

Children's sermon: May 16, 2010
"Staying afloat"

Now ... how about that song!!@!!
"Rubber Ducky" ... and who sings it????? ----- yes, Ernie ... of "Bert and Ernie" fame.
You love this music-stuff, don't you????

Look at this punch-bowl full of water ----- I call it the "PUNCH BOWL OF LIFE."
Now ... you and Fred and Ernie come into church this morning ... and you wonder: "Whoa!@!! ... there are
lots of empty seats in church." Last Sunday --- Mother's Day --- it is packed ... but not today.
I wonder "why?" ... here is one of the answers ... what is it? ---- yes, a GOLF BALL.
You plop this ball into the "punch bowl of life" ... and it SINKS.

When you have a bad day (anyone ever had a bad day?????) well, you are kind-of like
this golf ball. You go to school ... you go to work ... you get up in the morning ... and ---- YOU SINK!!
Yes, we all have those days ... when things don't go our way.
Plop ... into the water ... and DOWN WE GO!@!!

Now ... my friends ... who is it that loves you EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY????
God.
Jesus.
They love you ---- no matter what!@!!

And then there are others: mom and dad ... your brother or sister????? (well, most of the time!!) ... how about a
goof like me ----- YOU ARE LOVED, MY FRIENDS ... by God and lots of people.

And, so even if you are having a bad day ... when you know you are loved ... just like Fred and Ernie
here ... you jump into the "punch bowl of life" and float like a RUBBER DUCKY.
Look at these cute little ducks ... they don't sink ... never ...
they are goofy ... life can be rough, sometimes ... but they will never sink.

God's love.
Our love for each other.
THEY KEEP US ALL AFLOAT!!

Would you like your own "rubber ducky"????
Well, today is your lucky day!!