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SON, AND THE
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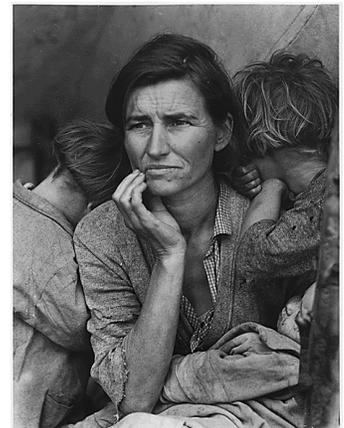
The Great Depression of 1929

If you are in your middle 50's, I am sure that you've heard from a family member about the stock market crash and the Great Depression. If you are in your middle 80's you probably lived through it and I'm sure it affected you and your family.

Major Causes That Led To The Great Depression

Stock Market Crash of 1929

Many believe that the stock market crash that occurred on Black Tuesday, October 29, 1929 is one and the same with the Great Depression. Two months after the original crash in October, stockholders had lost more than \$40 billion dollars. Even though the stock market began to regain some of its losses, by the end of 1930, it just was not enough and America truly entered what is called the Great Depression.



Bank Failures

Throughout the 1930s over 9,000 banks failed. Bank deposits were uninsured and thus as banks failed, people simply lost their savings. Surviving banks, unsure of the economic situation and concerned for their own survival, stopped being as willing to create new loans. This led to less and less money to spend.

Reduction in Purchasing Across the Board

With the stock market crash and the fears of further economic woes, individuals from all classes stopped purchasing items. This then led to a reduction in the number of items produced and thus a reduction in the workforce. As people lost their jobs, they were unable to keep up with paying for the items they had bought through installment plans and their items were repossessed. More and more inventory began to accumulate. The unemployment rate rose above 25% which meant, of course, even less spending.

American Economic Policy with Europe

As businesses began failing, the government created the Hawley-Smoot Tariff in 1930 to help protect American companies. This charged a high tax for imports, thereby leading to less trade between America and foreign countries.

Drought Conditions

While not a direct cause of the Great Depression, the drought that occurred in the Mississippi Valley in 1930 was of such proportions that many could not even pay their taxes or other debts and had to sell their farms at no profit.



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The 1920's saw a stock market boom in the U.S. as the result of general optimism. By 1928 and 1929 the Federal Reserve was worried about the high level of the stock market. It feared that the "bubble" component of stock prices might burst suddenly. Businessmen and economists believed that the newly-born Federal Reserve would stabilize the economy, and that the pace of technological progress guaranteed rapidly rising living standards and expanding markets. The U.S. Federal Reserve's attempts in 1928 and 1929 to raise interest rates to discourage stock speculation brought on an initial recession.

Black Monday (October 28, 1929) was the 2nd worst day in U.S. stock market history. Volume levels were very high (around 9.25 million shares) as people began to realize that no one could save the market. Speculators could only hope that the damage wouldn't be too bad. Just one week earlier, on Monday the 21st, investors had their first glimpse of the three Black Days as the volume was high (6,091,870 shares) and the ticker tape fell seriously behind forcing people to sell blindly. Over the next week, the market turned people into fools.



Men with no jobs available wondered how they would feed their families

People Do Not Remember

The worst day in history wouldn't come for 58 more years (October 19th, 1987), which also happens to be a Monday and is also referred to as "Black Monday."

When the stock market crashed on October 29, 1929; "Black Tuesday", firms cut back their plans for further purchase of products. Firms cut back production. Out-of-work consumers and those who feared they might soon be out of work, cut back on purchases. Firms faced falling demand as well. Falling prices (deflation) for goods and out-of work consumers set in motion this country's Great Depression.

With prices falling at ten percent per year, investors could calculate that they would earn less profit investing now than delaying investment until next year when their dollars would stretch ten percent further. Banking panics and the collapse of the world monetary system cast doubt on everyone's credit, and reinforced the belief that now was a time to watch and wait.

Firms and individuals started the process of liquidation. Homes, farms, and businesses were sold or auctioned off. Banks closed their doors because there was a run on the banks. People panicked! They wanted to get their money out before they lost it also.

