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Insight...

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.”

1 Timothy 2:5-6

- **Yesterday at the MOPS...** 3 on 3 basketball tournament fundraiser, Jay Muscanero asked Pastor Dave what a Detroit Piston’s fan does after his team cruises to victory in the NBA finals? Stymied by the question Pastor Dave relented, *“I really don’t know...what do they do?”* Smiling, Jay replied, *“Turn off their Play Station III.”*
- **Pastor Dave is trying to put together an over 60 church basketball team...** for a new league that’s starting up in the area. The rules are a little different. They don’t have jump balls. The referee just puts the ball on the floor and whoever can bend over and pick it up gets possession.
- **Comedian Jim Gaffigan and his wife have five children** – a reality about which he is commonly questioned. “Well,” he recently replied, “why not? I guess the reasons against having more children always seem uninspiring and superficial. What exactly am I missing out on? Money? A few more hours of sleep? A more peaceful meal? More hair? These are nothing compared to what I get from these five monsters who rule my life. I believe each of my five children have made me a better man. So I figure I only need another 34 kids to be a pretty decent guy...”
- **Prayer for thought...** *“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”* Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude
- **Quick...** name one issue on which the U. S. Supreme Court stands in agreement. 3, 2, 1. Time’s up. Answer: religious beards. The 9 – 0 January 20th ruling upheld a Muslim’s prisoner’s claim that an Arkansas prison’s rule against beards violated his religious liberty.

- **Trivia Question:** Globally, there are about 65 million cars produced each year. What percentage of those vehicles is manufactured in the U. S. A.?
 A. 7% B. 27% C. 47% D. 77%

For Prayer...

- ...Preparations for Holy Week – Hungry hearts: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday!
- ...Will (Jimmy’s son)_ surgery for spinal repair after auto accident scheduled in April.
- ...Elena’s son, Vitaly, suffered a stroke. Hospitalized in CT. Salvation, healing.
- ...Nathan – doctors have diagnosed a bacterial infection in his lungs. He is on a strong antibiotic. His ongoing battle with Lyme’s disease is problematic.
- ...Giving thanks for Sawyer Pemberton’s successful reparative heart surgery. He is home.
- ...Don (Mary) – needs a triple bypass. He saw doctors this Friday. Concerns for complications. Thank you for your prayers. Don is Chad’s (Sue) father.
- ...Jean brother, Jeff, just entered hospice care. He is a believer. Lots of concern for their mother who has suffered much loss and is struggling from depression.
- ...Mike (Margie) – knee replacement this Tuesday.
- ...Kyle (Katie) – Kyle is over his malaria and doing well. We give thanks.
- ...Giving thanks for the safe return of the Mexico Missions team and praying for the Lord’s continued work in the lives of those who served and were served.
- ...Timothy (Dave’s older son) – Still missing. Praying for his reappearance and salvation Pray also for Dave and family members.
- ...Todd – Please pray for Todd’s family after the death of his uncle. Healing in family needed. This brother was estranged from Todd’s dad.
- ...Isis and related Muslim terrorist groups – that the Lord’s will be done and that Christians always respond in the strength, wisdom, courage and power of the Spirit whether living or dying for Christ. Our President and our nation’s relationship with Israel and the disarmament talks with Iran.
- ...Paige (Matt) – Blessed with a baby girl, Marlo on 3/21 in San Francisco. Is now in ICU fighting an infection.
- ...Our Expectant Mothers

Sarah (Kelly)	Daisy (Aaron)	Diana (Steven)	Christine (Ben)	Chante (Brent)
Sarah (Beaner)	Brittany (Andy)	Terra (Ronnie)	Kristin (Shawn)	

Remember to
 Vote!
 April 7th
 Speak for Christ
 at the polls.

When we cry out...

“You would not have called to me unless I had been calling to you,” said the Lion.
 C.S. Lewis, The Silver Chair

Trivia Answer: A. 7 % (4.5 million). China currently builds the most cars with 16.7 million. [statisticbrain.com]