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President Viv's Message

Yea, yippee, and all that!!! I finished the 2009 Annual of the Ninety-first Meeting of the Wayne County Baptist Association on November 20. This is always a major annual project that needs to be completed after we have our Annual Meeting of the Association and, hopefully, before Thanksgiving or Christmas. This year the annual included 65 pages of information...calendar, record of meetings, list of messengers, reports from each department, the constitution of the Association, historical events from the churches, statistical figures, a list of the pastors and lists

of a dozen other major leaders in each of the twenty-six churches in our Association. It's a lot of info gathering, preparing the reports, duplicating, collating, and binding. It's important to know and retain our history, though.

It's important to know and retain the history of the Auxiliary, as well. I have been working, with Sara's help, to make lists of award winners, noting amounts earned at the annual silent auction, detailing the amounts donated to Ronald McDonald House, etc. I hope to make a list soon of the host city/state for each annual EANGUS Conference. I have sent financial information verified by our treasurer, Cora Sower, and a report from Conference to our secretary, Pat Reed, who will begin work soon on this year's historical pages. Until those pages are sent out you may want to retain *The Signal* from September, which included my report on Conference and the minutes...this contains most of what will be in the history pages.

I've been communicating regularly with our EANGUS Auxiliary Board members and with many of you in the states. Thanks for your most kind remarks and encouragement.

The same day I finished the Annual at work, our church completed three more care packages to the three soldiers from our church/community. We had also provided during the same week 50+ Operation Christmas Child shoe-boxes to be mailed to children all over the world by Franklin Graham's organization. My *Side by Side* partner was so helpful in running to the post office and helping me load and unload boxes!

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with a sumptuous meal at my brother's home. My sister-in-law, niece, brothers, and I all helped with the traditional meal. My sister-in-law and Jerry and I are now the older generation in our families...the last one of our combined parents and grandparents, Carole's mom, has gone home to the Lord. Their love and influence lives on in and through us, though. We have so much for which to be thankful!!

I worked before and after Thanksgiving to get Christmas decorations in place at church; my sister-in-law, husband, and nephew helped me to finish up on November 30 and December 1. Don't you just love the lights, the colors, the gifts, the flowers of Christmas?! Better than all that, though, is the message of Christmas...the most special Gift ever given. I pray you will take time to celebrate that during the hectic December days. Remember those who are less fortunate, those who are serving away from home, and the families who await their return; put feet to your prayers and let them know you care.

We kicked off our prayer emphasis on international missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on Wednesday evening, December 2nd with our annual Lottie Chili Moon Pie Supper at church. The men cook the chili and the ladies do sandwiches and desserts. It was a cool evening so the warm chili was just right! All the proceeds from the supper went to our LMCO. There are just so many good things we can all do during this season...hopefully that will spill over into the rest of our days!

We're continuing to work to make our EANGUS Auxiliary bouquet big, beautiful, and showy!!! It's down to *just days remaining* to get in memberships to our state Auxiliaries so that the states can then send in national dues to

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President Viv's Message Continued

EANGUS Auxiliary treasurer, Cora Sower. Please contact Cora at sowertuba@juno.com if you need any help with transmitting dues. Remember to postmark by December 31, 2009 for 2010 memberships. January grace days will give Cora time to check with anyone from whom she has not heard and/or to help state Auxiliaries who may need help.

Remember you can reach me at the toll-free number (1-800-230-8221); phone me at work (601-735-9413); or e-mail me at vividean@aol.com.

Side by Side

Merry Christmas

Viv and Jerry



REMEMBER ALL:

The budget approved at Conference in Rochester to include \$25 for the one state, regardless of membership category, that has the largest increase in members for the 2010 year (that's the membership list you will submit by):
December 31 to national treasurer, Cora Sower
Get Busy find NEW Members!



Prayer and Praise



- Pray for all of our troops during this holiday season!
- Debra Campbell's Nephew Corey
- Praise and continued prayer for Marge Walsh, Lucretia's friend in Chicago still doing well but a constant battle with the Ovarian Cancer.
- Kelli Ten Hulzen NE Army National Guard : Pray for her father in law Lloyd. He had an emergency Quadruple by-pass surgery on August 28, and has suffered complications, he also has cancer. Keep her family in prayer with an extra one for Zaden and Austin who have also had some health problems.
- Praise for how few prayer request we had this month. I am sure there are many that have silent prayers across our United States and the Auxiliary can be counted on to lift you up, God knows who you are! Lu



Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

What are some of the secrets of success in life?
I found the answer right there, in my very room. (Thanks Jody)

The Fan said...	Be cool
The Roof said...	Aim high
The Window said...	See the world
The Clock said...	Every minute is precious
The Mirror said...	Reflect before you act
The Calendar...	Be up-to-date
The Door said...	Push hard for your goals

XEROX IS DOING SOMETHING COOL for our Military

If you go to this web site, www.LetsSayThanks.com You can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq . You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services.

