

Not My Job

Responsibility is an odd trait. We have responsibilities in life that are considered a given as we grow to certain ages. At some point, we are expected to feed ourselves, dress ourselves, and do our school homework. In adulthood, we are expected to support ourselves and maintain a roof over our heads financially. Most jobs have at least a verbal outline of job duties; most of the time, this is in writing.

There is a fine line between doing what we should do, going above and beyond that, and then getting into someone else's duties. Conflict can arise when a person might be asked to do something that is considered "not my job." We can consider that lazy, or we can consider it being cautious. An example of caution is in health care, where licenses are required to do what is done.

An interesting situation in which probably all of us sometimes get into someone else's duties is when we try to play God in our lives. We

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plead in prayer for help from God, and then we don't take our hands off of whatever the problem is. We think He is slow in His answer, or perhaps He didn't hear us. We are often guilty of worrying instead of resting in faith that God has it covered at the right time and in the right way.

I recently read a devotion about doing things when God releases them to us for our action. The author said that until God releases it, it is not our property but is still His. I have a friend who has a specific prayer when she is job-searching. She asks God to close doors that she should not enter and guide her to the door that is hers, open it, and close it to anyone else.

It is right and wise to do the jobs that are given to us and to do them really well. It is also right and wise to use faith to let God do His work in our lives.

Dinner on the Grounds

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Enterprise, MS

NOTES:

Wonderful side dish to any Sunday lunch or dinner!

Recipe: Asparagus Casserole

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cans cut asparagus
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 eggs, boiled
- 1/4 lb Velveeta cheese
- Ritz cracker crumbs

DIRECTIONS

Drain asparagus, saving 1/2 liquid. Put asparagus in casserole dish. Add chopped boiled eggs and the sliced Velveeta. Mix soup and asparagus liquid together. Pour into casserole. Cover top with cracker crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Sauvour!

I'll Meet You in the Lightning

"From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder..." (Revelation 4:5) The sight and sound of lightning and thunder reminds us of the power and majesty of God's throne. It is hard for our minds to fathom heaven's awesomeness, as it is beyond our limited comprehension. A true story from a few years ago reminds me clearly.

My youngest son, Joel, and I took Dad floating down Buckatunna Creek. We all love the outdoors. It was a beautiful trip filled with memories and laughs—this time the levity was at Dad's expense. About two

miles from the takeout, a storm popped up out of nowhere. After all, it was August and that is what happens in the South.

Lightning started rumbling and rain started falling, so we poured on the coal and began paddling fast to try and get off the water before the lightning moved on top of us. Like three banshee Indians, we navigated this small stream and were making great progress. Near the end of the float and the place of the takeout there is a shoal area with small rapids.

As we made the last bend of the creek, lightning started hitting the trees on top of us. The bottom fell out and a deluge of rain showers fell upon us. With my experience of kayak journeys, I told Joel and Dad to follow me through the shoals and we will be out in no time. I set the path and floated swiftly through the rapids, and Joel was immediately behind me. However, Dad wanted to be his independent self and take a shortcut. I'm

sure he was trying to beat us to the take out spot and get out of the violent storm.

Well, it was bound to happen. He ran his kayak up on some of the shallow shoals and got stuck. Joel and I had made the trip without any problems, but as we looked back, Dad was spinning like a top upon the crest of some large rocks. Lightning continued popping and striking trees near us. The rain was insane, he was mad, and Joel and I were laughing. "I'm stuck, I can't get loose," he was shouting as he continually tried to free his kayak. The more he complained about being stuck, the more we laughed at him. "That's what you get for being hard-headed and taking your shortcut!" I said with more laughter.

Dad was stuck upon the rocks for 3-4 minutes, but in the storm it seemed like an hour. He finally got loose and made it to the take out. He looked like a wet rat from the amount of rain that had fallen on him. He was still complaining. Joel and I

were still laughing! We got the boats loaded up for the ride home and Joel and I couldn't stop laughing at the adventure. About half way home, even Dad finally broke out laughing.

It was the last time Dad floated on Buckatunna Creek, as his health began to fail. A year after Dad passed away, Susanne and I took Mom out to the place where the incident happened. We stopped and just looked. Then we all laughed again—at Dad's expense.

I miss my Dad something awful. Everyone reading this has loved ones that you miss and who took part of your soul when they slipped from the shores of this earth to meet God face to face. The gospel offers us the greatest promise of all—a reunion for all those who know Christ. Let us rest and rejoice in that hope. We will see them again!

Today, Dad is in another lightning storm. But this time there is no danger, and no one is laughing. He is enjoying the throne of God that is filled with the majesty of thunder and lightning. However, it is the safest place in the universe.

"Dad, I'll meet You in the Lightning!"

LEGAL NOTICE

SOUTHEAST COMPRESSION UTILITY AND RELIABILITY EXPANSION PROJECT

JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FACILITIES

On April 16th, 2025, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC (Gulf South), filed an application for its Southeast Compression Utility and Reliability Expansion Project ("SECURE Project" or "Project") with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act in Docket No. CP25-219.

As part of the SECURE Project, Gulf South is requesting approval to make improvements at four locations to help maintain reliable natural gas service in the Southeastern United States. The proposed work includes adding new compressor units and equipment at Gulf South's existing Tallulah Compressor Station in Madison Parish, LA, and Jasper Compressor Station in Jasper County, MS; upgrading Gulf South's Forrest Compressor Station in Forrest County, MS by adding a new compressor unit, modifying an existing unit, and installing ancillary equipment; and building a new compressor station in Hinds County, MS, which will include one compressor unit and ancillary equipment.

The Project is more fully described in Gulf South's application to the FERC. A copy of the application is available at the Mary Weems Parker Memorial Library (1016 N Pine Ave Heidelberg, MS 39439) and can be accessed on the FERC's eLibrary at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/elibrary/search>. Search in the eLibrary by entering the docket number in the Reference Number field to access the Project documents. Gulf South has also mailed Project notices to landowners who are considered directly affected by the Project, per the FERC's regulations, and to relevant governing entities.

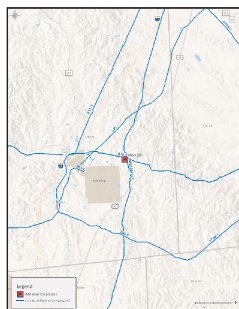
Gulf South's Project website ([SECURE.gulfsouthpl.com](https://secure.gulfsouthpl.com)) addresses general information about the Project, including Frequently Asked Questions, the regulatory process, environmental protection, safety, how to contact Gulf South, and how to access the FERC's website to review and obtain copies of public filings.

For information on becoming involved in the FERC review of this Project or to obtain the FERC pamphlet, "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?," go to the FERC's website at www.ferc.gov or call the FERC Office of External Affairs at (202) 502-8004, or toll free at (866) 208-3372.

For additional information about the Project, you may contact Gulf South via its Project hotline or Project email address.

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