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# Granada Good News

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## Editor's Note

Someone once said that excuses are like belly buttons — everybody has one, but they are useless. Things have been hectic. This is a combined issue for April, May, June and July. I hope to get back on schedule with monthly publication of the Good News. You will find all the back information on Seniors and Bowling in this issue, and whatever else I can put together that will fit in. The

calendar will be only for August — listing events already past seems futile.

There are exciting things happening at GBC. Thanks to a generous benefactor, we are making some significant improvements in our landscaping. We had two Summer Missionaries who conducted a Sports Camp and Backyard Bible Club. More new things planned!

## Seniors' Luncheon

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Twenty Seniors and their guests met on March 16<sup>th</sup> for their program and luncheon. Mary Schoenecke announced that a missionary would be here next Sunday evening from Africa and that the first Sunday in April will feature a number of performers singing Broadway show tunes.

Mary introduced her cousin, Zelma, who was visiting from Oklahoma, and her sister Helen from Albany, Oregon. She hadn't seen them for 50 and 5 years respectively, so it was a great reunion for them.

Prayer requests were made by Melanie, whose son Bruce needed knee surgery. Jo's friend, Catherine, needs surgery; Mae's sister, Florence, needs a pacemaker. Linda Lopes took our revival preacher and his wife to the airport for their return to Fort Worth, Texas. Linda starts work at Las Positas College next week.

Jack Deligans gave a prayer for all of the above.

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing *Wonderful Words of Life*, *At Calvary*, and *Footsteps of Jesus*.

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Mary Schoenecke read *When God Made Oklahoma*.

Jane Hook read *Dr. Atkins Was Right – Ban Bread!*

Mae Arney read a list of puns.

Carl Serkland read a *Quiz for People Who Know Everything*.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions based on Ephesians. Paul waned them – and us – to resist Satan when he tries to get us to disobey God's teachings. Put on the whole armor of God and He will protect you from harm. Satan even tried to tempt Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days, but Jesus told him, "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God." Prayer is crucial in everything.

Hugh Colvin gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow.

#### Seniors - April

Thirty Seniors and their guests met on April 20<sup>th</sup> for their program and luncheon. Mary Schoenecke asked for prayer requests. Jane Hook asked for comfort for her sister, Mary, in Connecticut, whose husband passed away April 15th; Jean Mullin for healing, Roy Schoenecke for strength, Jean Settles friend for healing, and Otis Farris asked for healing of his wife's lame leg. Alma has been hurting for several weeks. Jack Deligans asked for help with his eyesight and gave a prayer for all the above.

Mary announced that there will be a Cowboy Gospel singer the last Sunday of April, the 30th, at 6 pm and everyone is asked to come and bring a friend.

Jane Hook read *Bill Gates' Rules*.

Alma Farris read *Things Senior Citizens Did Not Do*.

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing *There's A Land That Is Fairer Than Day, Shall We Gather At The River*, and *When We All Get to Heaven*.

Carl Serkland read *Be Content With Such Things As We Have*, based on Hebrews 13:5.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions on the purpose of the Gospel and events of Jesus' Resurrection based on John 20:30-31. At first, Mary Magdalene and the disciples didn't believe Jesus and had to be shown the wounds on his hands and nails. He instructed the disciples to spread the Word of God and that we should trust and obey Him. Jesus lives in our hearts and those who believe will have everlasting life.

Mary gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow.

#### Seniors - May

Our Seniors and their guests met on May 18<sup>th</sup> for their program and luncheon. Mary Schoenecke opened our program by introducing former members, John and Mary Jo Tuck, who are living in Texas now and are visiting relatives in Livermore.

Prayer requests were made for Jane Hook's twin great-grandsons, Noah and Bryson, in Davis who were born 1-1/2 months early and have some problems to overcome before they can come home. Mary also gave the opening prayer

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing *Count Your Blessings* and *Standing on the Promises*.

