

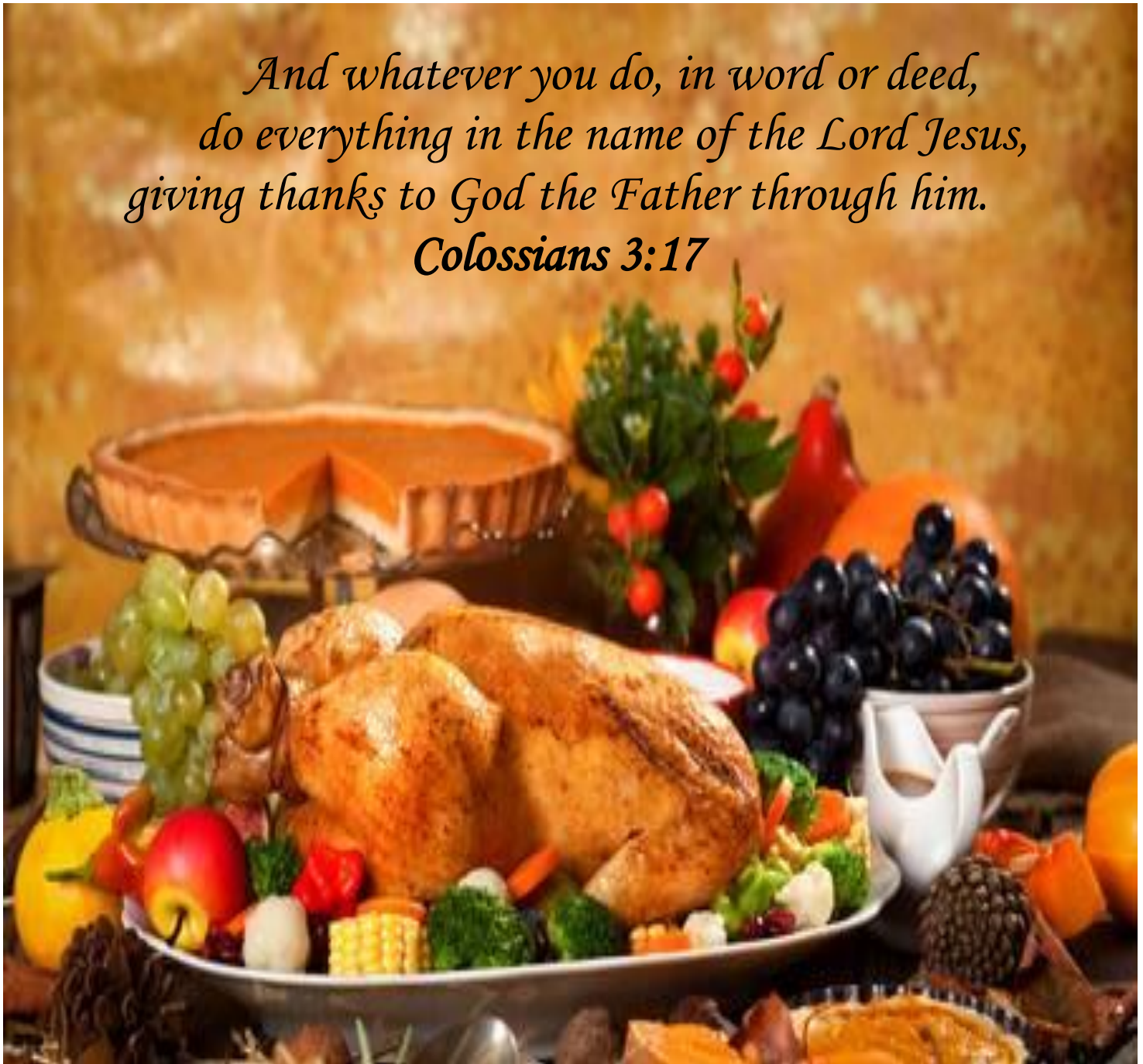
THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

November 2018

Pleasant Chapel UMC
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am

*And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17*



Billy Graham: How to Be Thankful in All Things

By Billy Graham • November 21, 2017

Are you thankful no matter what? Perhaps you have lost your job recently, as the economy has continued to struggle. Or you may have lost your health, or a loved one. Such circumstances can be tremendously difficult. But even so, we all have much to be thankful for. Look with me at the story of a man who had every right to be bitter—but wasn't.

