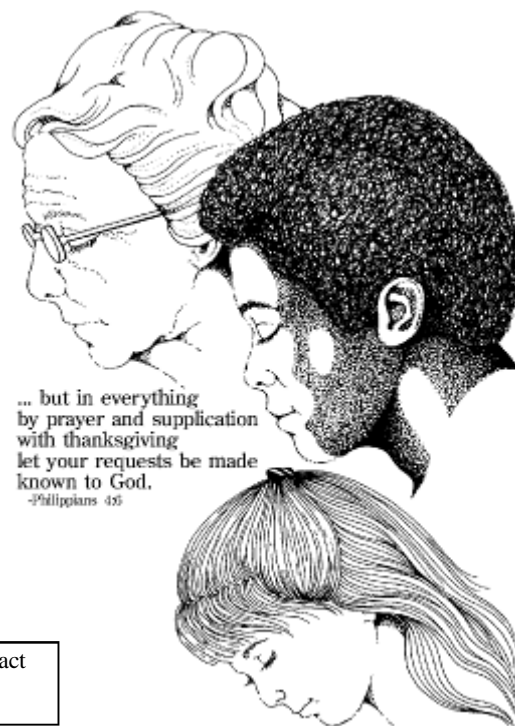
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Edith Reese
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If we have missed anyone or you would like to have your name listed here, please contact Delinda Mauney at 704-880-0527 or Taryn Setzer at 459-2637

The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk
Abraham was too old
Isaac was a daydreamer
Jacob was a liar
Joseph was abused
Moses had a stuttering problem
Gideon was afraid
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
Rahab was a prostitute
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
David had an affair and was a murderer
Elijah was suicidal
Isaiah preached naked

Jonah ran from God
Naomi was a widow
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
The Disciples fell asleep while praying
Martha worried about everything
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
Timothy had an ulcer...AND
Lazarus was dead!

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the Courage to change the one I can, and the Wisdom to know it's me who God uses.

BIRTHDAYS

1 Sarah Brady
 2 Lindsey Gray
 2 Todd McCulloch
 5 Holly Hardin
 5 Bill Mauney
 6 Erica Burruel
 7 Betty Godfrey
 9 Homer Dishman
 11 Jeannette Hauck
 11 John Henry Pope
 11 Matthew Shoemaker
 11 Misty Williams
 15 Rick Cashion
 16 Brandon Sutton
 18 Kory Massey
 19 Dale Massey
 19 Scott Snyder

J u n e

21 Bob Hardin
 21 Terri Jenkins
 21 Charles McClure
 22 Terra Melton
 22 Arthur Waugh
 24 Jacob McNeely
 25 Lauren Bailey
 25 Sally Lewis
 25 David Sides
 29 Kim Brady
 29 Cindi Bowman
 30 Terry Hoke
 31 Crystal Coffey
 31 David Jenkins



The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church..." The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

