

**Monette Church of Christ**

***Just thinking...***

... about little things. To preface this piece of writing, I prefer plenty of pepper to enhance normal tasting foods to bring them into the hot and spicy realm. Personally, I believe this: "If you can't see the pepper on it, it needs more." And my loving wife knows this. Recently she prepared a sumptuous meal for me and seasoned it to perfection. After she scooped my portion on my plate, she decided to show her love for me by sprinkling a little cayenne all over the food. Just like I prefer. I appeared at the table, starving and ready to eat the offering she presented me, and the first thing I did was grab the cayenne pepper and sprinkle a generous portion all over the food.

Nearly always, when Linda sees me reach for the pepper grinder, she reminds me that she has already added pepper to mine. "Yeah, but if you can't see the pepper, it needs more," and I briskly rotate the machine to add just enough. This time when she started her usual protest, I reminded her that she was a girl and girls just don't understand the manly art of seasoning foods properly to perfection. So she shut up and allowed me to continue with my pepper-quest.

I found out immediately after the first bite that you can't see cayenne like you can regular ground black pepper. While my preferred viewpoint is pertinent most of the time, I must say I found an exception. I'm certain that it must have completely sterilized my mouth, for no germ could have survived the heat!

Pepper sprinkles are just little things but I must say they taught me a lot of life lessons. Such as:

1. Just because something isn't visible does not mean it's not doing what it's supposed to be doing. "If you can't see the pepper..." so I added more. I couldn't see that it was already in place, performing perfectly, just as it should have been.
2. When little things are added together, they become very large. When those little pepper sprinkles worked together, well, they made the food *almost* too hot to enjoy. (Note that I said, "almost.")
3. Little things can turn something that might be considered normal or even bland into something "supernormal." Spices are designed to give foods just that "special" flavor and taste.
4. Things that you can't see can greatly affect your life! (Enough said on that!)

Okay, what are some "little things" that we can all do to add a little spice to an otherwise "humdrum" or bland life? How about speaking some kind words, some encouraging words to someone. Or pray for them by name. Speak well of them when others might begin to

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speak disparagingly of them. Stand up for them when nobody else is. Remember, it doesn't have to be a visible thing.

And how about a phone call or visit or a card? Or a card shower by several? If you're able, send a few dollars to someone in need or to help out a missionary program. When those little things are added to other little things, it can become almost overwhelming. Make the pledge today to become the spice someone needs to make life supernormal! Will you do that?

--Larry--

***Prayer List...***

**Matthew Metheny**, Freda's grandson, suffered a relapse of leukemia and is undergoing another round of treatments. Keep this family in your prayers. **Sue Parr** is going to have a biopsy as soon as it is arranged with her doctors. She's nervous about this and requests our prayers. **Tina Davis** is still having problems with her heartbeat. **Wilma "Grammy" Sparkman** is doing better after her surgery this past week. **Rozanne Copeland** says that she's "about the same" in her battle with her health problems in recent weeks. She says that it will "just take a while" for her to get back with us again. Please keep her in your prayers. She would appreciate a visit or call or some cards. **Barbara Pendergraff**, Stephine Strickland's mom, is doing some better, as is Nikki Dewitt's mom, **Ione Brown**. Lana Hackworth's mom, **Dorothy Howard**, is in the hospital in Paragould. She's undergoing a battery of tests to see what's causing all her recent problems. A few of the guys of our church family are gone on a camping trip this weekend. Please keep all of these in your prayers.

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**Alice Bowden** has a new address: Christopher Homes #16, 300 Gann St, Monette AR 72447. She is keeping the same phone #. Please make these changes in your church directories.

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**\*\*\*Please note the following changes:**

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday singing** has been moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, next week, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. The service will be followed by the **Fall Festival**. Tonight's service will be as usual. The "**Church Ladies Reading Club**" will meet after church tonight to discuss the book "Leota's Garden".

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The Strickland family has some good news. Chaz, Donetta's son (Donetta is Jamie's sister) has been offered a full scholarship to ASU. He has also been offered several other opportunities and he isn't sure what he is going to decide yet. He is just a couple of months into his senior year at BIC. If you happen to see Chaz, give him a pat on the back.