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Johnny Ramsey was one of my favorite preachers. He wrote the following article for The Gospel Minutes, on some men who mocked God:

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John Lennon: Some years before, during an interview with an American magazine, he said, “Christianity will end, it will disappear. I do not have to argue about that. I am certain. Jesus was okay, but his subjects were too simple. Today we are more famous than him” (1966). Lennon, some years after making that statement, was shot six times.

*Tancredo Neves (President of Brazil): During the presidential campaign, he said if he got five hundred votes from his party, not even God could move him from presidency. Sure he got the votes, but he got sick (one day before he was supposed to take the oath of office) and died one month later.

*Cazuza (bisexual Brazilian composer, singer, and poet): During a show in Caneca (Rio de Janeiro), Cazuza, while smoking his cigarette, puffed out some smoke in the air and said, “God that’s for you.” He died at the age of 32 of Aids in a horrible manner.

*An employee of the White Star Line (which built the Titanic): After the construction of the

Titanic a reporter asked, “How safe would the Titanic be?” With an ironic tone the employee said, “Not even God can sink it” (National Archives and Records Administration). The result? We know what happened.

Man becomes so arrogant. “The fool hath said in his heart,There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good” (Psalm 14:1). Remember Pharaoh’s question? “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice?” (Exodus 5:2). Someone commented that God sent Pharaoh a ten-lesson Bible correspondence course, after which he knew who God was. —Larry Acuff, Lithia Springs church of Christ

They mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy” —2 Chronicles 36:16

How children see things:

“I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in a convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my five year-old shout from the back seat, ‘Mom, that woman isn’t wearing a seat belt!’”

Handwriting skills: “Our nephew was getting married to a doctor’s daughter. At the wedding reception, the father of the bride stood to read his toast, which he had scribbled on a piece of scrap paper. Several times during his speech, he halted, overcome with what I assumed was a moment of deep emotion. But after a particularly long pause, he explained, ‘I’m sorry. I can’t seem to read my own handwriting. Is there a pharmacist in the house?’”

Congratulations to the Red Boiling Springs High School football team for winning two straight games. Thanks to the boys and the coaches for two good wins. We are proud of them, and the coaches!

Congratulations to Lojack for a great paving job on Highway 52. Also, the new four-lane highway from the Old 70 West exit where the new section of 109 begins to I-40 is a great construction feat by Lojack. Northern middle Tennessee needs more highway construction and paving, and I hope our new governor will realize this and help us get caught up with west and east Tennessee.