How **AMAZING** it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one! It is **FREE** and it only takes a second.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our soldiers over there need to know we are behind them.

This takes just 10 seconds and it's a wonderful way to say thank you. Please take the time and please take the time to pass it on for others to do. We can never say enough thank you's.

Thanks for taking to time to support our military!

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Schedule for Submissions:

January 15th Submit



Merry Christmas

&

Happy New Year



"Each One Reach One" raise your hand and find a new Auxiliary Member for 2010! Together we CAN!

6:23 PM

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Accrual Basis

EANGUS AUXILIARY
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through October 2009

	Jan - Oct 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Membership Dues	7,621.00	10,150.00	-2,529.00	75.1%
Scholarship Donations	4,170.00	3,600.00	570.00	115.8%
Miscellaneous Donations	1,978.49			
Interest income	266.19	300.00	-33.81	88.7%
Silent Auction Income	4,906.75	2,300.00	2,606.75	213.3%
Ways & Means Income	2,330.46	5,000.00	-2,669.54	46.6%
EANGUS Donations	219.78			
Total Income	21,492.67	21,350.00	142.67	100.7%
Expense				
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00			
Officer's expenses	4,193.64	7,500.00	-3,306.36	55.9%
Mid Year Exec. Board meeting	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Area Directors	2,975.00	5,950.00	-2,975.00	50.0%
National Conference Expenses	1,499.67	2,475.00	-975.33	60.6%
Scholarship awards	3,250.00	4,250.00	-1,000.00	76.5%
Committees	1,957.40	2,675.00	-717.60	73.2%
Philanthropic	839.25			
"Signal" newsletter	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
Operations	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Non Budgeted Expenses	170.00			
Other Types of Expenses	522.00			
Total Expense	17,906.96	26,350.00	-8,443.04	68.0%
Net Ordinary Income	3,585.71	-5,000.00	8,585.71	-71.7%
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EANGUS AUXILIARY ACCOUNT BALANCES

DATE:	TRANS AMOUNT	PRIOR 10/31/2009	TRANS AMOUNT	10/31/2009
CHECKING	-5000			2,007.67
HONEY POT				167.22
GENERAL SAV- INGS/CD		28,864.08	5137.23	34,001.41
LTM SAVINGS		3,681.67	95	3,776.57
SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS		3,261.21	95	3,356.21
INTEREST	*327.23			
MONEY MARKET	5000	41,134.19	-327.23	41,134.19
	<i>*split interest</i>	35,806.96		
		5,327.23		

The Treasurers report was left out of the November "Signal" I sincerely apologize for this it was sent on time and should have been in here. Somehow I lost it and completely overlooked it. Once again I apologize and take full responsibility.

Military Officers Association of America Educational Scholarships

The Military Officers Association of America offers Educational Scholarships, grants and interest free loans through Educational Assistance Program of MOAA. Visit www.moaa.org for more information.

Students and families in search of options for funding undergraduate education can check out available MOAA grants and scholarships. Or find alternate funding options with MOAA's new Scholarship Finder!

Applicants for all of our programs must be planning to attend accredited colleges or universities during the 2010-2011 school year as full-time students. All loans, grants, and scholarships are designated for students seeking their first undergraduate degrees. **No loans, grants, or scholarships are applicable for graduate study.**

There is one online application for all scholarships, grants, and interest-free loan programs.

American Patriot Scholarship

Students (under age 24) who are children of an active-duty, reserve, or National Guard parent who died on active service are eligible to apply. Surviving spouse's membership in MOAA is required for consideration where applicable. **Military academy cadets are not eligible for this program.** The amount of this award is dependent upon donations but will be at least \$2,500. Qualified students are selected on a basis of their scholastic ability, activities, and financial need. The number of scholarships also will be determined by the amount of the funds raised. **Please note that semifinalists for this program will be notified on the Web site and by e-mails only.** More: [American Patriot Scholarship Program](#).

Designated Scholar Program

Loan recipients are automatically considered for this grant. This program replaces the \$5,500 interest free loan with a \$5,000 interest free loan and a \$500 grant. No special application is necessary.

Senior Grants

Only current loan recipients entering their final year in college are eligible for these grants. Eligible students will be sent the necessary information at the appropriate time.

General John Paul Ratay Educational Fund Grants

These \$4,000 grants are limited to children of the surviving spouse of retired officers. A student cannot receive both a MOAA loan and a Ratay grant. Students applying for a loan who also meet the criteria of a Ratay grant automatically will be considered. No separate application is required.