The next footsteps in the corridor, he knew, might be those of the guards taking him away to his execution. His only bed was the hard, cold stone floor of the dank, cramped prison cell. Not an hour passed when he was free from the constant irritation of the chains and the pain of the iron manacles cutting into his wrists and legs.

Separated from friends, unjustly accused, brutally treated—if ever a person had a right to complain, it was this man, languishing almost forgotten in a harsh Roman prison. But instead of complaints, his lips rang with words of praise and thanksgiving!

The man was the Apostle Paul—a man who had learned the meaning of true thanksgiving, even in the midst of great adversity. Earlier, when he had been imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote, “Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV).

Think of it: Always giving thanks for everything—no matter the circumstances! Thanksgiving for the Apostle Paul was not a once-a-year celebration, but a daily reality that changed his life and made him a joyful person in every situation.

Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the believer in Jesus Christ. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.

In the ancient world, leprosy was a terrible disease. It hopelessly disfigured those who had it, and it permanently cut them off from normal society. Without exception, every leper yearned for one thing: To be healed.

In many countries a special day is set aside each year for thanksgiving. But for the Christian every day can be a day of thanksgiving, as we are “always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20, NIV).



EXPLOSION WRECKS SIMONS U. B. CHURCH

FLOOR IS LIFTED AND SEATS
TORN LOOSE BY FORCE OF
EXPLOSION

START REBUILDING!

Lights Burn For Few Minutes Pre-
venting Panic in
Darkness

An explosion of acetylene gas, which escaped from a gas plant in the basement, injured more or less severely about 30 persons at the Simons U. B. Church-five miles northeast of town last Saturday night.

The injured are

John Hartman, two ribs broken.

Jesse Rupert, injuries to chest.

Rev. D. Zartman, pastor of the church, badly bruised left shoulder.

Mrs. Maggie Martin, small bone of left leg broken.

Reuben Martin, son of Mrs. Maggie Martin, ligaments torn in leg.

Elisha Simons, knee broken.

Perry Miller, shoulder dislocated.

Earl Rupert, janitor, badly burned.

Mrs. Jacob Simons, hips injured.

Alma Hartman, organist, bruised when organ fell on her. Ruth Sheets, suffering from severe shock. Taken to Columbia City for treatment. Mrs. Sarah Callison, mother-in-law of Rupert, badly shocked, and still confined to bed.

A number of others who were only slightly injured.

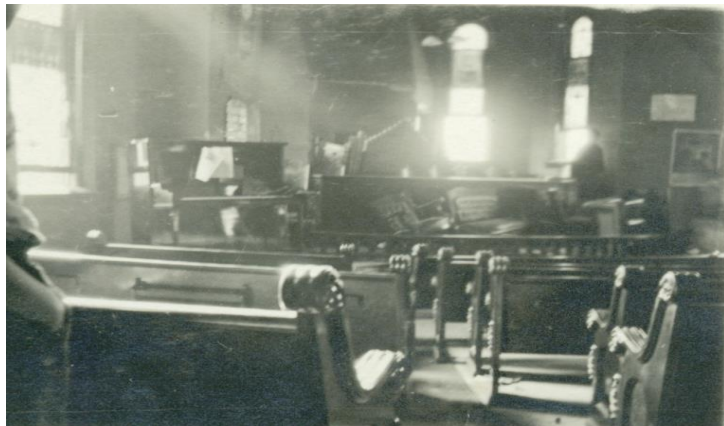
It is now supposed that explosion occurred when Rupert, who had been told Boyd Dinius that gas was escaping, opened the door to the main plant of the basement and allowed gas to come in contact with a lighted jet just outside that door. Rupert was burned badly by the explosion, but rescued before his clothing was consumed. He was blown 20 feet thru the air and lodged against the wall.



The explosion broke every window in the basement of the church, blew down the partition which surrounded the lighting plant, knocked down all the pipes from the furnace, in which there was no fire, and lifted the floor of the main

part of the building, toppling over seats, and thus injuring the persons congregated there.

