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2009

IF MY EYES COULD SEE

If my eyes could see what His eyes see perhaps I would not be so quick to judge the brother who has a bad attitude, or the sister who always seems to be struggling. If my eyes could see what His eyes see I would see the pain that may be caused the bad attitude, and heightened the struggle.

If my eyes could see as His eyes see maybe I would be more patient with my children when they act like children. If my eyes could see as His eyes see, I would see the pain I have caused Him with my own childish behavior, and I would also see His patience with me.

If my eyes could see the things His eyes see, I would be less distressed over what is happening today, and more hopeful about what will happen tomorrow. If my eyes could see, my heart would be full, and my resolve would be strong.

If my eyes could see like His eyes can see I would be more careful who I condemn and less selective with who I forgive. I would ignore more offenses, and lower my defenses.

If my eyes could see what His eyes can see, I would say less and listen more. I would rush less and really participate more, I would argue less and understand more. I would demand less and accept more. I would criticize less and encourage more.

If my eyes could see as His eyes can see, I could see others the way He looks at me, and then I could live my life like He intends it to be.

“Father, I want my eyes to see more like You see and less like I see. Open my eyes, Lord, and help me see. In Jesus Name. Amen”



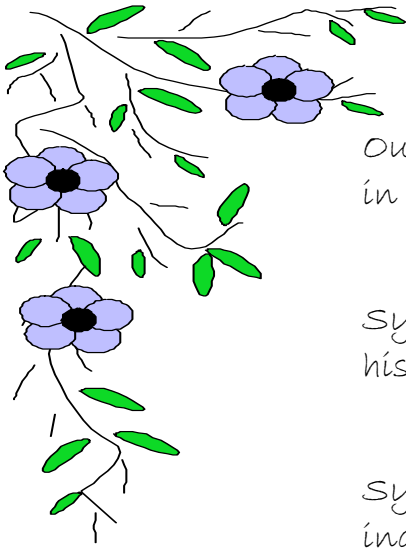
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WILL YOU PLEASE HELP SERVE OUR LITTLE CHILDREN?

**There are sign up sheets on the door of the Nursery and
the door of Children's Church**

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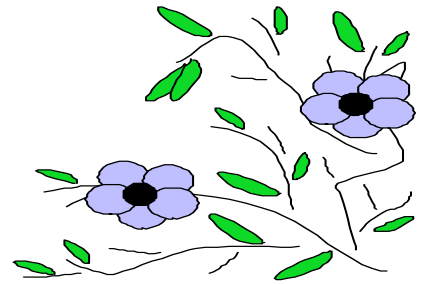
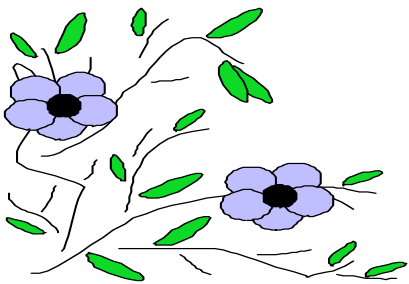
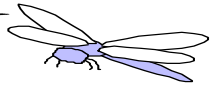
**You can see Patti Gryder for Children's Church or
Felicia Woodall for Nursery**



*Our sympathy is expressed to the family and friends
in the passing of Swanie Snyder January 8, 2009.*

*Sympathy is expressed to Craig Pugh in the death of
his cousin, Ronnie Pugh.*

*Sympathy is expressed to Jessica Graham in the pass-
ing of her aunt, Robin Lowder.*



Baptism



Welcome New Member



Christina Paige Sports is our newest New Sterling member. She was baptized and joined our congregation on January 15, 2009.



COMING EVENTS

Feb 1	7:00 pm	Session Meeting Hope and Care Ministry Team and Committee
Feb 2	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
Feb 7	9:00 am	Knit Wits met in the Parlor. Missy Withers hostess
Feb 8	7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
Feb 9	10:00 am	Sterling Silvers
Feb 9—21 Mission Trip to Belize		
Feb 10	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers with Missy Withers Cindy McNeely and Kim Elliott meal Jeanette Hauck facilitator
Feb 14	VALENTINE'S DAY	
Feb 16	7:00 pm	Knit Wits meet in the Parlor. Pat Price hostess
Feb 17	7:00 pm	Mary Martha Sunset
Feb 18	9:30 am	Mary Martha Sunrise
Feb 19	7:00 pm	Men's Issues Bible Study
Feb 20	7:30 pm	Seekers Bible Study in the Friendship Classroom
Feb 23	7:00 pm	Experiencing God Bible Study
Feb 25	7:00 pm	Ashe Wednesday Service

STERLING SILVERS

The Sterling Silvers will meet on February 9 at 10:30 am.

