Dear friends,

Fellowship. Food. Fine arts. Faith. These are, to Claire and me, very important elements of a life well lived. Therefore, amid all of our duties with Vital Signs Ministries and such common tasks as doctor appointments and raking leaves, we make it a priority to invest in things that will bless others while, at the same time, refresh our own souls.

This weekend we have two such events coming up. The first is a *Wind in the Willows* brunch where a dozen (maybe more) will gather in our dining room to discuss Kenneth Grahame's classic children's novel while enjoying kielbasa slices in an apricot/mustard sauce, chunks of smoked turkey encased in biscuits, scones with jam and lemon curd, and more. Then in the late afternoon on Sunday, Claire and I are hosting a High Tea for a smaller group of friends from church. The menu for that affair is more extensive and even a bit fancier: Yorkshire puddings, a mini-quiche assortment, orange scones, intricate spice cakes, etc.

Also coming up soon are two Christmas card parties we're hosting. One is a yearly outreach we do for Vital Signs but the other is a first-time event to help get our local church involved. At these parties we write letters and cards of advocacy, encouragement, and gratitude that go to politicians, military, first responders, missionaries, and people who are dealing with illness, grief, and loneliness.

And finally, there's the annual weekend getaway for our book club coming up on the 20th. The members of our book club (the Notting Hill Napoleons) read a classic novel every month and then we get together to discuss it. It is always a pleasant and stimulating evening. But every November we head out of town to a bed & breakfast to discuss the Charles Dickens novel we've read for that month, decide on the books for the next calendar year, and have a great time talking, praying, and eating together. (Our book club, by the way, has been going for nearly 30 years!)

Like I said, that marvelous combination of fellowship, food, fine arts (especially, in our case, literature), and our Christian faith, makes for a lot of fine and significant blessings. Thank You, Lord.

And now, we come to another fun and friendly item; namely, the latest in our series of "Anti-Boredom" Packets which we so hope you are enjoying. Also, please be looking for the poetry readings we mentioned last week. The first couple of those will be sent out very soon.

Denny & Claire

Multiple Choice Questions

 According to the Patti Page song, "If you're fond of sand dunes and salty air, quaint little villages here and there, you're sure to fall in love with..."
 A) San Francisco
 B) Old Cape Cod

- C) Moonlight in Vermont
- D) My Home Town

2) Sassafras tea is made by boiling what part of the plant?

- A) Root
- B) Flowers
- C) Leaves
- D) Sap

3) Early rock and roll singer J. P.
Richardson Jr. who had hits with "Chantilly Lace" and "White Lightning" was better known as:
A) Wolfman Jack
B) Mr. Sandman
C) Junkyard Dog
D) The Big Bopper

4) True or False – The American poet Joyce Kilmer (he who gave us the moving poem, "Trees") was killed by a sniper's bullet at the Second Battle of the Marne in 1918.

5) The Yalu River (an important boundary in the Korean War) divides North Korea from what country?

- A) Thailand
- B) South Korea
- C) Communist China
- D) Cambodia

6) Frank Sinatra's career had stalled by the early 1950s. But two things kicked it back into high gear. One was that he was very popular doing live shows in Las Vegas. And the other was...
A) He began psychotherapy
B) He won an Oscar for *From Here to Eternity* in 1953
C) He re-joined the Tommy Dorsey band for 4 years
D) He joined Alcoholics Anonymous

7) The songwriting team responsible for the 1965 hit "Yesterday" was:
A) Richard Rogers & Lorenz Hart
B) Richard Rogers & Oscar
Hammerstein II
C) George & Ira Gershwin
D) John Lennon & Paul McCartney

8) True or False -- There have been only five 5-star U.S. Army generals: George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold and Omar Bradley.

9) What is lard?

- A) Rendered pork fat
- B) Congealed and dyed butter
- C) Poly-unsaturated margarine
- D) Egg whites mixed with olive oil

10) The star of the 1950 Oscar-winning movie *All About Eve* was...

- A) Greta Garbo
- B) Tallulah Bankhead
- C) Bette Davis
- D) Lucille Ball

11) The names Rod Laver, KenRosewall, Althea Gibson, MargaretCourt, Bjorn Borg, and Roger Federerare all connected with what sport?A) Golf

- B) Skiing
- C) Swimming
- D) Tennis

12) The P-51 Mustang was a fighter plane used especially in WWII and the Korean War. It was designed and built by which of the Allied countries?

- A) U.S.A.
- B) Great Britain
- C) Australia
- D) France

13) In the Old Testament book of 2 Samuel, it is recounted that God Himself chose a king to succeed King Saul. Who was that new king who "was a man after God's own heart?"

A) Solomon

- B) Samuel
- C) David
- D) Ahaz
- 14) The MGM series of 16Andy Hardy films starred...A) Jackie CooperB) Mickey RooneyC) Donald O'ConnorD) Red Buttons

15) True or False -- Italian actor Rossano Brazzi performed his own songs in the 1958 movie, *South Pacific*. 16) Which of the following was NOT a product to keep your hair in place?A) Vitalis

- B) Brycreem
- C) Jergens
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- D) Wildroot

17) True or False -- Grits are usually made with either stone-ground corn or hominy.