Two big windows in the east and south sides of the main auditorium were completely demolished and the other windows were smashed. Occasionally freaks of the explosion could be noticed.



D. W. Zartman, pastor of the church said that the explosion occurred at about 9:15; the Rev. J. H. Barker, evangelist, had finished his sermon, the invitation had been given, while some, led by Rev. Pleasant Barker, the pastor and others, had been doing personal work and an altar service was in progress, when the explosion occurred. The pastor had just said, "There is a whole seat full of persons back there who need to come down here and seek Jesus Christ" when the explosion came. It lifted the pastor off his feet and he alighted on his left shoulder. For an instant there was deadly calm, the pastor said, and as he looked horror-stricken out over the audience to see numbers of them hanging over the seats which had been shaken loose and disarranged by the force of the explosion. For an instant there were screams and signs of a panic, but it passed quickly under the exhortation of the pastor and the evangelists.

Gas from the lines leading to the lights continued to burn in the lights, and within three minutes practically all the persons in the church were out of doors. The injured were taken to the parsonage just across the road, from which place Mr. Zartman summoned doctors and ambulances from Roanoke and Laud.

The explosion happened on what was proposed to be the next to the last night of a three weeks evangelistic campaign. Between 30 and 40

persons had made confessions of faith, and the meeting was said to be a complete success.

Thousands of persons thronged to the church Sunday to see the wreckage. Insurance adjusters called early Sunday morning and made an inspection and it was then thrown open to the curious. Rev. Zartman stationed himself at the front door, and received a large voluntary contribution from visitors to help rebuild the church.

All those who were injured in the explosion are reported to be recovering nicely. Mr. Earl Rupert, who was the most, seriously injured is improving.

The work of rebuilding the church was started Monday.



The windows will be repaired first and then the floor in the main auditorium will be torn up, timbers strengthened and re-laid. It probable that the heating plant will have to be scrapped; if not, it will be entirely rebuilt. The acetylene plant will be replaced by an electric plant which will furnish both the church and parsonage. ¹

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Huntington Herald

Monday Evening, October 25, 1920

**MANY INJURED GAS EXPLODES IN BASEMENT
OF SIMONS U. B. CHURCH**

**Floor is Lifted and Seats Torn Loose by Force of
Explosion**

CHURCH IS WRECKED

**Lights Burn For Few Minutes Preventing Panic in
Darkness**

Earl. Rupert, janitor of the Simons United Brethren Church, may die of burns and injuries_

¹ Explosion Wrecks Simons Church. (October 29, 1920).
The Roanoke Review.

suffered in an explosion of acetylene gas which wrecked the church building Saturday night, more or less severely injured a score of other persons, and shook the entire neighborhood. The explosion occurred during the altar service of an evangelistic meeting and just after the Rev. D. W. Zartman, a pastor of the church had declared, "There's a lot of folks back there in the back seats who need to come down here and find Jesus Christ."

Rupert went into the basement of the church when he was told by Boyd Dinius that one the evangelists reported smelling the acetylene gas. At the foot of the stairs was a lited jet. When he opened the door into the main compartment of the basement, the gas accumulated there exploded with terrific force, burning him terribly about the hands and face, and igniting his clothing. He was rescued before he was severely burned about the body.

The force of the explosion lifted the floor of the main part of the building, which with the balcony was filled with worshipers. Seats were torn loose, and their occupants some of them children, asleep were thrown around. Some of the seats were turned backward, and others were toppled in the doorway. The pipe organ and piano were toppled over. Two big plate glass windows in the east and south sides of the church were blown out completely.

By almost a miracle the lights continued to burn and the persons in the church reached the outside in an orderly fashion, calmed by the Revs. Zartman, J. H. Barker and Pleasant W. Barker. The injured were taken to the parsonage, and help summoned from Roanoke and Laud. It was not long until physicians and ambulances arrived.

