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## *Help In Difficult Times....*

I recently read an article titled “Stimulus Sermon”. This article spoke of when economic hard times fell upon Egypt, and the people turned to the government of Pharaoh to help them through the economic tough times. Pharaoh nationalized the grain harvest, and placed the grain in government storehouses that he had built. So the people brought their money to Pharaoh, like a great tax increase, and gave it willingly to him in return for grain. This went on until their money ran out, and they were hungry again. So, when they returned to Pharaoh after that, they brought him their livestock, their cattle, their horses, their sheep, and their donkey to barter for grain; enough grain to take them to the end of that year. But the famine wasn't over yet. So the next year, the people came before Pharaoh and admitted they had nothing left to give him, except their land and their own lives. So, they surrendered their homes, and their property to Pharaoh, and then sold themselves into slavery to him, in return for grain.

What can we learn from this? Turning to the government instead of God to be our provider in hard times only leads to slavery.

I'm not trying to make a political statement here, but I do want to make the point that the principles that made this country great were all based on seeking our help from God, who poured His blessings out on this nation. We have been living off of and nearly exhausted the blessings of our forefathers. It is time for this generation to seek God's blessings once again. 2 Chronicles 7:14 tells us, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The government has been trying for decades to right the wrongs of this country, and they fail every time. God is the answer for our everyday personal lives, economic hardships, health care, oil shortages, terrorism, and conflicts with other Countries. It's time we stop saying "God Bless America" and begin asking God to bless America.

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### *February and March Birthdays*

February: Dwane Johnson

March: Dan Maple

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*A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;  
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty!*

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## **ODNR WATERCRAFT OFFICE WORK BEGINS**

Ground has been broken, and moving mud has begun at the site of the new ODNR Watercraft Office & Maintenance Facility being built at the end of the off ramp to the Park on the Ohio side of the Greenup Dam. The Watercraft Office is currently housed in the first floor of West End Electric's building. A temporary electric service was built by Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt, a few weeks ago. The General Contractor, Stockmeister Enterprises will begin digging foundations in the coming weeks. Other contractors on this project include: B B & E - HVAC, and A.J. Stockmeister Enterprises – Plumbing.

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## **Norfolk & Southern Crew Facility Work To Begin Soon**

Several months ago, we were awarded a subcontract with Portco, Inc. to construct a Crew Facility for the N & S Railroad yards in Portsmouth. There have been a number of ground water problems on this project, and our services have not been required as of this date. It is a small project, but all projects are important right now. We are not sure when we will be able to start on this project, but we are ready to go any time now.

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## **SSU's University Center...Never Looked Better!**

SSU is one step away from taking over the newly renovated University Center. Students have been enjoying much of the renovated building for months now. The new cafeteria and Oval at the main entrance have been open for several months now. Recently, a Barnes & Noble Bookstore opened in the facility. Being the "hub" for the SSU Student body, this is a great place to study, visit, play, unwind, as well as eat. There is something to offer every student enrolled. The students and staff are not the only ones that benefit from this beautiful facility. With the large event rooms available to the community, the citizens of our area will also benefit from this major renovation project. These event rooms offer state of the art technology for seminars, training, special events, receptions, or parties. To simply say this is a beautiful facility doesn't do it justice. We have been very grateful, and proud to be a local contractor with a local work force, that has benefited from this project for a little over a year now. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the great folks at SSU. Led by Danny Beekman, the following workers are currently wrapping up the project: Dan Maple, Kenny Stewart, Bill Mershon, and Ed Sommer. As of this date, there have been no serious injuries reported on this project.

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*People will forget what you said, but they will never forget  
the way that you made them feel.*

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## **Portsmouth WWTP Work To Begin Soon**

We received a call from Mechanical Construction Company, informing us that we will be performing work for them as a subcontractor, on the Portsmouth Wastwater Treatment Plant. We are not sure when this project will begin, but we are ready for their call. This is another small project, but anything is good right now. We appreciate the opportunity to work with Mechanical Construction's crews again.

