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Isn't It Funny?

Greetings from the highways and byways! I ran across this online and thought it packed a big punch:

"Isn't It Funny"

Funny how a \$20 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to Walmart, or the feed store.

Funny how big an hour serving God looks and how small 60 minutes are when spent watching television, playing sports, sleeping, or taking a lunch break.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are but how short they are when watching a good movie.

Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into overtime, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible and how easy it is to read 200-300 pages of a best-selling novel, or hours of Facebook posts.

Funny how we believe what the news says, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how we cannot fit a Bible study, or meeting into our schedule with our yearly planner but we can schedule for other events at a moment's notice.

Funny how we are rarely late to work, but always late to church.

Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.

Funny how small our sins seem, but how big their sins are.

Funny how we demand justice for others, but expect mercy from God.

Funny how much difficulty some have learning the gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any problem thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we're so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we're lost, but are hesitant to take God's direction for our lives.

Funny how people want God to answer their prayers, but refuse to listen to His counsel.

Funny how we sing about heaven, but live only for today.

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Funny how people think they're going to Heaven,
but don't think there is a Hell.

Funny how it's okay to blame God for evil and
suffering in the world, but it's not necessary to
thank Him for what is good and pleasant.

Funny how, when something goes wrong, we cry,
"Lord, why me?" — but when something goes right,
we think, "Hey, it must be me!"

Or wait... Maybe all this isn't so "funny" after
all.

— Contributed by LMMyers

Does that resonate with you? How important
is our walk with Jesus and our Church/Chapel
life? Or do we find ourselves so caught up in
life and interests that our worship and service
become afterthoughts? How do we prioritize
serving Him with the gifts and calling He's given
us versus everything else that pulls at us? It's
funny how easily we can change our focus from
Him to ourselves. **Romans 5:8** says **"But God
demonstrates His own love toward us, in that
while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."**
Aren't we thankful that Jesus prioritized us when
He chose to take the beatings, to be crucified on
a cross, and shed His blood for our sins? He is
the only hope we have.

Unfortunately, it's too easy for us to get caught
up in ourselves, take His love for granted, and
become like the Church of Ephesus, to whom
Jesus said, **"But I have this against you, that
you have left your first love"** (Revelation 2:4).
Matthew reminds us to **"...seek first His kingdom
and His righteousness, and all these things will
be added to you."** (Matthew 6:33). And Paul
was intentional when He wrote in **Philippians
3:7-8**, **"But what things were gain to me, these
I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also
count all things loss for the excellence of the
knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I
have suffered the loss of all things, and count
them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ"**

I'd like to encourage you to be faithfully
intentional in your walk with Jesus by seeking
our Lord in the reading of His word, in prayer,
and in loving & serving Him with all your heart
in your Church and your daily life. Then you
may notice that it's funny how drawing closer
to Him allows us to change our priorities and
see Him at work in our lives.

And always remember that Truckstop Ministries
will be faithfully intentional
as we maintain a ministry
of presence in the trucking
industry, sharing the Gospel
with them and ministering to
their needs.

For His glory,

Chaplain Monty



Chaplain Monty Baity
Vice President

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUNDAY NIGHT SINGINGS

North Baltimore (OH) Petro

Inside the IHOP — 6pm

10/11 — Ed Caldwell

11/15* — Homelighters / Jake Reel

12/13 — HeartSong / Arnold Coy

(* Third Sunday)

CHRISTMAS EVE

San Antonio, TX — The Chapel
will be open from **6-9pm**. It will
be an Open House with music,
fellowship, and refreshments.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tampa, FL — Chaplains will be
at the T/A giving out gifts and
goodies from around **noon** until
they're gone.

Knoxville, TN — Our Chaplains
will be at the Flying J giving out
cookies and gifts from around **8am**
— **4pm**.

Strawberry Plains, TN — Our
Chaplains will be at the Pilot
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THANKSGIVING

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will be at the Flying J giving out
cookies from approximately **8am**
— **4pm**.

Strawberry Plains, TN —
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Come see us at:

Stars, Stripes, and White Lines
Truck Show
EchoPark Speedway
(November 6-7 / Hampton, GA)



**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

**&
Merry Christmas!**



ARE WE ALL IN?

Growing up in the 70s and watching drag racing was everything. Most of the guys I spent time with couldn't wait to get their driver's licenses. Watching the likes of Big Daddy Don Garlits and seeing how he had a different design for his dragster week after week. Or seeing him and Shirley Muldowney, also known as "Cha Cha," battle every week. There were others, like "The Snake," Don Prudhomme, and how each week he was trying to get more speed out of Funny Cars. When we were able to watch a race on Wide World of Sports, it was a great weekend. I know, as I watched the races, I could imagine myself racing down the track with the best of them and maybe even winning a race or two. I knew that would never happen. But I did know this

much: if someone wanted to build a car to drag race, it was simple and not very expensive. All one needed to do was get a small car, put a big-block motor in it, and a set of slicks, and you were good to go. The only problem was that, after a while, to go faster it started costing more money. And at some point, the cost of racing became too much, and you either quit or just settled with the fact that you couldn't go any faster. A lot of those weekend racers watched from the stands and then, over time, just stopped going to the races.