The list of the more severely, injured follows:
Earl Rupert, janitor, burns which may prove serious. Pneumonia is feared. Elisha Simons; knee broken; Mrs. Maggie Martin, small bone in leg broken; Reuben Martin, son of Mrs. Martin, ligaments torn: in leg; John Hartman, two ribs broken, Jesse Rupert, injuries to chest, Rev. D. W. Zartman, left shoulder bruised severely; Mrs. Jacob Simons, Roanoke, hips bruised and shocked. At first thought to have suffered broken hips; Alma Hartman, organist, severely bruised by the organ falling on her; Ruth Sheets, seven, nervous shock. Taken to Columbia City; Mrs. Sarah Callison, mother-in-law of Earl Rupert,

confined to bed because of nervous shock; Perry Miller, shoulder dislocated.

The Rev. D. W. Zartman, describing the catastrophe, said he had been doing personal work in the audience, and had returned to the front of the church, where a number were gathered around the altar with persons making confessions of faith and engaged in prayer. He was thrown from his feet, alighting on his shoulders, and jumping up saw many of the congregation hanging over the disordered seats. The thought flashed through his mind that at least twenty-five were killed.



Immediately the reason came to him and with the other ministers he calmed the crowds, called on the unhurt and all were able get out of the church before the gas in the pipes gave out and the lights went out. The injured were taken to the parsonage immediately.

Zartman announced Sunday that repair work would begin at once. Insurance adjusters called early Sunday and then the church was thrown open to the curious public. Thousands of persons visited it during the day, and a majority of them joined in a contribution to the rebuilding fund.

The force of the explosion which lifted the floor of the main auditorium at least three feet in places, did not tear a hole in the floor, and it settled in position without collapsing. Had the floor collapsed the casualty list would have been much larger. The providential continuance of the lights for several minutes prevented a manic in darkness, which would have resulted in children and old persons being trampled.

The heating plant of the church wag badly damaged and the light plant will be junked and replaced with an electric one. The lighting plant was left intact and there is no indication of where the acetylene gas escaped.²

Do you have stories or photos of the history of the Church? We would love to copy them, preserve them and make them available to others.

² Many Injured When Gas Explodes. (October 25, 1920).
Huntington Herald.



November 7 Solomon Fairchild
 November 14 Karen Sherbahn
 November 14 Hadley Parsons
 November 18 Olean Sheets
 November 19 Cindy Fairchild
 November 21 Karla Yeager
 November 28 Larry Hand
 November 30 Samantha Sherbahn



November 1 John and Betty Rogers
 November 5 Mark and Deanne Hoffman
 November 6 Andy and Andrea Amick
 November 16 Rev. Marvin and Sue Grooms
 November 27 John and Deloris Smith

Nov. Greeters

4 – Roger and Reece
 11 John and Anna
 18- Andy and Andrea
 25 – Leona and Sarah

Nov. Acolytes

4- Colclessers
 11- Magnusons
 18- Amicks
 25 –Hands

Dec. Greeters

2 – John and Deloris
 9- Tom and Tammy Thornberg
 16 – Nick and Kasey
 23 – Roger and Ellen
 30 – Tom and Tammy Lickey

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2 – Magnusons
 9 – Colclessers
 16 – Hands
 23 – Wisels
 30 - Amicks

November 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Nov 5 – Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30
 Nov 8 – Charge Conference at Aldersgate at 7:00
 Nov 10 – Tenderloin Supper at Pleasant Chapel 4:00-7:00
 Nov 12 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30
 Nov 14 - UMW meeting at 1:00pm at Joann's home
 Nov 19 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30
 Nov 22 – Have a Blessed Thanksgiving
 Nov 26 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

Dec 1 – Breakfast with Santa 9-11 at Pleasant Chapel
 Dec 2 – Advent Begins
 Dec 2 – Hanging of Greens
 Dec 16 – Choir Cantata
 Dec 23 – Christmas Eve's Eve Service

	8/5/2018	8/12/2018	8/19/2018	8/26/2018	9/2/2018	9/9/2018	9/16/2018	9/23/2018	9/30/2018	10/7/2018	10/14/2018	10/21/2018	10/28/2018
Attendance	44	49	48	52	47	54	53	47	47	67	66	45	51
Giving	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,133	\$ 961	\$ 2,697	\$ 1,663	\$ 908	\$ 1,619	\$ 782	\$ 791	\$ 1,529	\$ 1,758	\$ 772	\$ 971

Announcements

Tenderloin Supper at Pleasant Chapel Church on Saturday November 10th from 4 to 7 p.m. See more details elsewhere in this issue.

