

Independent Assemblies

March/April 2009 Newsletter



Whereas our Lord Jesus has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," we, the members and churches of the Independent Assemblies, do associate ourselves together, and pledge ourselves to fulfill this command by giving ourselves to the service of our Lord through the operation of the Spirit, and submitting to His direction, we shall minister the "Good News" of Christ through every avenue made available unto us by God. And our lives shall be spent in this purpose and Holy calling that our Lord may be glorified on that Day that He shall gather His people unto Himself. We are not a denomination, nor do we have any desire to become one. We are simply a Fellowship of Ministers and Churches brought together by God's Love and our common beliefs.

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Please send all Credentials Applications, Church & Ministry Applications and Newsletter Articles to the President's Office. Send all Renewal Fees, Offerings, Missions Funds, and Address Corrections, etc., to the Secretary/Treasurer's Office.

**Annual Credentials Fees: Exhorter- \$50.00, License- \$65.00,
Ordination- \$75.00**

Reinstatement Fee: \$10.00

**Annual Church Fees: Fellowship Churches- \$50.00,
Member Churches - \$100.00**

Annual Ministry Fees: (Not-for-Profit)\$100.00

2009 Interstate Meetings & Events

**April 13 - LIFE CHANGER CHURCH – Claremore, OK - 918/341-8344
Pastor, Dr. Ted Estes**

**May 11 - CALVARY TEMPLE - Edmond OK. 1801 S. Kelly, - 405/348-2334
Pastor, Rev. Dale Drain**

**June 8 - FIRST GRACE CHURCH – Glenpool, OK - 918/744-4717 or
918/809-9744 Pastor, Rev. Ronnie Spoon**

July 13-15 - I. A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Bricktown Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

**August 10 - FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH – Whitefield, OK - 918/967-2554
Pastor, Rev. Bill Fitzer**

September 13 - World Harvest Sunday

**September 14- CAPITOL HILL FULL GOSPEL – Moore, OK - 405/793-7727
Pastor, Rev. Jim Robertson,**

**October 12-14 FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE – THE TABERNACLE
Blackwell, OK– 580/363-2734 or 363-4210– Pastor, Dr. Robert O. Johnson**

**November 2- CYRIL FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Cyril, OK - 580/383-6675 – Pastor, Rev. Donnie Miller**

**November 9 - AVANT HOUSE OF PRAYER Avant, OK -, 918/263-2955
Pastor, Rev. M.E. Anthony, Jr.**

**December 7 -MENDING HEARTS CHURCH
Newalla OK– 405-386-4351 – Pastor, Rev. David Tompkins**

Ordination services are held at the April, and October Meetings and the Annual Conference.

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Northeast Okla. District

Rev. Mac Blackwell, District Rep. – Locust Grove, Ok - 918/479-6057
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North Central Texas District

Rev. Daniel Sue, Regional Rep. – Kemp TX, 903/498-4704 – Cell 214/205-8647

email: sued7@ednet10.net

Apr 20 - REFINERS FIRE MINISTRIES INTL., 1611 W. Ennis Ave, Ennis, TX,
972-875-6006 - Pastor Cord Blankenship

May 18 - MALACHI MINISTRIES - 507 North I-35E, Waxahachie, TX ,
972/923-9203 Pastors Diana & Phillip Downs

June 15 - VICTORY TEMPLE - 2101 Acosta Dr, Grand Prairie, TX,
972/642-9008, Pastor Leland Hall

Aug 17 - NEW LIFE MINISTRIES - 101 S. Main St., Red Oak, TX
972/617-1135 Pastor Mark Lowrey

Oct 26 - GRACE FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH--Eustace, TX - Pastor John Smith

Nov 16 - Yearly Pastors Planning Meeting

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Midwest Regional District

Regional Rep. - Rev. MARK MAYNARD - 618/931-4106 - email: For-markm@juno.com

Arkansas District

Rev. Charles Kendrick, District Rep. - Alexander, AR. 501/303-0831

Our newsletter, application forms, and bylaws and policies are available for you on our
website. www.independentassemblies.org

THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE of our newsletter that I will produce from our office here in Lexington, OK. Your next issue (May/June) will be in an attractive four-color format that will bring us up to date in presentation. It has been my privilege to have been able to serve our fellowship with our monthly publication since January 1996. We have sent 159 issues to all the readers of the newsletter. I will miss the contact that we have had through the years as your editor and producer, but I will also welcome the extra time that I will have for other things. Please send all future information and requests to our President, Mickey Keith at the Ada, OK office. You will need to get your information to him two months in advance concerning time sensitive items. — *Ken Anderson*

April 2009 Interstate Meeting

Monday, April 13th, **Lifechanger Church** will host the next Interstate meeting. Pastor, **Dr. Ted Estes** invites everyone to come together in the unity of the Spirit for this great meeting. You will be blessed with a dynamic presentation of God's Word and experience a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. The afternoon service will begin at 2:30p.m. Speakers to be announced. A meal will be served at 5:30. The evening service begins at 7 p.m. The speaker will be **Virginia Estes**. The church is located at 2221 W. 21st St. N., Claremore, OK, 74107. Phone (918)341-8344, (918)342-4151 or (866)341-8344. — This meeting will also be an ordination service. For those being ordained, please contact the president's office to make necessary arrangements. See back of the newsletter.

May 2009 Interstate Meeting

Calvary Temple, Edmond OK, will be hosting the May IA Interstate fellowship meeting on Monday, May 11 beginning at 2:30pm in the afternoon we will begin our services with our speakers **David Tompkins**, pastor of Mending Hearts, Newalla, OK and **Thomas Buckley**, Yukon, OK. At 5:30pm we will be serving a delicious dinner to all who attend.

At 7:00pm Our Special Speaker will be **John Parrish**, Eufala, OK. We want to encourage all of our ministers and their family congregations to come and enjoy the mighty presence of God with us. Make special plans now to hear the Word of the Lord through these special speakers that have been chosen. We will enjoy the Day! — Pastors, **Rev. Dale & Cris Drain**, — The church is located at 1801 S. Kelly, Edmond OK. (405)348-2334 , email - calvarytemplech@sbcglobal.net – www.calvarytempleok.org

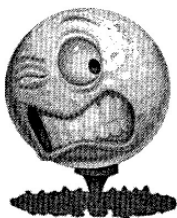
North Central Texas District

Pastor Cord Blankenship invites everyone to the next meeting of the North Central Texas area on Monday, April 20th. hosted by **Refiner's Fire Ministries**, Ennis, TX. 611 W. Ennis Ave. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm. Call for more information 972-875-6006.

Our Annual Conference will be **July 13-15, 2009** at the Bricktown Hotel again this year. Our keynote speaker will be Pastor **Mike Hays**, Dallas Texas. We are planning workshops again this year. Registration will begin as soon as you receive your brochure in a few weeks. We will also conduct our biennial business meeting with all ordained members on Tuesday July 14. No registration required for those attending the business meeting. Our conference coordinator again this year is Dr. Ted Estes. 918/341-8344, Email - pastorted@lifechangerchurch.com – Display space is available for ministries, missionaries and vendors. Contact Jan Calvert 405/503-9369, email jan@cghhps.com - Display space will be in the main meeting hall.



2009 2-man Golf Scramble



REGISTER NOW to attend our Ninth 2-man scramble event Thursday & Friday, **May 8 & 9**, 2009 held at the Purcell Golf Course in Purcell OK. We will tee-off at 12:00 noon Thursday for the first 18 hole round. The second round will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. Friday. Your registration will include the following: **(1)** One night lodging at Ruby's Motor Inn. **(2)** Two - 18 hole rounds of golf including cart rental. **(3)** 3 Meals, dinner on Thursday, breakfast and lunch Friday. **(4)** Trophy prizes for winners of events. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place. **(5)** Drawing prizes. **(6)** Refreshments - beverages and snacks brought to you during the game for your convenience. Pastor John Smith has volunteered to man the "goodie cart" again this year.

The registration fee will be \$125.00 per golfer for a double occupancy room or \$140.00 for single occupancy. If you do not need a room, the registration fee is \$105.00. A \$25.00 deposit (non-refundable) will hold your registration, with balance payable by no later than May 5th.