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## ACP FUTURE LOOKS PROMISING

The ACP Project in Piketon has received promising news. Things shut down after the Obama Administration announced the President would not sign the loan guarantee for the continued progress of this project. But now, there is an interested party that may have already joined forces with USEC to revive this project and put it back on schedule. We are hearing things will crank back up this Summer. That is great news! We need to continue to pray for this project, which offers so much for our local economy. As of this date, the following men are on site: Pete Nichols, Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, and Nick Kingrey.

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*Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,  
all ye that hope in the Lord                      Psalm 31:24*

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## Portsmouth City Schools **Get New Central Office**

Renovation work recently started on the former Unemployment Office building at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> & Findlay Sts. The building, that sits on the North-West corner of the new Athletic Complex, was purchased by the Portsmouth City School Board, and soon will be the School District's Central Office. West End Electric Company was awarded the Electrical contract for this project. Some Electrical work has started in the building already. This will be a fast track project, with a completion date possibly as soon as March of this year. We are grateful to be a part of this project, and look forward to working with the folks from the Portsmouth School District.

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## Service Work And Small Jobs

Dwane Johnson continues to keep busy on service calls and small projects. He has performed small jobs for Riverview Retirement Center, Stepping Stone House, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Northwest Schools, New Boston Flood Defense, The Portsmouth Daily Times, Rumpke Transfer Station, The Scioto County Jail, Goodwill Industries, The New Boston Public Library, Wheelersburg Schools, and many others. Dwane has also been installing capacitors for Venergy.

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*If you won't use the energy it takes to get what you want,  
then you will use even more energy dealing with what you get.*

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## **Wayne National Forrest Gets Campground Upgrade**

We were awarded a subcontract with Diaz Construction to install new Electric Services and camper hook-ups at the Oak Hill Camp Grounds; located near Pedro, Ohio. Diaz' crews have been on site performing demolition work, but they are not ready for any Electrical work at this time. The weather has kept things a mess on top of that hill. Hopefully, we can get started in the next month or two.

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## **Rubyville's New Worship Center's Getting Closer To Opening**

Work continues inside of Rubyville Community Churches new Worship Center being built behind their current building on St. Rt. 139. Sheetrock in the Sanctuary is nearly completed. All of the permanent utilities are on. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton, along with some help from Dwane Johnson, Danny Maple, Bill Mershon, and Michael Hunt have been completing the Electrical work in the Sanctuary. Most of the permanent lighting in the Sanctuary is now on. Our crew has also been installing wiring for the temperature controls, as well as the audio and video equipment. There is still a ways to go with this project. It is anticipated the Church can move into their new building later this year. This continues to be an injury-free project. What a blessing!

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*When you squeeze oranges, you get orange juice. You never get apple juice or tomato juice. When anything (or anyone) is under pressure, their true essence comes out. When times are good, people can "invent" their outward appearance. When times are tough, you get to see what's really inside.*

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## **Narco Work Continues**

Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have been working on a Substation Upgrade, at the South Shore, Kentucky Facility. We sure do appreciate the opportunity to do work for the fine folks at NARCO. Some other projects Andy and Mike have taken care of include: install power and control for a new marquee sign in front of the Sciotoville United Methodist Church. Install receptacles on light poles, on Market Street. Misc. Electrical work at Blackburn grocery. Install receptacles at the Atomic Employees Credit Union in Piketon.

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## **Peds. Project At SOMC**

We were just awarded a Pediatrics Patient Rooms Project at SOMC, this week. We appreciate the opportunity to work again at SOMC. Miles Lee Ferguson & Dustin Pendleton will begin this project in the next week or two.

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### **A Word Of Thanks...**

I just wanted to say a big “Thank You” to those working behind the scenes, to keep this business going. Dina Fraulini – VP, Prudy Copas – Secretary, Dennis Beekman – Estimator, and Mike Lee – Warehouse. These are the finest folks you could meet, and we appreciate all they do to keep things on track! Let them know you appreciate them too.