Report on the October 6th Soup Supper- Thank you, thank you to each and every one who furnished ingredients for the soup, money to buy supplies, baked pies and cakes and all those who worked and helped in any way with the supper. It was a success. Proceeds of \$955 from the supper was given to the trustees for upkeep of the church.

Senior dinners at St Joseph Church in Roanoke are each Thursday at 12 noon. Cost is \$4 each. Call Gretchen at 260-403-0365 for a reservation.

Pleasant Chapel Choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata "The Love of God at Christmas" during the Sunday morning worship service on December 16th if you would like to be a part of this choir please see Joanne.

Bible Studies - All are invited to Parson's home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion. The Southside Bible Study is starting back up. See Magnusons for details.

Missions Offering - Special offerings for Missions from Pleasant Chapel for the month of October, November, and December are LOVE INC. and the Redbird Mission in Kentucky. When giving for these missions write "missions" in the memo of your check or on the outside of the church envelope. Make checks payable to Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church.

Sign up papers for the coffee/cookie table snacks and also children's church are on the table under the balcony.

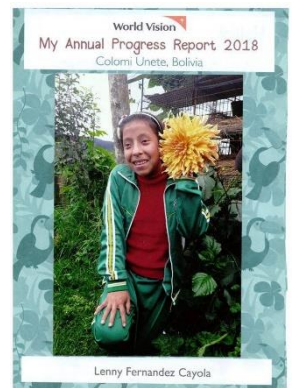
See the latest **Youth for Christ newsletter** on the bulletin board.

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table and everyone that teaches the children's church on Sunday morning.

World Vision Update The church supports Lenny through World Vision. We received this update on her:

MY COMMUNITY AND ME

If I had to choose the best things about my community, they would be to have roads and nice parks so that the children can play. If I could make one dream for my community come true, it would be to build a big coliseum to play. If I could tell you something about me, it would be that I am 12 years old and I like to play sports. I like all the subjects as well. If I could teach other children in my community something. I would teach them not to fight others and also things about school. My community likes to celebrate child's day with games and dance. The children receive presents and they have a good time. Lenny



Would you be interested in supporting a child through World Vision? Contact Joel.

Thank You – Thank you to all that are filling the "Samaritan Purse" shoe boxes. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, November 11 and put them in the front pew.



Tenderloin Supper

Saturday Nov. 10, 2018

4-7 pm

Pleasant Chapel UMC
880 E 1100 N
Roanoke, IN 46783



Menu

Fresh tenderloins
breaded or grilled
homemade pie



Adults \$9.00

Children 4-12 \$5.00

3 and under free

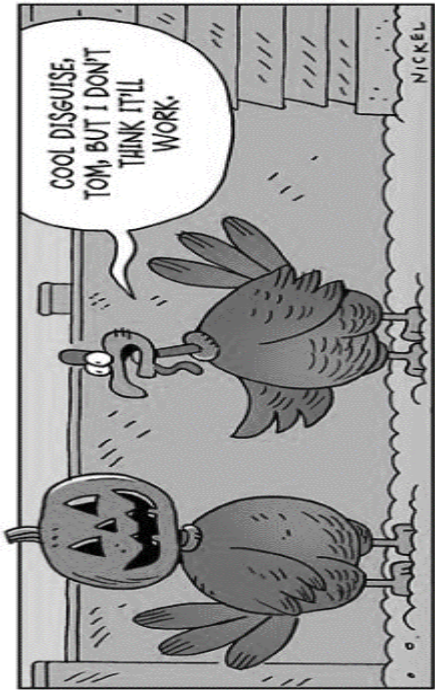
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A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store for Thanksgiving Day, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

"No, ma'am. They're dead."

Billy: Why do pilgrims' pants always fall down?

Joe: Beats me.

Billy: Because they wear their belt buckles on their hats!

A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"