Send to: **Ken Anderson**, P. O. Drawer 1120, Lexington, OK 73051. You will receive a letter of confirmation or email with map, etc. You must include your current average score for the last 4 or 5 games. Teams will be matched by handicap. Please contact me A.S.A.P. and let me know your plans on attending, even if you are not ready to register yet. We are going to have another great time of fun, food and fellowship together. Call: 405/527-6030 Email: kda@valornet.com

Arkansas District

Pastor David Jay & Faith Church, Inc. of Dardanelle, AR will host the next Arkansas District Meeting on Tuesday, May 26. Come and enjoy the fellowship and services. The church is located at Third & Harrison St. From I-40, exit Hwy 7 South. Go to third street past Arkansas River bridge, turn left and go one block. From Little Rock you go East on 40 take exit 81 to Hwy 7 at Russellville. Turn South go through Russellville go across the bridge and turn on Third Street. Faith Church will be on the corner of Third and Harrison. For more information, call(479)229-3500.



25th Anniversary Celebration

Dear Family and Friends of Pastor Ted and Ginny Estes; As of April 1st, 2009, Pastor Ted and Ginny will have pastored at Lifechanger Church twenty-five years. The church advisory board planned a weekend to celebrate this event. On Saturday, April 25th, there will be a "come and go" reception from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at Lifechanger Church. On Sunday, April 26th, the celebration continues during the morning service starting at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch in the Youth Center and fellowship hall.

The honor of your presence for any or all of the weekend's events would be a tremendous blessing to Pastor Ted and Ginny and the Lifechanger Church family. If you live out of state or find that you are unable to attend due to prior arrangements, please send a letter of congratulations, a DVD with your greetings or a card, which will be shared with Pastor Ted and Ginny during the Sunday morning service.

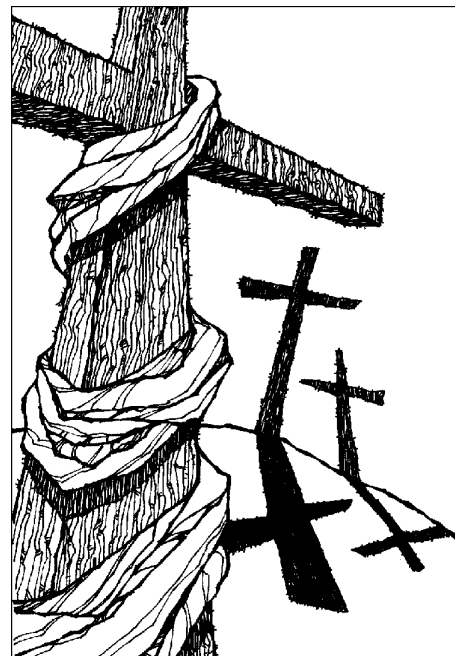
Thank you for being a special part of Pastor Ted and Ginny's lives. It is our hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating Pastor Ted and Ginny's Silver Anniversary of ministry here at Lifechanger Church.

Grove Christian Center, Grove, OK welcomes you to the "Regathering of Eagles", April 27-29. This will be a time of reconnecting, revisiting, restoring, reuniting, reflection, reminiscing and a time of celebrating the past and rejoicing in the future. Pastors **David and Rhonda Knox** are proud to announce their guest speak, **Dr. Bob Rodgers**, Louisville, KY. Call 918/786-4497, email - gchristiancenter@sbcglobal.net. Also check out their web page. www.grovechristiancenter.org

Make plans now for Youth Camp - "**Campfire**" will be held June 22-25 at Camp Bond near Tishomingo, OK. Camper cost: \$130.00. (\$30.00 deposit and registration due May 15. Call pastor **Drew or Nathan Issacs** at 580/925-3545. Email: - natanalanissacs@yahoo.com

A PERSPECTIVE OF THE CROSS FROM BOOT CAMP

A true life experience and perspective from one of our ordained ministers, David Binford, who is now in the Military, training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in the 101st Air Bourne.