The Christmas meeting was a festive gathering. All members were engulfed with red ornaments; vests, blouses, skirts, ties, sweaters and some even had red socks. One even ventured to say do you want to see my red shorts, but we did not go there. The luncheon was indeed a delight, good hot chicken soup, ham biscuits, toasted cheese bread and a strawberry desert was eagerly sampled.

Sarge confessed to a lapse of memory when he tried to get into his car a few Sundays back and the clicker did not work and neither did the key. Betty Godfrey solved my problem by saying to him that the key would not work because it was her car.

The gift giving method of distribution went well, with many having mischievous exchanging of gifts held by individuals. Happily at the end everyone had a gift. Sarge got a candy dish but no candy, so Harriett Linderman was delighted to exchange Earl's gift candy for the dish. She did not think Earl needed the candy.

Thank to all the Committees this year for their efforts, food, trip and treasury did an outstanding service to all of us.

Hope all had a great holiday season and of course a start to a happy new year. Sarge will be in Texas visiting his daughter and family and will be back in March. May the Lord protect and keep you well.

The Sarge





The Sterling Silvers Christmas luncheon get together.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

SIGN UP TODAY

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2009 Yearbook and Directory: Please help update any address and telephone information for the new 2009 directory and any other information. If you would like your cell phone number in our directory, please give the number to Pat by note, phone call or email which is:

secretary@newsterlingarp.org.

You can place the information in either the offering plate or in the mailboxes. Please do as soon as possible.

We need volunteers for Food Committees!!!!!! If you were unable to sign up during Worship Service, please contact Andy Gray.



*Here and There
At
New Sterling*



Scott and Jessica Graham, Brian and Taryn Setzer took a weekend away to Ashville. While there they went snow tubing..... The youth had a movie night where they watched the new Narnia movie, Prince Caspian. The kids enjoyed fresh popped popcorn by **Craig and Susan Pugh** which was a big hit.....Ask **Lynn and Muriel Jenkins** who enjoys Cook Out’s burgers more, them or Peppie?.... **Betty Thorne** has started her radiation and chemotherapy treatments.....**Betty Godfrey** recently had surgery on her finger.....**Dylan Pope** broke his arm.....**Dylan Hartness** has been ill and has undergone some tests**Congratulations to Chad and Brandi Lackey** who are expecting a brother or sister for **Rome** in July!!!!.....**Miss Florence Wike** recently had a bad fall in her yard when the wind helped blow her down causing her to injure her shoulder and her hand.....**Dalton Winters** graduated from Marie Boot Camp in Paris Island, SC on January 23.....**Nicki Winters’** daughter, **Kirstin** is starting college soon.....**Frank “Pop-Pop” Emery** seemed to be having trouble getting into his car after church on Sunday. Frustrated because his “clicker” and his key did not work, **Miss Betty Godfrey** came to the rescue by telling **Pop-Pop** he was trying to get into her car.....**John Roby Gray** had an accident at the Friendship Class dinner which needed attention from his Mom, **Amanda**.....There were about 40 who attended the Friendship Class Christmas dinner on January 17.....**Sarge “Pop-Pop” Emery** is visiting his daughter and family in Texas until March.....**Jeff and Cindy McNeely, Amy and Andy Gray** flew to Indianapolis for a dairy convention.....**Grayhouse Farms** was honored in Raleigh on Jan. 15 as the winner of the Southern Piedmont Corn Growers Contest. Highest yield of 258 bushel per acre.....**Jeff and Cindy McNeely** recently took a trip to Las Vegas.....The Belize Mission team includes **Susan Pugh, Taryn Setzer, Delinda Mauney, Jeremy Brady, David and Kim Brady, Tim and Judy Watson,** Ken and Marilyn Sides, Tina Bull, Tommy Morton and Chris Morton. They will depart on Feb. 9.....



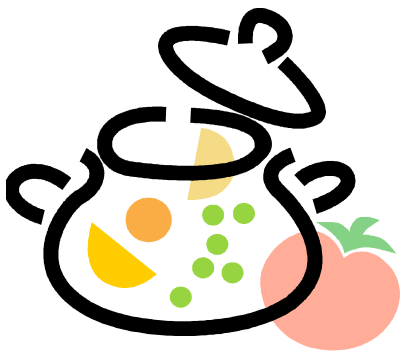
Taryn Mauney enjoying Memaw’s strawberry shortcake. All eyes are on her—all 10 of them.