Mary Schoenecke read an article about *Having Prayer Before You Eat*. We're very blessed in America to have

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## August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		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	31		

### Schedule of Events

Aug. 12 **12:00 noon** — Church Challenge Bowling

Aug. 13 **12:30 pm** — Fellowship Luncheon

Aug. 17 **10:45 am** — Seniors' Luncheon

Aug. 28 **6:00 pm** — Deacons' Meeting

### Weekly schedule

Sunday, 9:45 am: Bible Study for all ages

Sunday, 11:00 am: Worship

Saturday, 7:30 am: Prayer Breakfast

### Birthdays

10 John Calvin Locke

14 Norm Taasevigen

14 Charlie Johnston

25 Phyllis Baker

26 Kristen Fry

30 Joe Krake

31 Virginia Turner

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it is not in the editor's database. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed, let me know.

#### California General Election coming:

Register by October 23

Request absentee ballot by October 31

Election Day November 7

Make your vote count! Study the issues and candidates, ask questions if needed, and vote for your values. Only those who cast their votes will have a their values represented. Failing to register and vote is abandoning your chance to be represented.

### Personal Thoughts

The role I had on my first project with my employer recently ended, but my next role was found very quickly, and lo and behold, it's the kind of work I always wanted to do. My intention in school was always to be a computer programmer, and that's exactly what I'll be doing on a project for AT&T come Monday

This is the culmination of the dream I've had ever since I was a child, but it came after not only a lot of hard work in college, but also lots of prayer and waiting on the Lord to provide. After all the years of waiting, my patience has finally paid off.

Our loving heavenly Father always hears and answers our prayers, but He

*"I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry." -- Psalm 40:1 (NIV)*

doesn't always answer them according to our schedule. We tend to want Him to grant our requests yesterday, but God, in His infinite wisdom, knows the perfect time for everything, so

when circumstances dictate that we wait for His answer, the best course of action is patience. That's often a tall order, but if we truly have faith

that God knows what He's doing, we'll be willing to trust Him and have confidence in His perfect timing. Waiting patiently for my desired work has paid off for me, and it will work for you if you trust the Lord to answer your prayers according to His own perfect timing.

In Jesus, Frank

### Be Content

*"Be content with such things as ye have." Heb 13:5*

WE may not have what we wish, but we certainly have what our God thinks best for us. Every mercy is directed by infinite wisdom and eternal love, and never misses its road, or comes into the possession of any but the persons for whom it is intended.

Let us therefore remember, that our God has chosen our inheritance for us, and it becomes us to be content; yea, to be very grateful.

We have infinitely more than we deserve; we have more than many of our fellow-believers. We have liberty, while the Apostle were shut up in prison; we have a home, while many of the primitive Christians wandered about in dens and caves of the earth; our lives are protected, while the martyrs were burned at the stake: we live

in hope of heaven, while many are lifting up their eyes in hell, being in torments.

Let us strive to be content with present things, and hope for better: let us endeavour to learn Paul's lesson, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound." And say:

Take my soul and body's powers,  
Take my memory, mind, and will  
All my goods, and all my hours,  
All I know, and all I feel:  
Thine I live, thrice happy I!  
Happier still if Thine I die.

--- A daily devotional reading from THE BELIEVER'S DAILY REMEMBRANCER (also known as THE PASTOR'S MORNING VISIT) by Rev James Smith.

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plenty of good food.

Mae Arney read *Twenty-Four Hour Days of Stress*.

Carl Serkland read *The Pastor's Visits*.

Jane Hook read *I've Learned*, by Keith Todd.

Hugh Colvin read an article written by Billy Graham concerning the devastating hurricane that hit New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

Hugh Colvin picked up his guitar again and led us in singing *Have Faith In God*.

John Tuck gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow.

### Seniors - June

Twenty-six Seniors and their guests met on June 15<sup>th</sup> for their program and luncheon. The guests included Mary's guests, Janice and Edith, Dorothy Hart and her daughter-in-law Rubina and grandson Roger, Jr.

Prayer requests were asked for Lynn Deligans, who is recovering from hip surgery and having therapy, Otis Farris who twisted his leg, Marilyn's grandson Christopher and Michael who are serving in Iraq, Alma and Otis' nephew Adrian, who is serv-

ing in Afghanistan, Roy Schoenecke had praise for his recovery after having a heat stroke in Tracy two weeks ago, Jane Hook had praise for her twin great-grandsons, Noah and Bryson who are doing well after being a month and a half premature, and Charlie Johnston who feels better after a fall. David O'Brien asked a prayer for a friend of theirs whose father had passed away. Jack Deligans said a prayer for all of those above.

