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I know that men are just naturally “sloppy” human beings. It seems to be engrained in our DNA somehow. Women just seem to be much more neat and nice.

Tammy is not only smart and beautiful. She is also very organized! Everything must have its place and better be where it belongs when she looks for it. I can't tell you how many times she's poured my coffee down the drain while I was looking for the creamer. She's really neat! Or ... is it compulsive neurotic?

It's probably why God brought her into my life almost 24 years ago. He knew that I needed to straighten up a bit. Some good planning just might help my haphazard ways. I'm getting better ... I think?

There's one thing though that I'll never figure out about a good housekeeper. It's about those matching towels hanging in the bathroom. They're pretty and they come in all assorted sizes and colors that accent the décor. They're always in their place.

But I think they should have labels on them: “Touch me not.” I've been told that those towels are only for guests and then only for special occasions like Christmas and Easter. Well!

Wouldn't it be easier just to have 2 towels – a wet one and a dry one? Alternate them until they're worn to a frazzle and then throw them both away. It makes sense to me. Tammy doesn't like the idea, not even remotely.

My point in all of this is to encourage us to remain useful. God is looking for some people just like you and me that He can use. I'm convinced that He doesn't take too kindly to “colorful” Christians who want to be seen, but never do anything. To be pretty and in place never helped much! I don't want to just hang around. I want to serve a purpose. I want God to put His hands on me and use me to accomplish something. None of us are too young and none are too old. Find a need and fill it. See a job and do it. Hanging around is for those fancy towels not surrendered saints.

With the coming of this edition of the “New Hope,” we are over halfway through the summer. Summer vacations are almost over. It's hot weather and the homegrown tomatoes are just about gone.

A new church year is before us. Let's keep in mind that the Lord wants to use us all for His glory as witnesses to a lost world. I am so thankful that He chooses to use us. I am thankful to be part of a church family that loves each other and wants to be a positive witness in our community.

Take a look at the opportunities and activities throughout the upcoming month. Pray and participate as you're able.

It's my last chance to remind you about our one day meeting with **Dr. Len Turner**. He is one of America's finest preaching evangelists. You will be blessed by hearing him. He's led over 1200 revivals with over 22,500 professions of faith. Those aren't just statistics. He's God's Man.

Please make your plans to be in Sunday School and in both of the worship services on August 8. Shame on some of us who've stopped coming to Sunday School to only attend the worship service! We can do better! If we're physically able, let's get back into a Sunday School Class. We need all of our First Baptist Family to be here faithfully every Sunday. We're always stronger when we're together!

Blessing from Above,  
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