



### Lemon Cake

By: Grandma (Maxine Wilson)

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- ¾ cup hot water
- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup oil
- 1 package lemon jello

### Glaze Topping

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, dissolve gelatin in hot water, add to cake mix and oil. Add eggs one at a time, beat together. Bake for 45 minutes in a 9X13 pan sprayed with pam. As soon as cake is done, with a fork, prick top of cake all over. Pour glaze over cake. Serve and enjoy!!!

### Upcoming Events

(For more information call Anita at 918-485-9525)

- ❖ March 24, 2016 – 7:00 p.m., class on pre- planning your funeral or cremation arrangements-located at Wagoner Church of God.
- ❖ April 20-22 at 7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church. Three day Conference “Re’Visit Life” by; Anita J. Shipman  
800 Martin Luther King Blvd. Wagoner, Oklahoma, 74467  
(Join us and let God revive you like you’ve never been revived before)
- ❖ REFIT- Meets three days a week Monday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. located at 105 S. Cohn Ave, Wagoner. (Come work out and get healthy, this is a fitness class for women only.)



### Special Reminders

- March 1, 2016 is the last day for our winter monument special!! Don’t miss out!
- If you received a special card in the mail make sure you bring it in so you can take advantage of the offer.

## SHIPMAN'S AFTER CARE

### LETTER OF HOPE & LIFE

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### Facing Life's Giants

By Anita J. Shipman

#### *Facing Life's Giants*

In our lives from the moment that we are born we face many mountains or so called “Giants.” Some of the giants in our lives are happy times. For example when we get married, have kids, get promotions on our jobs or even retirement. Many are giants that we have to prepare for and make preparations before they can ever take place. Then we are faced with the giants in our lives that also require preparations that are not as enjoyable. For instance, being faced with the reality of a medical condition, losing a job and even making preparations for the final event in our lives our funeral. We don’t like to think about the reality that one day life as we know it here on earth will be over. But the truth is, God has appointed each of us a time to be born and a time to die. Many Christians when asked if they have made preparations for their funeral or memorial service they will answer “I’m going to go in the rapture.” The truth is that we truly don’t know unless God



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shows us how and when it’s going to happen. God teaches us through His word that we should always be prepared because we do not know the hour; time or day that He will call our number. We should all take the time to prepare for our finale celebration here on earth. We are all very special and in some way have made an impact in the lives and the world that we live in. It’s important to take the time and meet with someone who can help you pre arrange your funeral or memorial service. Let us help educate you on the different options that our funeral home offers to help celebrate your life for the value you are worth.

### Find the Funny in Your Life

By Stephen Propst, excerpt from BP Magazine

How many times does the average adult laugh per day? The answer, according to the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor, is 17. What about a kindergartner? That would be over 300. As we grow up we lose several hundred laughs a day. If we could be more childlike, smiling and laughing more often, we would profoundly impact our mood and overall health. Incorporating laughter into our daily lives-much like we try to do with exercise makes sense. If you’re willing to take the stairs instead of the elevator, you should consider taking

time out to experience something funny. Laughter isn’t the answer to all of our problems but there’s a lot more for it in our lives. As Victor Borge said, “He who laughs-lasts.” So if you are running low on your daily laughter you may want to read the next article.





## A Country Funeral Story

A young minister in Kentucky was asked by a funeral director to hold a graveside service for a homeless man, who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a new cemetery, way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be buried there.

The minister was not familiar with the backwoods area, and soon became lost. Being a typical man, he did not stop to ask for directions and finally arrived an hour late. Upon arrival he saw the back hoe and the open grave, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

The digging crew was eating lunch. The minister apologized to the workers for his tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave. There he saw the vault lid was already in place. So, he assured the workers he would not hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around the grave and stood silently, as the minister began to pour out his heart and soul.

As the minister preached about "looking forward to a brighter tomorrow" and "the glory that is to come," the workers began to say "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "Glory!" The fervor of these men truly inspired the young minister. So, he preached and preached like he had never preached before...all the way from Genesis to Revelation.

Finally the minister closed the lengthy service with a prayer, thanked the men, and walked to his car. As he opened his door and was taking off his coat, he over-heard one of the workers say to another, "I ain't NEVER seen nothin' like that before, and I've been puttin' in septic tanks for thirty years!"

### Fire Safety Tips



Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get out quickly.

- ❖ Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- ❖ Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
  - ❖ A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall.
- ❖ People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- ❖ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

## Why is Pre-need Funeral Planning Important

### By pre-planning your funeral, you can:

- ❖ make all the arrangements during a time of peace and not leave them to your family during their time of grief;
- ❖ make your own wishes known;
- ❖ control and guarantee the cost of your funeral;
- ❖ ensure that personal records are organized and easy for your survivors to locate;
- ❖ protect your insurance so that it provides for your survivors and not for funeral expenses;
- ❖ and provide protection in case the need arises before it is expected.



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## Meet our Funeral Director/Jason R. Shipman



God and family are very important in my life! I was born in Arkansas but have spent most of my life in Wagoner, Oklahoma, where I met my wife while in high school. I graduated from Wagoner High School in 2001 and later received my degree in mortuary science graduating from Dallas Institute in 2004. I am the son of Randy and Brenda Shipman who built Shipman Funeral Home in 1988 and is still working full time alongside my wife Anita and I.

Anita and I have been married since August of 2008 and have two amazing children Ryan and Addison. A few of my hobbies I enjoy are flying model airplanes, spending time on our farm and taking care of our chickens, goats and pigs. More importantly I enjoy being able to use the gifts God has blessed me with to help others in our community and surrounding areas. I have been blessed to be able to follow my dreams and the desires God has placed in my heart.