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing *What A Friend We Have In Jesus, Blessed Assurance, and Because He Lives*.

Roy announced that he and Mary had just celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and then he gave the closing prayer and blessing for the luncheon to follow.

Jane decorated the tables with blue tablecloths and blue bouquets. Jean Settles donated another turkey, Mary roasted it, and Jane carved it, using a knife she'd been using for 62 years.

~~Jane Hook

### Top 10 Signs You Are Broke

10. American Express calls and says: "Leave home without it!"
9. You're formulating a plan to rob the food bank.
8. Long distance companies don't call you to switch.
7. You rob Peter...and then rob Paul.
6. You finally clean your house, hoping to find change.
5. You think of a lottery ticket as an investment.
4. Your bologna has no first name.
3. Sally Struthers sends you food.
2. McDonalds supplies you with all your kitchen condiments.
1. At communion you go back for seconds

## An atheist

An atheist was walking through the woods.

"What majestic trees"!

"What powerful rivers"!

"What beautiful animals"! He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cried out, "Oh my God!"

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky. "You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident." "Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer"?

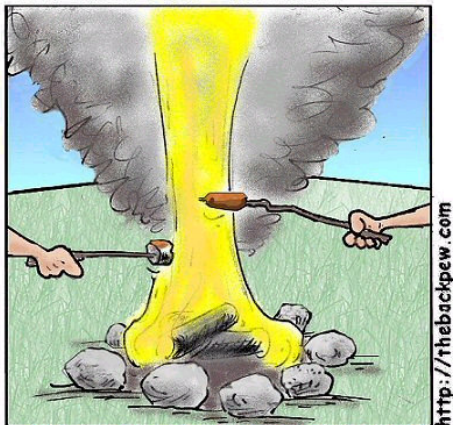
The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps You could make the BEAR a Christian"?

"Very well," said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

"Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



**THE CAMPFIRE SACRIFICE**  
A sacrifice of s'mores, and hotdogs,  
This a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

## Ban Bread!

1. More than 98 percent of convicted felons are bread users.

2. Fully HALF of all children who grow up in bread-consuming households score below average on standardized tests.

3. In the 18th century, when virtually all bread was baked in the home, the average life expectancy was less than 50 years; infant mortality rates were unacceptably high; many women died in childbirth; and diseases such as typhoid, yellow fever, and influenza ravaged whole nations.

4. More than 90 percent of violent crimes are committed within 24 hours of eating bread.

5. Bread is made from a substance called "dough." It has been proven that as little as one pound of dough can be used to suffocate a mouse. The average American eats more bread than that in one month!

6. Primitive tribal societies that have no bread exhibit a low incidence of cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, and osteoporosis.

7. Bread has been proven to be addictive. Subjects deprived of bread and given only water to eat begged for bread after as little as two days.

8. Bread is often a "gateway" food item, leading the user to "harder" items such as butter, jelly, peanut butter, and even cold cuts.

9. Bread has been proven to absorb water. Since the human body is more than 90 percent water, it follows that eating bread could lead to

your body being taken over by this absorptive food product, turning you into a soggy, gooey bread-pudding person.

10. Newborn babies can choke on bread.

11. Bread is baked at temperatures as high as 400 degrees Fahrenheit! That kind of heat can kill an adult in less than one minute.

12. Most American bread eaters are utterly unable to distinguish between significant scientific fact and meaningless statistical babbling.

In light of these frightening statistics, we propose the following bread restrictions:

1. No sale of bread to minors.

2. A nationwide "Just Say No To Toast" campaign, with complete celebrity TV spots and bumper stickers.

3. A 300 percent federal tax on all bread to pay for all the societal ills we might associate with bread.

4. No animal or human images, nor any primary colors (which may appeal to children) may be used to promote bread usage.

5. The establishment of "Bread-free" zones around schools.

## **CAMPING TIPS: (NOT!)**

A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.