How many of us in our own lives have turned and walked away from serving our Lord and Savior because we felt like it cost too much or it's too hard. But what's so hard about serving a Savior who went to the cross and died for our sins? Who became sin? All it costs us is our time and our willingness to serve where He needs us, not where we choose or want to serve Him. **John 6:64** talks about how some believed, and others didn't. And how

Jesus knew from the beginning who would betray Him. And in **verse 66...** *"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more."* I've always felt like those who walked away still believed, but couldn't give all that they felt they needed to. Just like the racer who wanted to keep racing but didn't have the money. The racer still enjoys racing, and the believer still believes in Our Lord and Savior, but the cost is too much for them. And when the racer figures out how to get more horsepower out of his car, or get quicker at the light, his reward is another win. This Christain life will cost you at times more than you ever thought you'd be willing to pay. But **Matthew 5:12a** encourages us, *"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven...."*



Missionary Driver
James Wertz



"Some fond memories. I miss being involved with Truckstop Ministries and the community of believers involved. I'll never forget the first time I met Chaplain Joe and learned his favorite restaurant was the Waffle House!"

~ Frank Greenway

"Thank You, Lord, for this ministry! And thank you for the obedience to share this message! God bless you all at Truckstop Ministries, Inc!"

~ John Naron

"Thank you TMI for amplifying our message! The trucking and transportation industry is truly making a difference in this fight, and we are grateful that we have received many stories about the impact drivers and other frontline workers are making in this fight, and truly saving lives!"

~ Truckers Against Trafficking

Ministry Family *Happenings*

We extend our heartfelt condolences to:

- **Mrs. Helen Schaller & Family** in the loss of her husband, **Chaplain Fred Schaller (Scranton, PA).**
- **Chaplain Bill Irving (Knoxville, TN) & Family** in the loss of his brother, **Alfred Irving.**
- **Chaplain Donnie Tomlinson (Tampa, FL) & Family** in the loss of his mother, **Frankie Lee Tomlinson.**
- **Mrs. Kealyn & Chaplain Tim Swanson (Bucksville, AL)** in the loss of her father, **Rev. Eddie Smith.**

Praise the Lord!

2026 • Ministry Contacts – 7,937
YTD • Decisions for Christ – 357

REMINDER



We want to thank each of you for your giving in 2026. Through your generosity, God has allowed you to minister to thousands of Drivers through more than 50 Chapels in 27 states! Chapels have been repaired and kept up, Drivers have been spiritually nourished through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and many have received Bibles, Bible studies, gospel tracts, and much-needed fellowship. Because of you, Jesus has changed lives for the greater good of the Kingdom of God.

We are asking all of you to pray about two things:

1. Giving a year-end gift

- Checks must be dated no later than 12/31/2026 to receive credit for this year!
- Or, you may give online here -- <https://onrealm.org/TMI/give/YearEnd>

2. Partnering with us as a monthly giver for 2027. We cannot accomplish what God is leading us to do if we do not have the funds to do it. Again, thank you so much, and we pray you will have a blessed 2027!

Prayer Box (A box at TMI HQ that holds all prayer requests sent to us.)
The entire TMI Family
TMI Board of Directors
The Missionary Driver Program
Chaplain David Owen & Family
Jan Hunter & Family
Palma Simmons & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Goedde
Polly Mauthe
Bill & Nancy Blackmon
Paula Combs
Gloria Grubbs
Chaplain Rodney Williams
Patrick Dolan
Karrie Olson
Tina Foster
Arya

Let Us Pray With You!

Besides calling the Truckers' Prayer Line, you can easily send us prayer requests through the TMI App!

You can also email or text them to requests@truckstopministries.org

John Noel
Chaplain Donald Washington
Mark & Deb Hewitt
Scott Gilham
Sadock Ntakiyende (Driver)
Mrs. Helen Schaller & Family
Chaplain Bill Irving & Family
Chaplain Donnie Tomlinson & Family
Mrs. Kealyn Swanson & Family
Benjie Davis (Driver)
Chaplain Martin Key
Patricia Wilcox
Chaplain Bill Gard
Manny & Monique
Carole Ann
Steven & kids
Lee Strebel

Do You Know For Certain That You Are Going To Heaven?

No matter what you've done, or where you've come from — **JESUS LOVES YOU!**

If you have never repented of your sins (which means turned away from) and asked Jesus to forgive you—or if you have been a Christian but have let sin creep back into your life—please do so right now. Here is an example of what to pray:

Father, I come to you in Jesus' name. I've sinned against You, but I repent and purpose to turn away from sin. Please forgive me and take control of my life. I believe Jesus died to pay for my sin and You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus as my Savior and my Lord from this day forward. Thank you for forgiving me and saving me. In Jesus' name I pray — AMEN!

Now — if that's what you want to tell God, tell Him! You can use those words or you can use your own. If you are a Driver or the immediate family of a Driver and would like someone to pray with you, please call the Truckers Prayer Line on the back of this newsletter. If you want to know more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, contact us about our Bible Study program.

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REFORMATION DAY

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To reach us, you may call 770-775-2100, or write to PO Box 80, Jackson, GA 30233. You may also email us at tmi@truckstopministries.org.

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If you would like to help support our Ministry, here are some ways you may do so!

- ☐ I would like to help with a general donation.
- ☐ I would like to **ADOPT A CHAPEL**. (Please specify which Chapel in the Memo section. If left blank, it will be applied where it's needed the most.)
- ☐ I would like to **ADOPT A CHAPLAIN**. (Please specify which Chaplain in the Fund section.)

All donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated!

Things you can do (for FREE!):

☐ I would like to receive a paper newsletter in the mail.

(Please give us your mailing address.)

☐ I would like to receive the newsletter online.

☐ I would like to be enrolled in your correspondence Bible Study program.

*(For Truckers & their adult family members.
Please give us your mailing address.)*

Chapel: Richmond Hill, GA T/A

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JOHN 14:27

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