Deadline and Content

The online application **opens in November and must be completed and submitted no later than noon EST March 1st of the following year.** Semifinalists are notified in March. Recipients are notified in May.

For more information visit: www.moaa.org



AASA TOOLKIT HELPS SCHOOL LEADERS SUPPORT MILITARY CHILDREN

ARLINGTON, Va. - Some two million U.S. military children have had one or both parents deployed since 2001. Understanding the challenges facing military families -- and the resources available to assist military children -- is essential to meeting their unique educational needs. The American Association of School Administrators has released a toolkit on Supporting the Military Child to help school leaders meet the needs of children whose parents are deployed or in transition. This free, online resource is available on the AASA website at www.aasa.org/MilitaryChild.aspx "Children of military families often face multiple stressors, including frequent moves and extended periods of separation from loved ones," said AASA President Mark Bielang, superintendent in Paw Paw, Mich. "School leaders play an important part in helping these students maintain a sense of stability and stay on track to achieve their educational goals."

The toolkit includes:

- . Top 15 things school leaders can do to support military children
- . Key facts about the military child
- . Facts about Impact Aid, the federal funding available to help school districts handle the cost of educating children from military families
- . Facts about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, legislation signed by 26 states that aims to ease school-to-school transfers for military children.

The toolkit also includes two videos:

- . A videotaped discussion among school administrators on how schools can support military kids, featuring an assistant superintendent, a principal, a counselor and a parent liaison from Fort Belvoir Elementary School in Fairfax County, Va.
- . A video statement of support from Gen. Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

"The AASA Toolkit on Supporting the Military Child will assist the many schools with children in their communities who have family members who have been deployed," said AASA Executive Director Dan Domenech. "AASA is thankful to the Veteran's Support Foundation for making this project possible."

AASA developed the toolkit with a grant from the Veterans Support Foundation. In addition, Randy Collins, AASA past president and superintendent in Waterford, Conn.; Linda Spoonster Schwartz, commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs; and the Department of Defense Education Activity lent their support to the development of the toolkit.

About AASA

The American Association of School Administrators, founded in 1865, is the professional organization for more than 13,000 educational leaders in the United States and throughout the world. AASA's mission is to support and develop effective school system leaders who are dedicated to the highest quality public education for all children. For more information, visit www.aasa.org. Follow AASA on twitter at www.twitter.com/AASAHQ. Become a fan of the AASA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AASAPage.

A Message from Lifetime Membership Chair: Sara Hendricks

Hi All:

On Page 11 of the "Signal" you will find a LTM application form to be used for LTM application on or after January 1, 2010. Until January 1, 2010 the fee is \$15.00; it increases to \$25.00 on January 1, 2010. If you are interested at the lower cost contact Sara to get the information. Email: HendHaus@aol.com or contact Viv!

(Personal Note from Lu) There is an error on the application where it reads IF AVAILABLE this should be removed but it was difficult once it was received so please know that this is no longer an option. Due to actions in Rochester that is required that the spouse must be an EANGUS LTM for the application to be accepted.

Sara Hendricks, Chairman
Lifetime Membership Committee EANGUS Auxiliary

IMPORTANT: Don't receive Legislative Alerts or Minuteman Updates?

You are NOT registered on EANGUS website. If you are registered on the EANGUS website, you will receive the *EANGUS Minuteman Updates* (if you are registered and don't receive the email then you should check your profile to make sure your profile has current email address). Otherwise, go to EANGUS.org and click on "NEWS" and click on "Minuteman Update" and it will be downloaded.

Have you taken time to answer the legislative alerts, it is vitally important!

Thanks to all contacts, emails and letters to congress, TriCare increase will not be carried out this year. First there was to be an increase then there wasn't and at last the minute it was back in—this is why it is important to make contacts—now there won't be an increase THIS YEAR. You know this issue will be back again next year.



November Trivia Answers

Here are the answers for the Army Quiz:

- 1. The Phil Silvers Show, commonly referred to as Sgt. Bilko**
- 2. Combat**
- 3. The Rat Patrol**
- 4. M*A*S*H**
- 5. Tour of Duty**

Thanks!

Viv

The only person who sent answers!

Roxie Barrwick Wisconsin Auxiliary

Congratulations Roxie, great job!

Senior Corner: Brooks Marr Senior Contributor**God and the Spider**

During World War II, a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen."

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave.

As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave.

"Hah, he thought. "What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor."

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while.

"Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget what God can work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways. And remember with God, a mere spider's web becomes a brick wall of protection.