I felt like I was going to die! This road march is one of our prerequisites for going to Air Assault school. I was doing pretty well, made mile 6 in 1hr 30min. When I made mile 7 or so my left hamstring & calf cramped up. I kept going & with approx 3 miles left my right leg cramped up too. So, there I was walking the trail with my M-4, my full ruck on my back, looking like either the "Tin-Man" or "Fred Sanford"! Not to mention I was the only one around, finally, I made it back to the company & turned in my weapon. Then it all hit me, my arms went numb, my lips were tingling, I couldn't catch my breath, I felt like I was freezing....needless to say they called the medics.

Medics said my blood pressure was 114/82, my pulse was 225, & my blood sugar was non-existent. Then both my legs cramped up so bad I was crying so they stuck me with an IV.....oh, Thank the Lord for good medics & good IV's!

I am just thankful to have finished....I'm 39 (40 in April), I tore my ACL in Dec 2005 & hadn't been very active at all until July 29, 2008 when I started the process of going back in..... When I started the process to come back in I weighed 210 - 215, couldn't run more than 100 yards without wanting to quit, I had a 37 - 38 inch waist!

Now, I run 2 miles in 14:53, my waist is a 32 & I weigh 183 - 187 I feel a lot better now, just really really sore.

I truly can do ALL things through CHRIST who gives me strength!

Now for what the Lord showed me during the march:

Some Perspective from a 12 mile Ruck March

I was on the return leg of the 12 mile road march yesterday...after my left leg cramped up and the ruck on my back felt like a thousand pounds, I began to contemplate Jesus.

Not the baby Jesus, not the Jesus we see in pictures looking all lowly & meek holding a little lamb or even the Jesus seen in some painting "ascending into heaven" but Jesus on the road to Golgotha. Who first began His suffering for us in the garden when the stress of what He was about to go through brought on "Bloody Sweating", a crown of thorns beaten into his head, not placed there gently as depicted in some scenes of movies.

Hair missing from his beard and head from being yanked out by the fistful, blood streaming down his face into his eyes. The many bruises, welts, lacerations from the mob taking their cheap shots at him as He was led from the Sanhedrin to Pilate. His back ripped open time and again by the stripes of the Flagrum, each end embedded with fragments of lead. First only bruising the flesh, but after repeated blows leaving the flesh literally hanging in ribbons, exposing muscles, bones, even organs.

Then I see Him in a state of unrecognizable, bloody, swollen and disfigured figure of a man who is 100% God but has chosen to lay down His Godly power and walk as 100% man, to show

each of us they way home, carrying a cross which I know weighed a lot more than my ruck.

A cross that He knew He was about to be hung on until dead! The trip that He had to endure carrying the cross from the place of the trial up to Golgotha not being as far as my road march but considering everything that He took upon Himself freely without a single word of defense being so much more excruciating! That same rugged, splintery, rough cross pressing into His back of shredded tissue...muscles failing under the stress, strain and duress of repeated blows.

Finally reaching Golgogtha, He is hung using heavy wrought iron nails, two of which are driven through the depressed portion of the wrist. The cross then lifted into place and His feet are now forced back against the beam one foot on top of the other and a third wrought iron nail is driven through the arch of both. The muscles in His body fatigued to failure, endless waves of twisting cramps, knotting them in deep, relentless pain.

The struggle to breath, from being stretched out, having to work to raise Himself with His legs on feet impaled to the cross. The pressure of sin of humanity, not just then but even to this day weighing so heavy on His heart that fluid began to build up around His heart, restricting His breath even more!

Then finally, it is finished, He commits Himself into the Fathers hands and dies. A spear thrust into His side piercing the build up, blood and water pour out.

He died of a broken heart for humanity, rose again three days later with a joyous heart that has set the captives free!

As I thought on this it put my current state of mind, pain and struggle into perspective...it didn't take it away but it did help me continue. Although I didn't finish in the allotted three hour time frame, I did finish and I will continue to get better, most of all I will keep everything in the perspective of the cross. Take up your cross and follow Jesus! Never Give Up, Never Give Up, NEVER GIVE UP!