**Do you think she shared?
NOT!!!!**



**The youth counsel needs your help!!!
We are in need for more members!!
Duties of a Youth counsel member include be helping with decisions of activities, helping teachers (if needed) and participating in youth activities. We encourage parents and young adults especially to get involved. Please pray and if you feel led to join see Ken Hauck or any of the youth counsel members.**



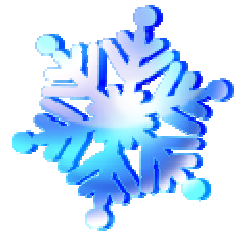
The youth still have cookbooks left for sale. The cost is \$10.00. If you are interested in purchasing one please see any member of the

Youth Counsel. Thank you for supporting our youth.

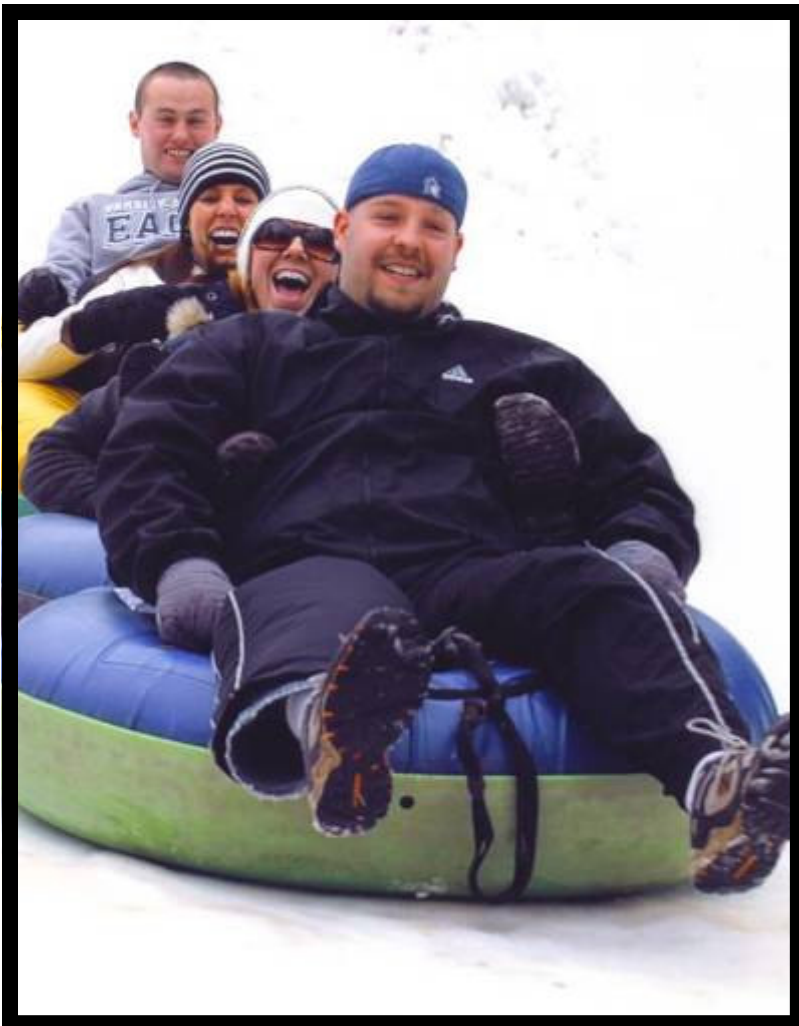




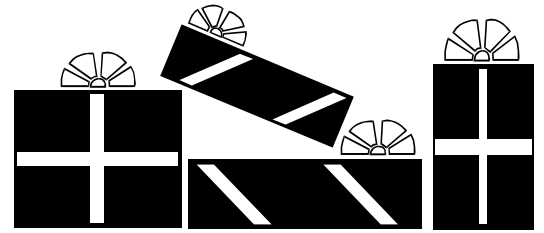
Attention Youth !!!!!!!!



The Youth Leaders are planning a snow tubing trip on February 21!!! This is for 5th grade –Sr. High ages. Interested???!!!! Please see Scott Graham or Taryn Setzer by Feb. 7 for prices and more info. This is something we have never done before, so we encourage all who are able to attend to join us (including parents). **THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!!!!!!!**



OH YEAH!!! This can be you on February 21!!! Please see Scott or Taryn ASAP for more information.