By the end of November, investors had lost \$100 billion in just two months. Within the next few weeks many investors lost everything they had. Many jumped to their death from tall buildings and bridges. The stock market wouldn't recover for another 22 years!

Can We Be Getting Closer to Having Even a Bigger Depression Today?

Economists today have faith in market economies' abilities to eventually cure depressions even in the presence of unsound economic policies. I believe we are headed for a depression like this country has never felt. I believe that it will happen soon, because we have put our faith in material things and not in God. Our government is trying to do all it can to remove Jesus Christ from everything. With high unemployment, individuals owing thousands on credit card debt, stock markets over inflated, our government spending billions of dollars that we do not have, paying benefits to people that are not U.S. citizens, homes dropping in price, sales of houses down, gasoline, electric, food, and the price of the basic living expenses rising, we are in line for a depression of huge magnitude.

What Can We Do?

Turn from our evil ways! Put God back into our government, schools, and homes. Get our spending under control. We must have a balanced budget and our government can no longer spend what they do not have. We must lower prices on food, gas, electric, and necessary items to live. We need to change our tax laws. We must reduce property taxes and insurance. We must stop easy money policies. We need to have good health care. We need godly people in government offices that love our Lord and want to do right by this country we live and work in, starting with the president.

We must put people to work and stop paying people for not working. We must keep our promises! We need to stop illegal immigration. We have to work together to better our country and learn from our mistakes!

We need to start looking inside ourselves, becoming less selfish, more giving of ones self, and loving all.

Watch a great movie called The PURSUIT of HAPPYness. It will change your life. It was inspired by a true story.

God Fixed My Shoe

August 7, 2007

By: Nancy M. Barta

When we walk with God, we are like children, looking for blessings, miracles, desiring our needs to be met. The Father is a faithful God, and He certainly loves us unconditionally. When that special need we have is a somewhat complicated matter, it may take the Father some time to line up people and situations to work together for our good. (“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 NKJV) Well, sometimes we don’t think of asking for something...it’s a need, but perhaps it’s so small that it doesn’t cross our minds to pray for it; but to the Father, it is significant and important. And this is what I’d like to relate to you.

I needed a pair of brown shoes. Every woman needs certain shoe colors to match the color of the wardrobe. I’m not extravagant nor do I have a shoe fetish where I might own about 50 pairs of shoes; however, my footwear was worn out, and I needed the brown pair of shoes.

Now, every pair of shoes must fit very comfortably and be somewhat fashionable. I found a pair that was perfect: brown, little straps, small heel, so very, very comfortable, like walking on a cloud. I was in heaven (or rather my feet were). They were a bit expensive for my budget, but I paid the price since I searched several stores for brown shoes. I called them “My pretty shoes.” I didn’t wear them that often, so after several months passed, the right shoe began to squeak! I was upset! It was too late to take them back for return. I tried wearing them to work again, thinking the squeak might stop. Nooooo. My office is very, very quiet. I was walking nearby my boss’s office, my left foot made a quiet step, the right foot made a noise like “rrreeee.” I felt like everyone knew I was coming by the squeak in my shoe. Ugh. I tried wearing my pretty shoes one more time to work, but breaking the silence barrier with a squeaky shoe was too embarrassing (and funny). I retired my shoes to my closet floor, so sad that they never got worn out.

One day I was getting dressed for Sunday church; and the outfit I wanted to wear required brown dress shoes. Hmmmm. There were those brown shoes staring at me from the closet floor. I was kneeling on the floor, having grabbed my shoes in each hand, and said to the Lord, “Lord, these are my pretty shoes; I’m going to wear them to church. This right shoe squeaks, but church is usually full of music and singing, praising and worshipping, perhaps no one will hear the squeak. I’ll wear them to church today!”

I wore my shoes, not thinking once about the squeak; and at the Sunday gathering at church I worshipped, sang, praised, fellowshiped, had a grand time with my Lord and Savior. It was a great Sunday for my spirit man inside. I finally made it home; and walking around, I finally noticed that my right shoe was not squeaking! I walked and walked some more. Hey, could this really be? My pretty shoes are made whole? I got brave; the next day I wore them to work. No squeak.