18) "I'll Never Smile Again" was a huge hit in 1942 for the Tommy Dorsey band. Who sang the vocals?A) Frank Sinatra & the Pied PipersB) Dick Haymes

- C) Vaughn Monroe & the Moon Men
- D) Bob Eberly & Helen O'Connell
- 19) The style of facial hair worn by this fellow is known as a...A) GaribaldiB) Van DykeC) ImperialD) Old Dutch



20) Who was the composer behind most of Dionne Warwick's hit songs of the 1960s?A) Andrew Lloyd WebberB) David Rose

- C) Jimmy Webb
- D) Burt Bacharach

21) Boot Hill was a common term used in the Old West for what kind of real estate?

- A) Cemetery
- B) Saloon
- C) General store
- D) Deserted ranch

22) True or False -- There was once a short-lived big band led by Chico Marx and one of its vocalists was none other than Tony Bennett.

23) In those talking mule movies made by Universal Studios in the 1950s starring Donald O'Connor, what was the name of the mule?

- A) Harvey
- B) Mildred
- C) Frances
- D) Percival

24) The theme song for what TV Western begins, "Keep movin', movin', movin' though they're disapprovin.' Keep them doggies movin'...

- A) The Big Valley
- B) Rawhide
- C) Wagon Train
- D) Bonanza

25) The Nebraska Cornhuskers won their first national championship in...

- A) 1948
- B) 1952
- C) 1965
- D) 1970

26) Which of these Hollywood films does NOT involve boats and the sea?A) *The Poseidon Adventure*B) *Mutiny on the Bounty*C) *Oceans 11*

D) The Hunt for Red October

27) In the Perry Como song, what did he suggest you do if you happened to "Catch A Falling Star?"A) Put it in your pocketB) Give it to your darlingC) Lock it away in your heartD) Throw it away as quick as you can

28) Only one of these statements about Elvis Presley is true.
A) He was named after a 16th
Century French saint
B) He never learned to drive
C) He was offered the lead in the
1960 movie *Pretty Boy Floyd*D) He earned a 7th seventh-degree
black belt in karate

29) True or False -- Brazil has the largest population of horses in the world.

30) Sunrise at Campobello is a 1960
Warner Brothers movie about which
American political figure?
A) Abraham Lincoln
B) Franklin Delano Roosevelt
C) Huey Long
D) Dwight Eisenhower

Can you name these Hollywood "tough guy" actors? (Part 1)



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10) Which of these two are buried at Arlington National Cemetery? Can you name these Hollywood "tough guy" actors? (Part 2)



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10) Which of these fellows taught karate to Steve McQueen and in return was encouraged by McQueen to get into acting?

Points to Ponder

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." (Booker T. Washington)

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it." (Knute Rockne)

"Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of man will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice without constraint." (Alexander Hamilton)

"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." (John F. Kennedy)

"Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air, and you." (Langston Hughes)

"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds." (Theodore Roosevelt)

> "What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork." (Pearl Bailey)

"Now may the God of peace, Who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, that is, Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

1) "What do you get when you fall in love? You only get lies and pain and sorrow. So, for at least until tomorrow...

2) "You never seem to want my romancing and the only time you hold me is when we're dancing...

3) "Chantilly lace and a pretty face and a ponytail hangin' down...

4) "In love's smoldering ember, one spark may remain. If love still can remember, the spark may burn again...

5) "Day by day, and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here. Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear...

6) "Stars shining bright above you. Night breezes seem to whisper I love you...

7) "Every morning at the mine you could see him arrive. He stood six-foot-six and weighed two-forty-five. Kind of broad at the shoulder and narrow at the hip...

8) "Please don't talk about me when I'm gone. Oh honey, though our friendship ceases from now on...

9) "But when you're crying, you bring on the rain. So stop your sighing; be happy again...

10) "The first Noel, the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay...

The Answers! Multiple Choice 1) B 2) A 3) D 4) True 5) C 6) B 7) D 8) True 9) A 10) C 11) D 12) A 13) C 14) B 15) False – It was the voice of Giorgio Tozzi. 16) C 17) True 18) A 19) B	Can you name these Hollywood "tough guy" actors? (Part 1) 1) Clint Eastwood 2) Charles Bronson 3) Lee Marvin 4) Sylvester Stallone 5) Charlton Heston 6) Anthony Quinn 7) Audie Murphy 8) Burt Lancaster 9) Lee Van Cleef 10) 3 and 7 Can you name these Hollywood "tough guy" actors? (Part 2) 1) Jim Brown 2) Chuck Norris 3) Steve McQueen 4) Alan Ladd 5) Clark Gable 6) Telly Savalas 7) Errol Flynn 8) Richard Widmark 9) Clint Walker	 4) "I know that I'd be contented with yesterday's memories, knowing you think of me once in a while." 5) "He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what He deems best; lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest." 6) "Birds singing in the sycamore tree. Dream a little dream of me." 7) "And everybody knew you didn't give no lip to Big John." 8) "And listen, if you can't say anything real nice, it's better not to talk
 20) D 21) A 22) False The famous singer once with the Marx band was Mel Torme. 23) C 24) B 25) D 26) C 27) A 28) D 29) False The U.S. is #1 30) B 	 10) 2 What Comes Next in This Song Lyric? 1) "I'll never fall in love again." 2) "I don't know why I love you like I do. I don't know why I just do." 3) "A wiggle in her walk and a giggle in her talk makes the world go 'round." 	 at all is my advice." 9) "Keep on smiling 'cause when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you." 10) "In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel. Noel. Noel. Noel. Born is the King of Israel."