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extremely generous proportions entered the tank. He said the appropriate things, went to lower her into the water when her feet floated up and he could not get her head under the water. Since two hands were required at the head there was no way he could effect a total immersion - if her head went under her feet came up and when her feet were under her head was up! His description of the calamity was so vivid that we were (including my Father) all in hysterics. Oh yes he solved the problem he got the next candidate to enter the tank and with two of them they effected a total immersion.

From then on, whenever there was a baptismal service I tried to get as close as I could to the tank but nothing so exciting ever happened again.

My Father must have been of the belief that if you as a member of the congregation had gone to the trouble to be there at the service, he was duty bound to provide as much information to you as possible. As a consequence his sermons were rather long. When I was about ten years old I got a job delivering groceries for our local grocery store using my bicycle with a carrier on it. On the first Christmas on the job, the owner gave me a wrist watch as a gift. I was so proud of this watch and was surprised when my Father, before starting his sermon, asked me to bring him my watch - his having broken. As I sat taking the watch off my wrist, I thought quickly and set it ahead thirty minutes. He seemed surprised

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