

Faith and Funnies

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This Month in History

- **September 12, 1953** - John F. Kennedy, 36, married Jacqueline Bouvier, 24, in a ceremony before 750 invited guests at St. Mary's Church in Newport, Rhode Island, conducted by Archbishop Richard Cushing of Boston.
- **September 14, 1741** - Composer George Frederick Handel finished Messiah after working on it nonstop for 23 days.
- **September 14, 1901** - Eight days after being shot, President William McKinley died from wounds suffered during an assassination attempt in Buffalo, New York. He was succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt.



Laugh a Little

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

Squash!

What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

Straw-berries!

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

With a pumpkin patch!



Brain Teasers

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What do you throw out when you want to use it, but bring in when you don't need?

Where does Friday come before Thursday?





Withered and Wilted

by Marla Carter

Recently I was enjoying a relaxing Sunday afternoon with my husband at my grandparents' farm when we decided to dig up a few plants and bring them home to plant in our yard. I wanted some wildflowers; Todd wanted a walnut tree. Luckily we had come prepared with our spade, so he dug up some Black-eyed Susans for me and a walnut sapling for him. The ground was dry and hard, but he managed to get a good amount of roots for both. When we got back home, he dug a big hole in our front yard, filled it with water, and we placed the tree in the hole. We covered it with soil and we staked it so that it would have extra support. The next morning, we woke up to find the tree looking quite withered and droopy. We are still watering it and hoping it will perk up soon. I know it will need lots of "TLC."

Have you ever felt like that walnut sapling? Perhaps you have recently been transplanted. Do you find yourself uprooted from your home and placed somewhere new and unfamiliar? That probably makes you wonder if you'll be able to spread your roots and thrive again. You may feel withered, wilted, and sad. So what can you do?

Just like my tree needs me to provide it with extra care and attention right now, you must be purposeful in helping yourself begin to flourish again. First and foremost, look to God. The Bible says, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat

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comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:7-8) Trust the Lord and His promises. Your situation may change, but God never changes. If your trust is in Him, you will grow and thrive no matter where you are planted because God is with you everywhere you go. Psalm 139:7-10 says “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.” God Himself is like water for your soul. “The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” (Isaiah 58:11)

Practically, this means you try to keep yourself watered with God’s Word, prayer, and godly friends. Find a Bible study group or attend church services regularly. Don’t isolate yourself from others even though you might feel afraid to meet new people. Being alone and sitting in your own sadness is a sure way to keep yourself withered and wilted. Relationships are sort of like that stake I used to hold up my tree. As it’s struggling to take root in a new place, that stake gives it the support it needs while it is weak.

If you’re feeling withered, please reach out and take the hand of Jesus. Let Him lead you beside still waters toward a life that is thriving and abundant.

Tree Planted by Water

Look for words from Jeremiah 17:7-8

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T E O M Z B C C S T O O R E X H T N Z S
A N O J A L S Z U L H C R F H I T T A F
R O F X S Q K L I S P G C W W H R L L E
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BLESSED
PLANTED
GREEN
TREE

TRUST
WATER
LEAVES
FRUIT

LORD
ROOTS
STREAM

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