You can start a fire without matches by eating Mexican food, then breathing on a pile of dry sticks.

In emergency situations, you can survive in the wilderness by shooting small game with a slingshot made from the elastic waistband of your underwear.

The guitar of the noisy teenager at the next campsite makes excellent kindling.

A large carp can be used for a pillow.

Check the washing instructions before purchasing any apparel to be worn camping. Buy only those that

read, "Beat on a rock in stream."

The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

It's entirely possible to spend your whole vacation on a winding mountain road behind a large motor home.

Effective January 1, 2005, you will actually have to enlist in the Swiss Army to get a Swiss Army Knife.

Bear bells provide an element of safety for hikers in grizzly country. The tricky part is getting them on the bears.

In an emergency, a drawstring from a parka hood can be used to strangle a snoring tent mate.

## **A LITTLE ICE CREAM**

Thank God for children saying grace... Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace.

As we bowed our heads, he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for this food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart," the man replied... Then in a theatrical whisper, he added, (indicating to the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already."

## **Bowling**

### **March**

### **Holy Rollers Finish Out Of The Money**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Granada Baptist participated in the first Church Bowling Challenge of 2006. Our seventeen bowlers formed four teams and Team #1 had the high score of 2828, only good enough for 5<sup>th</sup> place, out of the money and less than 100 behind the winning score of 2971 posted by First Presbyterian. Granada Baptist's Team #1 was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had a 174 game and a 489 series. **Alma Farris** had a 164 game and a 436 series, while **Carl Serkland** had a 155 game and a 430 series. **Humberto Lopez** rounded out this team with a 148 game and a 417 series. Team #2 had a total of 2797 and was led by **Charlie Henderson**, who had a 191 game and a 521 series, while his wife **Cindy Henderson** had a 169 game and a 487 series. **Otis Farris** had a 182 game and a 472 series, and **Tom Edwards** had a 175 game and a 460 series. **Rich Nickison** bowled a 182 game and a 449 series. Team #4 scored 2770 and was led by **Sam Caliboso**, who had a 152 game and a 434 series. **Cindy Robinson** had a 152 game and a 367 series, while **Jessica Robinson** had a 130 game and a 310 series, and **Denise Robinson** had a 118 game and a 300 series. Team #2 rounded out our church's representation with a score of 2640 and was led by **Christina Fiaz**, who had a 102 game and a 270 series. **Sarah Sinclair** was next with a 99 game and a 230 series, and **Sabrina Fiaz** bowled an 87 game and a 190 series. **Matthew Fiaz**



rounded out our team with a 42 game and a 93 series. We had three split conversions on the day. Carl made the 5-8-10 split, Charlie made the 5-7-9 split, and Cindy Henderson made the 3-10 split.

### **April**

### **Holy Rollers Take 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our eleven bowlers formed three teams and Team #3 had the high score of 2914, good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup>

place and a \$40 donation for our church. The winning score of 3097 was posted by St. Michael's. Granada Baptist's Team #3 was led by **Sam Caliboso**, who had a 181 game and a 499 series. **Cindy Robinson** had a 160 game and a 386 series, while **Jessica Robinson** had a 138 game and a 349 series. Team #1 had a total of 2833 and was led by **Tom Edwards**, who had games of 252 and 205 and a series of 586. (Tom started the 252 game with 8 strikes in a row.) **Otis Farris** had a 187 game and a 534 series. **Charlie Henderson** bowled a pair of 169 games and a 455 series, and **Jerry Van Epps** had a 171 game and a 411 series. **Cindy Henderson** had a 150 game and a 403 series. Team #2 scored 2784 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had a 219 game and a 553 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 146 game and a 413 series, while **Alma Farris** bowled a 117 game and a 327 series.