A Message from Lifetime Membership Chair: Sara Hendricks

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary

LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application

Name (Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Age mm dd yyyy

State Affiliation

State Verification

Spouse's Name

Phone number

Email Address

Army ____ Air ____ Lifetime number assigned by EANGUS for Spouse, if available. _____

COST OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

An annual member may become a life member by payment of **\$25.00 plus the annual dues which apply until the applicant reaches the age of 60**. This is a non-refundable payment. After age 60, no dues are required. Application must be accompanied by verification of eligibility from the treasurer of the state of which the applicant is an annual member.

Year of birth	_____	+	60	=	_____	-	_____	=	_____ ()
							Current Year		
								X	\$ 7.00
								=	_____
					Life Membership Dues to age 60:				_____
					(As of Jan. 1, 2010)			+	\$ 25.00
								TOTAL:	\$ _____

A Life Member card number will be assigned by the LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. _____

Mail this application along with applicable dues to:

Sara Hendricks, LTM CHAIRPERSON, 6893 Augusta Hills Dr, NE, Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144

Date received by EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer

Amount \$

-- Side By Side We Stand With Pride --

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Family Service Corner
by Rheanna Doana
Family Affairs Chair
missrhe81@yahoo.com

The Holiday Season is the time of year where we reflect upon what we are thankful for, our families, our friends and our Country. I think it is especially important to reflect upon those families who are missing a love one because they are deployed, and to think of those deployed troops who are without their families. Check with your local FRG's and Family Programs to see how your Auxiliary can get involved. It's not too late!

The USO has many way to get involved. Send a soldier overseas a phone card, or care package or even a Christmas Card! <https://www.uso.org/whatwedo/usoprograms/>

Operation Dear Abby is a wonderful program as well, sponsored by the Defense Department.

<http://www.defense.gov/specials/abby/>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,

Rheanna



Prayer to go with Brooks story about "God and the Spider"

Lord, I thank you for all our Military, and their families. I Pray for your brick wall of protection, to protect them every day.

Amen

Below are web-sites that provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to every Veteran you know. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you -- and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

Appeals http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc
 Board of Veteran's Appeals <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/> CARES Commission <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/> CARES Draft National Plan <http://www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105>

Center for Minority Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>

Center for Veterans Enterprise <http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>

Center for Women Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/> Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html>
 <<http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HT%0a%0aML/000016.html>>

Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Assoc
<http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>

Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service
http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6/ch07.doc
 <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6%20/ch07.doc>

Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03 <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page <http://www.va.gov/> Directory of Veterans Service Organizations
<http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>

Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>
 <<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>>

Due Process http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc

Duty to Assist http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/> Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care
<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>

Environmental Agents <http://www1.va.gov/environagents/> <<http://www1.va.gov/environagents/>>

Environmental Agents M10 http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002

Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315

(NOTE from Lu) This list is extensive but so valuable to Veterans, think I will include a new page each month with more websites.

Christmas Cookie Rules...



1. If you eat a Christmas cookie fresh out of the oven, it has no calories because everyone knows that the first cookie is the test and thus calorie free.



Cookies

2. If you drink a diet soda after eating your second cookie, it also has no calories because the diet soda cancels out the cookie calories.



3. If a friend comes over while you're making your Christmas cookies and needs to sample, you must sample with your friend. Because your friend's first cookie is calories free, (rule #1) yours is also. It would be rude to let your friend sample alone and, being the friend that you are, that makes your cookie calorie free.
4. Any cookie calories consumed while walking around will fall to your feet and eventually fall off as you move. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.



5. Any calories consumed during the frosting of the Christmas cookies will be used up because it takes many calories to lick excess frosting from a knife without cutting your tongue.
6. Cookies colored red or green have very few calories. Red ones have three and green ones have five - one calorie for each letter. Make more red ones!
7. Cookies eaten while watching "Miracle on 34th Street" have no calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.

8. As always, cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breaking Causes calorie leakage.

9. Any cookies consumed from someone else's plate have no calories since the calories Rightfully belong to the other person and will cling to their plate.

We all know how calories like to CLING!



10. Any cookies consumed while feeling stressed have no calories because cookies used for medicinal purposes NEVER have calories. It's a rule!

So, go out and enjoy those Christmas Cookies - we only get them this this time of year!

Shared by Ann Hart her Merry Christmas wish to each of you and I loved it too! Lu

THIS IS FABULOUS!!!

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista , CA . He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to "explain God" I wonder if any of us could have done as well? (and he had such an assignment in California , and someone published it, I guess miracles do happen!)

I can't guarantee this is real, but it is worth sharing! Lu

EXPLANATION OF GOD

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers."

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off."

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K."

"His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important."

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time."

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids."

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And ... that's why I believe in God.."