The following day I wore them again to work. No one knew I was coming around the corner with the tell tale “rrreeee” noise. I looked upward and knew God had fixed my shoe. There was no other reason that the right shoe was now a silent shoe. My unrequested need was met, so small, but it really made me grateful and thankful that my God cared enough to do this minute work for me.

(“But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Luke 12:31 NKJV)

WHAT I WANT GOD TO DO FOR **me**

GOD grant me the ability to be able to see YOU in everything and everybody around me. I know that YOU are always present and ready to make YOURSELF known to us all.

YOUR Word says that YOU make it rain on the just as well as the unjust. We are all equal in YOUR eyes. FATHER, I know that without YOU, I am nothing, but with JESUS as my LORD and SAVIOR, I can do all things, great and small.

LORD help me to stand for YOU so I will not fall for anything and help me to die of self more each second of the day, each day of the week, each week of the month, and each month of the year.

LORD, help me to always walk with you.

Author

HOLY SPIRIT through H.B.

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AN UPDATE ON THE DAILY HAPPENINGS AT LCM

We are so glad to announce that Kairos, a non-profit, nationally known prison ministry is meeting in our office at 1401 Viscaya Parkway, Suite 3 in Cape Coral, every Thursday night for prayer and sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We look forward each Thursday to this group of Godly men coming in on fire for the Lord, desiring to receive God's guidance and direction. There is plenty of space for you. Join us from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

Come and enjoy being around Christian men that love the Lord, seek His will, and want to serve Him so that others may know our Lord and Savior.

**For More Information Please Call
John Domino at 239-218-3976**

We have many calls a week for help with food. Does your Church have a food pantry? How does it stand up to these? If you would like to start one call us we would love to help you help others.

**THE FOLLOWING LIST IS ONLY A FEW FOOD PANTRIES THAT ARE IN THIS AREA
FOR A COMPLETE LIST CALL 239-574-5683**

All Soul Episcopal Church

14640 North Cleveland Avenue
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903
239-997-7685

Must be a resident of North Fort Myers.
Must have a picture I.D. with proof of Residency.
Days: Wed. only / hours:9:00am-12pm

Alva United Methodist Pantry

239-728-2277 Helen Minor/ Lana Slimt
21440 Pearl Street, Alva 33920
P.O. Box 96 Alva, FL 33920
Days and Times: M-F 9-12pm
Will give \$25.00 toward FPL bill (every 6 months)
Bring photo I D

Bonita Springs Assistance Office

992-3034
10346 Pennsylvania Ave, Bonita Springs 34135
Open (M-F) 1:00pm-4:00pm
Services: Food / Groceries 9:00-11:30am
Criteria: Call 275- 1141 first; bring photo ID;
Eligible 1 time per month

Broadway Community Church

3309 South Broadway Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33901
239-936-8366
Need picture I.D. everyone is welcome. 1 bag per month.
Days: Tues. and Thurs.. Hours: 8:00-11:00am.

Cape Coral Caring Center

4645 S.E. 15TH
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
239-945-1927
This is a government food program which consist of two parts.
(1) The 4th Thurs. of each month for government issue food.
(2) Monday- Friday @ 9:00am- 12:00pm for food pantry.
You will need S.S. card, picture I. D. and something that shows current Address (light bill, phones bill, etc.)
Cape Coral residents only!

Catholic Charities

239-334-4007
4235 Michigan Ave Link, Fort Myers 33916
M-W- TH 9-5pm / TUES. 12pm-8pm
Fridays 9-12pm

Christ Community Church of Fort Myers

4050 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, Florida 33966
239-939-5656
This program is for the severe needy.
"PRAYER FOR YOU and YOUR FAMILY'S SITUATION", what they do offer is hygiene products, \$5.00 McDonald cards, \$10.00 Wal-Mart cards (when available).