David W. Binford, – Plumblin Ministries

"Sharing the Good News in Music and Word"

www.plumblinministries@yahoo.com — www.myspace.com/plmblinministries

Evangelists Ricky and Cyndie York

Russellville, AR



Our evangelistic ministry is singing and preach the Word of God. We love the Lord and want to do the Lord's will. We love to meet people. We have 4 children 2 boys and 2 girl.

On Feb. 5th of 2008 a tornado devastated our home in Hattiesville, and my father and his wife were taken to be with the Lord. Our home was destroyed and we were spared from the rubble to finish our ministry assignment here. We have faced many challenges this year and we know that God is in control. The Lord has given us several songs during this past year to share his love and mercy with others. He has given us a calling to reach the broken hearted and encourage the saints with His love.

If you would like for us to come and sing or minister in your church, Please contact us at: Ricky York, 2708 North Mobile Ave ,Russellville, Arkansas 72802 or call 501-269-6912, May the Lord richly bless and keep you in Jesus name.

Children's Ministries Leaders United

Rev. Dale Stringer – Cledonia, MO

If you have never seen 30 to 40 kids gather around an altar praying in tongues and crying out to God, you've just not lived! These kids are capable of incredible things in God and I know first-hand that many of them receive their callings inside of a children's church. The enemy is teaching kids to strap on bombs and kill people, but what are you teaching your kids in your churches? According to Barna's Research, the probability of someone embracing Jesus as their Savior is 32% between ages 5-12, 4% for ages 13-18 and 6% for 19 and older. You can see that the greatest chance of salvation is in our kids, but most resources are spent in reaching teens and adults, the least profitable return on investment.

This is why I've created a ministry called "Children's Ministry Leaders United (CMLU)". We are a group of children's ministry leaders who are children's pastors, mid-week leaders, Sunday School teachers and more. Our vision is to pour into others what God has given us and help other children's ministry leaders to reach kids for the Kingdom. We will do this by creating networking opportunities all around the country and holding training events at reasonable prices with resources at low costs to our friends in ministry. Can this be done? Yes, we've already begun! We've started local events and are ready to begin on a much larger scale, but we need your support...whoa! I almost lost you there! You thought we wanted money, right? Wrong! We want you to join our group and begin networking with us...that's all! We will keep in touch through email, our website, and social networking sites like www.facebook.com and www.cmconnect.org. Come join us!
Web page: cmlu.org Email: cmlu@live.com Phone: (573)779-8982

We Welcome These New Members

Corina M. Ellerbee - Edmond, OK
Kevin W. Egly - Broken Arrow, OK
Tommy D. Cornstubble, - Antlers, OK
David Pagano Ministry - Del City, OK

Evangelist James McMickin has a brand new radio release, "Somebody Take Me To The Pool", on Capitol Music Cafe Volume 76, cut #15, which is mailed to all stations that have a Southern Gospel format. He also has a new website: shoutlife.com/jamesmcmickin where you can listen to five mp3s, one being the new radio single so you will know what to listen for and request on radio. You can also read his blogs, see photos, events, etc. Churches and church ministries can use shoutlife.com either as a free website or to increase traffic to their official site.

"Pastor-T", Ms. April and the Judah Family would like to express our deepest heart-felt appreciation for the out-pouring of prayers and support as we launched Judah Worship Center in Yukon, OK. These last couple of months have been so amazing and we cannot wait to see what God will do in our midst in 2009. We pray that you and your ministry continues to grow and prosper through God's powerful anointing. GOD IS ABLE! Pastor-T (Thomas) & Ms. April Buckley, Lead-Pastors, Judah Worship Center (405) 637-7817

Scientists produce smallest-ever printing

PALO ALTO, Calif. (UPI) -- California researchers say they have broken a key barrier in the realm of small writing, engraving letters that are sub-atomic in size.

Two Stanford University physicists have succeeded in writing two letters -- an "S" and a "U," in honor of their employer -- small enough that if used to print out the 32-volume set of Encyclopedia Britannica 2,000 times, the contents would fit on the head of a pin, the San Jose Mercury News reported Sunday.

The nanoscribes, Hari Manoharan and Chris Moon, say the accomplishment, in which they used electron beam lithography, has no practical purpose but proves that information can be stored at small sizes below the level of the atom, giving theoretical backing to continued efforts to reduce the amount of time and space necessary for computers to store and retrieve data, the newspaper said.