### **May**

### **Holy Rollers Take 4<sup>th</sup> Place**

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our eleven bowlers formed

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three teams and Teams #2 and 3 actually tied for high score at 2905, good good enough for 4<sup>th</sup> place and a \$20 donation for our church. The winning score of 3032 was posted by St. Michael's. Granada Baptist's Team #2 was led by **Charlie Henderson**, who had a 205 game and a 536. Charlie's wife, **Cindy Henderson** had a 201 game and a 498 series, while **Rich Nickison** had a 188 game and a 520 series. **Otis Farris** had a 189 game and a 483 series, while **Tom Edwards** had a pair of 157 games and a 469 series. Team #2 was led by **Cindy Robinson**, who had a 174 game and a 447 series. **Jessica Robinson** had a 171 game and a 355 series, and **Sam Caliboso** had a 162 game and a 423 series. Team #1 posted a total of 2743. Their high game was bowled by **Carl Serkland**, who had a 178 game and a 447 series. **Frank Serkland** had the high series of 474, with a high game of 167. **Alma Farris** rounded out our team with a 135 game and a 337 series. We went split happy as we managed to convert eight splits during the course of our bowling. Carl, Charlie, Otis and Alma all made the 3-10 split. Rich was the split-making champion with four split conversions, of the difficult 4-7-10 and the 5-7 as well as two conversions of the 2-7.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 and includes 3 games of bowling and, if necessary, bowling shoes. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy for a month. You don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If

you know which side of the ball to hold (the outside), you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet that will eventually be in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

### June

#### **Holy Rollers Finish Out Of The Money**

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our eleven bowlers formed three teams, but we struggled in general. Team #1 had the high score at 2842, only good enough for 6<sup>th</sup> place, out of the money and over 200 pins behind the winning score of 3052 posted by St. Michael's. Team #1 was led by **Frank**, who had a 179 game and a 485 series. Frank also had the only split conversion on the day, the 3-10. **Carl Serkland** had a 177 game and a 451 series, while **Alma Farris** had a 159 game and a 421 series. Team #2 posted a total of 2791. Their high game was bowled by **Cindy Robinson**, who had a 191 game and a 480 series. **Charlie Henderson** had the high series of 541, with a high game of 188. **Rich Nickison** had a 183 game and a 506 series, while **Otis Farris** rounded out our team with a 146 game and a 400 series. Team #3 posted a total of 2744 and was led by **Sam Caliboso**, who had a 180 game and a 483 series. **Cindy Robinson** had a 124 game and a 336 series, and **Jessica Robinson** had a 114 game and a 317 series. **Denise Robinson** rounded out the team with an 86 game and a 252 series.

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### July

#### **Holy Rollers Take 4<sup>th</sup> Place**

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our nine bowlers formed two teams, and Team #2 had the high score at 2876, good enough for 4<sup>th</sup> place and a \$20 for our church. The winning score, 3147, was once again posted by St. Michael's. Team #2 was led by **Charlie Henderson**, who had games of 213 and 212 and a 617 series. **Otis Farris** had a 171 game and a 495 series, while **Rich Nickison** had a 189 game and a 465 series. **Cindy Henderson** had a 185 game and a 490 series, and **Tom Edwards** had a 164 game and a 413 series. Team #1 posted a total of 2852 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had a 191 game and a 522 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 173 game and a series of 459. **Alma Farris** had a

150 game and a 448 series, while **Dale Irving**, a friend of the Farrises, rounded out our team with a 129 game and a 343 series. We had four split conversions on the day. Carl made the 3-7-10, Alma made the 3-10 twice, and Dale made the 8-9.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 and includes 3 games of bowling and, if necessary, bowling shoes. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy for a month. You don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you know which side of the ball to hold (the outside), you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet that will eventually be in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

~~Frank

### **All I Need to Know About Life**

Get it now. Tomorrow it might be gone.

If it's on sale, you need it.

Never ask your mother her opinion.

You can always take it back.

You'll grow into it.

By the time you need it, you'll lose ten pounds.

Never believe anyone who says, "It's really you. If they're working on commission, they're lying.

Know when to yell "Charge"

So many malls, so little time.

If you put it on your credit card, it's not really spending money.

Always try to spend someone else's money first.

There is no such thing as compulsive shopping, just enthusiastic shopping.

Shopping is patriotic. It's good for the economy.

If you've still got checks, there must be money in the account.

You can always get more credit.

If you want it, you deserve it.