Christ Lutheran Church

2911 Del Prado Blvd.
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
This is a S.H.A.R.E. program.
For information about this program
Call 1- 800-536-3379/Tampa Bay area 813-248-3379
Or visit their web site @ www.shareflorida.com

Community Cooperative Ministries

3429 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.
Fort Myers, Florida 33916
239-3327687 \ 239-332-7151(Pantry)
You must have a picture I.D. Days: Monday-Friday
Hours: 10:00am-12:15pm
They offer a day care program for parent(s) that are looking for work and possibly when working.
5 times a year, you must have a picture I.D./Days: Monday-Friday
Hours: 10:00 am-12:15pm

God's Table at Chapel by the Sea

463-3173; open: 7:00am-8:30am (M-F)
100 Chapel Street, Fort Myers Beach 33931
Services: Breakfast/Clothing/Showers

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & School

4770 Orange Grove Blvd.
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903
995-7711 Open M-F 8:00AM - 2:30 PM

3 DAY DIET BY HEART ASSOCIATION**Must be followed exactly!! Must be followed exactly!!****Can lose 10 pounds in 3-days****First day**

BREAKFAST: Black coffee or tea, 1/2 grapefruit, 1 slice of toast, (no butter) two tablespoons peanut butter.

LUNCH: 1/2-cup tuna, 1 slice of toast, coffee or tea.

DINNER: Two slices any type of meat (about 3 oz.) 1-cup beets, 1 small apple, 1-cup vanilla ice cream.

Second day

BREAKFAST: 1 egg, 1/2 banana, 1 slice toast, (no butter) coffee or tea.

LUNCH: 1-cup cottage cheese, 5 saltine crackers.

DINNER: 2 wieners, 1 cup broccoli, 1/2 cup cooked carrots, 1/2 banana, 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream.

Third day:

BREAKFAST: 5 saltine crackers, 1 slice cheddar cheese, 1 small apple, blk. Coffee or tea.

LUNCH: 1 hard broiled egg, 1 slice of toast.

DINNER: 1-cup tuna, 1 cup beets, 1-cup cauliflower, 1/2 cantaloupe, and 1/2-cup vanilla ice cream.

Diet works on chemical breakdown and is proven. **DO NOT VARY OR SUBSTITUTE** any of the above foods. Salt and pepper may be used.... **NO OTHER SEASONINGS.** Where no quantity is given, there are no restrictions, other than common sense. This diet is to be used three days at any time.

In three days, you can lose up to 10 pounds. After 3 days dieting, you can eat normal food, but do not overdo it. After your four days of normal eating, start back on your three-day diet. You can lose up to 40 pounds in a month....if you stick to it.

This is a safe diet. **REMEMBER.....DO NOT SNACK BETWEEN MEALS!!**

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Jesus Christ is in everything we do!**

Please help us keep hope alive! GIVE! Your gift is tax deductible.

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Thank You



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Dear Friends,

Are you married? Are you thinking about getting married to that special person that is in your life. If so have you thought about having a family covenant? What would you commit to God and your mate?

Would you say: I will love, honor, and obey God. I will be one with my mate. I will love and respect my mate and others. I will be honest and truthful at all times. I will spend God's money wisely with my mate. I will give all my ownership and rights to God. I will build up, honor, and edify my mate. I will submit to my mate. I will not allow alcohol, drugs, or any other desire to compromise what God has for us. I will turn to God for everything.

I will keep harmony with-in our home by putting God first, then husband, wife, and then children. I will give ownership of everything to God. I will be a humble servant. I will believe that all is possible with Christ. I will keep God's commandments. I will pray / communicate with God everyday. I will recognize my unique individual strengths and weaknesses as well as my mates, to make our marriage better. I will ask my mate for forgiveness when I have failed to be the mate God wants me to be. I will never leave or forsake my mate for another. I will live my life as God wishes. I will teach my children the ways of The Lord.

How many more items do we need to add to this list? Would you be willing to sign a family covenant and have it framed and hung up in your living room so that all may see it? Would this give honor to our Lord? Can you say; As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord?

There are so many husbands and wives that are ready to throw in the towel right now, because of pleasures of bills, mother-in-laws, work, children, sin, and the list goes on and on. I am here to tell you that there is a God and He hates divorce. With His guidance you can work things out. God took two people and made them one. So why would you want to destroy what God has done?

In Malachi 2:14-16 says: 14. Yet ye say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of thy youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. 15. But did He not make one, Having a remnant of the spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. 16. "For the Lord, the God of Israel, says That he hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

Grace Restores
Give your marriage to God!

In the Presence of our LORD,

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers. *The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to all who call upon HIM in truth.* Psalm 145:18 NKJ

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!