



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### *Time of Services:*

*Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship*

*Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class*

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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## **BRENDA THE CHECKOUT GIRL**

(I found the following story refreshing although there is not really a spiritual point. Hope you enjoy it. Larry)

In a supermarket, Kurtis the stock boy was busily working when a new voice came over the loud speaker asking for a carry out at register 4.

Kurtis was almost finished and wanted to get some fresh air, so he decided to answer the call. As he approached the check-out stand, a distant smile caught his eye, the new check-out girl was beautiful. She was an older woman (maybe 26, and he was only 22), and he fell in love.

Later that day, after his shift was over, he waited by the punch clock to find out her name. She came into the break room, smiled softly at him, took her card and punched out, then left. He looked at her card, BRENDA. He walked out only to see her start walking up the road. Next day, he waited outside as she left the supermarket and offered her a ride home. He looked harmless enough, and she accepted. When he dropped her off, he asked if maybe he could see her again outside of work. She simply said it wasn't possible.

He pressed and she explained she had two children, and she couldn't afford a baby-sitter, so he offered to pay for the baby-sitter. Reluctantly she accepted his offer for a date for the following Saturday. That Saturday night he arrived at her door only to have her tell him that she was unable to go with him. The baby-sitter had called and canceled. To which Kurtis simply said, "Well, let's take the kids with us."

She tried to explain that taking the children was not an option, but again not taking no for an answer, he pressed. Finally Brenda brought him inside to meet her children. She had an older daughter who was just as cute

as a bug, Kurtis thought, and then Brenda brought out her son, in a wheelchair. He was born a paraplegic with Downs syndrome.

Kurtis asked Brenda, "I still don't understand why the kids can't go with us?" Brenda was amazed. Most men would run away from a woman with two kids, especially if one had disabilities -- just like her first husband and father of her children had done.

Kurtis was not ordinary -- he had a different mindset. That evening Kurtis and Brenda loaded up the kids and went to dinner and the movies. When her son needed anything, Kurtis would take care of him. When he needed to use the restroom, he picked him up out of his wheelchair, took him and brought him back. The kids loved Kurtis. At the end of the evening, Brenda knew this was the man she was going to marry and spend the rest of her life with.

A year later, they were married, and Kurtis adopted both of her children. As time passed, they added five more kids. So what happened to Kurtis the stock boy from Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Iowa and Brenda the check-out girl?

Well, Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Warner moved to several places as he became one of the most successful NFL football quarterbacks to ever play the game. Kurt retired from the NFL in 2010 but stays close to the game as a broadcaster. Kurt quarterbacked the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl in 2001 and Arizona Cardinals in 2008. He was inducted into NFL Hall of Fame in 2017.

**Lighter Side:** When my daughter said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks after we had finished the nightly prayer, she would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me, and I asked her, "Why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

## **Family News**

- **Robert Slone** had emergency heart surgery following a major heart attack.
- **Johnny Roberts**, Larry Black's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with multiple bone lesions which they fear is cancer; more testing and a biopsy are upcoming.
- **Jean Martin** is scheduled to have a biopsy on her eye Feb. 16.
- Today following the morning service, we will have a covered-dish luncheon. All are invited, especially our visitors.
- We are to do the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House on Feb. 12 at 2:00 p.m.
- HRR pantry item for February is paper plates.
- The preacher's house is going to become a benevolent clothing outreach. Linda Black has agreed to coordinate this effort. If you want to volunteer with this project, let Linda know. There will be enough work for all.

**Take one day at a time. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.**

*Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)*

### **B-I-B-L-E**

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "Dad, I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and asked, "So, son, what does the Bible mean?" Then the boy said, "That's easy Dad. It means **Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.**

A COLD CHURCH, LIKE BUTTER, WILL NOT SPREAD.

### **KINDNESS**

Mark Twain once observed, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Smiles and gestures of kindness are a language understood around the world. Of course, kindness is a demonstration of love, and the Apostle John wrote, "*My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth*" (1 John 3:18). Love is like a tonic. A doctor once stated that many of the world's ills could be cured with love. A critic asked, "What if it doesn't work?" To which the wise physician responded, "Double the dose." When you show a little kindness in the course of your daily activities, you will help heal a lot of hurt.