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*How did the fight get started??*

*One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...The next year, he didn't get her a gift. When she asked him why, he replied, “Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!”*

*And that's how the fight got started...*

*I asked my wife, “Where do you want to go for our anniversary?” It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. “Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!” she said. So I suggested, “How about the kitchen?”*

*And that's when the fight started...*

*I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first... “I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please.” The waiter said, “Aren't you worried about the mad cow?” “Nah, she can order for herself.”*

*And that's when the fight started...*

*My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels. She asked, “What's on TV?” I answered, “Dust.”*

*And then the fight started...*

*My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat at a nearby table. I asked her if she knew him, and she said she did. "He's my old boyfriend... I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "Holy Cow!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"*

*And then the fight started...*

*I rear-ended a car this morning... So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get sooo stressed and little things just seem funny? Yeah, well I couldn't believe it...he was a DWARF!!! He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, "I AM NOT HAPPY!" So, I looked down at him and said, "Well then, which one are you?"*

*And that's when the fight started...*

*When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf...always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home from work one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sissors... I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came back out, I handed her a tooth brush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."*

*The Doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.*

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## *What we've bid, and will be bidding...*

- We turned in a bid on the electrical package for Washington-Nile's new Middle School, on January 13, 2010. We came in second, following Accurate Electric; who was the low electrical bidder. The bids came in over the estimate, and the bids were rejected. After some redesign of the facility takes place, the project will be rebid in a couple of months. We look forward to the second chance to bid this project.
- We will be bidding the Electrical package on the Clay Local School District's new K-12 School facility. The plans should be out any day now. The bid date has been set for February 25, 2010.

- We are planning on bidding the new K-12 School facility, for New Boston Local School District. The latest word on this project is OSFC has told the School District it will not allow the building to be built at the proposed site (former New Boston Pool). As I understand it, the School District must come up with a better site. This project could be delayed for several months. We will keep our eye on this one.
  - We recently bid the Electrical work on the Campbell Elementary School addition and renovations, in Raceland, Kentucky. The low bidder on this project was Trace Creek Construction. We were told my many of the Prime Contractors that we had a good number on this, but we have not heard anything from Trace Creek Construction.
  - We recently bid a renovations project in the Administration Building at Maysville Community College. We have not heard who the low bidder was on this project.
  - We were the low bidder on the Electrical package for the Nile Township Fire Station to be built on US Route 52, West of State Route 125; adjacent to the Nile Township Community Center. It's been nearly a year now, and we are still waiting on this project to be awarded. We've been told the trustees are waiting for the stimulus money.
    - We recently bid a security card reader system for USEC, and the old Uranium Enrichment Site in Piketon. It looks like this project will rebid with several revisions, sometime in February.
  - We recently bid a site package for the Ironton Local School District. I believe Solid Rock was the low bidder, and we have quoted the Electrical work with them. We have not heard if we are the successful Electrical subcontractor.
  - We recently bid a lighting retrofit project for four of G & J Pepsi's Bottling Facilities. Those include a facility in Athens, Ripley, Hillsboro, and Hamilton. We have not heard any word on these bids.
  - We recently gave the Valley Township a proposal to upgrade the Electrical system in their Fire Station. This included a new Electric Service, new lighting, a Telephone system, internet wiring, and additional outlets. As of this date, we have not had a response to our proposal.
  - We recently quoted new Electrical Services for the Scioto County Fairgrounds. As of this date, we have not had a response to our proposal.
  - We recently bid the Electrical for the new Chatham Steel Facility in Lawrence County, Ohio. No word on this bid yet.
  - We recently bid the new MRI at the Portsmouth KDMC Medical office building. No word on this bid yet.
  - We recently bid the Electrical service for a Mobile PET/CT Scan Unit for The Portsmouth Cancer Care Center on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Work on this project may begin the first part of February 2010.
  - We recently bid the Electrical on the Farm Bureau Office in Flemingsburg, Ky. BP Pipeline was the low bidder on this project. We were told that they used our bid for the Electrical work. We are waiting on their call.
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