On December 13, twenty-one from New Sterling traveled to Charlotte to the Samaritan's Purse warehouse to pack shoe boxes. While there the group sorted the boxes, taking out items that were inappropriate for certain countries, items not allowed (ex liquids, war items), labeling them and packing them in the HUGE boxes to be delivered to countries around the world. Our boxes went to either to Morocco, Ukraine, Pakistan or Iraq.



Comedy Corner



Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat.

He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it.

She smiled and went about her work.

A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water.

She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water

Johnny looked up at her and said,

"He should have thought about that before he joined my church."



Smarty Pants Answers

It was mealtime during a recent airline flight. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked John, seated in front. "What are my choices?" asked John. "Yes or no" replied the attendant.

A lady was picking through frozen turkeys at the grocery store but could not find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" "No Mam" said the stock boy. "They are dead."

The police officer got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. 'I've been waiting for you all day,' the officer said. The kid replied, 'Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could.' When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

DID YOU KNOW?

Judy Stewart delivers the mail?

Lynn Jenkins was a brick mason which included several of his brothers being in business together for many years?

Bud Nash worked for the Post Office?

Muriel Jenkins is a Registered Nurse and only retired about 6 years?

Richard Hairyes' mother was Armenian?

Jim Mayhew was an Elder at Covenant ARP Church before coming to New Sterling?

Harvey Reese has been in ice-cream his entire work life?

David Sides served on the Soil Conservation Committee and he and Betty lived in Raleigh for several years?

Dale & Juanita Massey attends "Old" car shows and has restored several old cars himself?

Jeanette Hauck's nickname is "Sprout"? Ask her why.

Pastor Tim has been known to break into houses?

Judy Watson keeps her grandchildren, Luke and Justin, while Erin teaches school?

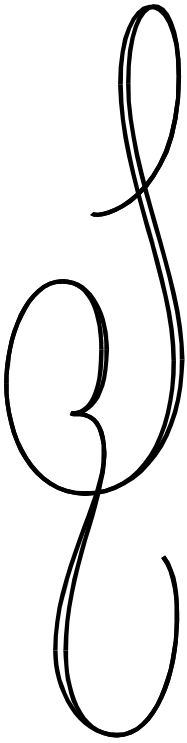
Mara Hairyes is a member of Tilley's Too and participates in a competition cheerleading squad?

Charles, James and John McClure are all members of the Armed Services and are planning to be deployed overseas?

****Please send us a DID YOU KNOW? About yourself or someone you know at New Sterling. It helps us all know each other better.



What If?



What if.....? God couldn't take the time to Bless us today because we could not take the time to thank Him yesterday...

What if....? God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today...

What if....? God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day....

What if....? We never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain.....

What if....? God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others....

What if....? God took away the Bible tomorrow, because we would not read it today....

What if....? God took away His message because we failed to listen to His messenger....

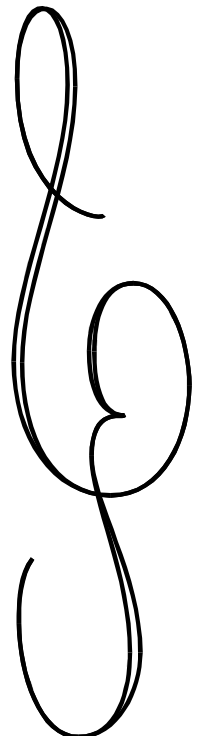
What if....? God didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to prepare to pay the price of sin....

What if....? The door to the church was closed because we did not open the door of our hearts....

What if....? God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday....

What if....? God answered prayers the way we answer His call to service....

What if....? God met our needs the way we give Him our lives....



February Birthdays

- 1 Jimmy Winters
- 5 David Brady
- 8 Daniel Pugh
- 9 Susan Pugh
- 14 Wayne Jenkins
- 15 Kenneth Hauck
- 15 Harrison Jenkins
- 16 Dylan Deal
- 16 Felecia Woodall
- 17 BJ Brewer
- 18 Pauline Charles
- 18 Carolyn Elliott
- 19 Devan Winters
- 20 Jesse Keller
- 21 Sheila Jenkins
- 23 Lauren Gryder
- 27 Christopher Jenkins
- 27 Michelle Hairyes



A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO!' the blonde yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