"Writing really small has a long history," said Manoharan, assistant professor of physics. "We wondered: What are the limits? How far can you go?"

Mom's List Of Things She Does Not Want To Hear

1. I swallowed the goldfish.
2. Your lipstick works better than crayons.
3. Does grape juice leave a stain?
4. The principal called...
5. But DAD says that word all the time!
6. What's it cost to fix a window?
7. Has anyone seen my earthworms?
8. I painted your shoes pretty, huh Mommy?
9. The dog doesn't like dressing up in your underwear.
10. I'm running away from home. (Well, maybe some days.)



“A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine”

PROVERBS 17:22

The manager of a large office noticed a new man one day and told him to come into his office. "What is your name?" was the first thing the manager asked him. "John," the new guy replied.—The manager scowled, "Look, I don't know what kind of a namby-pamby place you worked at before, but I don't call anyone by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my employees by their last name only -- Smith, Jones, Baker -- that's all. I am to be referred to only as Mr. Robertson. Now that we got that straight, what is your last name?" – The new guy sighed and said, "Darling. My name is John Darling."- "Okay, John, the next thing I want to tell you is..."

A nervous taxpayer was unhappily conversing with the IRS auditor who had come to review his records. At one point the auditor exclaimed, "We feel it is a great privilege to be allowed to live and work in the USA. As a citizen you have an obligation to pay taxes, and we expect you to eagerly pay them with a smile." "Thank God," returned the taxpayer. "I thought you were going to want cash."

Two kangaroos were talking to each other, and one said, "Gee, I hope it doesn't rain today, I hate it when the children play inside."

A woman went to a Florida lemon grove to apply for a job, but the foreman thought she seemed way too qualified for the position. "Do you even have any actual experience picking lemons?" he asked.

"Well, I think I do." she replied. "I've been divorced three times."

This guy walks into a coffee shop and asks the waitress: "How much is the coffee?" "Coffee is three dollars the waitress said". "How much is a refill?" the man asked. "Free"! said the waitress. "Then I'll take a refill."

As a flight engineer, I had been stationed in Panama for several months before the December 1989 invasion. Ever since I began my air force flying career, my mother has been concerned about my safety. So I expected a long letter from her expressing her anxiety.

But what she sent was a sheet of paper containing six words: "KICK THEIRS. PROTECT YOURS. LOVE, MOM."

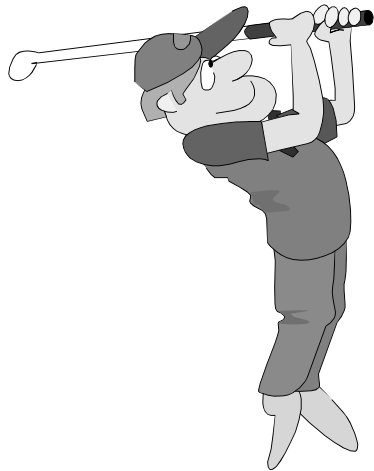
A couple were going out for the evening. They'd got ready, all dolled up, set the lights, and put the cat out.— The taxi arrives, and as the couple opened the front door, the cat zips back in between their legs and disappears up the stairs. They don't want the cat shut in the house, so the wife goes out to the taxi while the husband goes upstairs to find the cat and put it out. – The wife, worried about some recent

break-ins in their neighborhood and not wanting it known that the house will be empty, explains to the taxi driver "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother." – A few minutes later, the husband gets into the cab apologetically, "Sorry I took so long" he says, "Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger and grab her by the scruff of the neck to get her to come out! Then she slipped away and ran into the closet, but I quickly trapped her in the corner and got a good hold on her."

A pharmacist looks out the front of the store and sees a woman holding a bottle jumping up and down in the parking lot. The pharmacist walks out to the parking lot and asks the woman, "What's the matter?" – She replies " I saw it said 'Shake Well' after I took it".

Why did the guru refuse Novocaine when he went to his dentist? – He wanted to transcend dental medication.

That's All folks !



It really is all this time.

Be very blessed,

Ken