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2007

New Sterling Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## Jesus the Gardener

*A Reading from a sermon by Lancelot Andrewes, Easter Day 1620, to King James I. This reading was given at sunrise this Easter – I would like to share it with all of you.*

The risen Christ comes unknown, stands by Mary Magdalene. And so Christ she saw, but knew Him not. Not only not knew Him, but mis-knew Him, thought Him to be the gardener.

Tears dimmed her sight, and it was not yet daylight, and she seeing Him, and not knowing what any one should be about the area so early but he who tends it – the gardener. But it was more than so; her eyes were not to be tricked, He did appear in a way as might resemble the gardener for whom she took Him.

Proper enough it was. It fitted well the time and place, this person. The time, it was the spring; the place, it was the garden: that place, the garden is most in need at that time, for that place and time a gardener does well.

She did not mistake in taking Him for a gardener; though she might seem to err in some sense, yet in some other she was in the right. For in a sense, and a good sense, Christ may well be said to be a gardener, and indeed is one.

A gardener He is then. The first, the fairest garden that ever was, Paradise, it was of His planting. So, a gardener he is.

And ever since it is He that as God makes all our gardens green, sends us yearly the spring, and all the herbs and flowers we then gather. Neither Paul with his planting, nor Apollos with his watering, could do any good without Him. So a gardener in that sense.

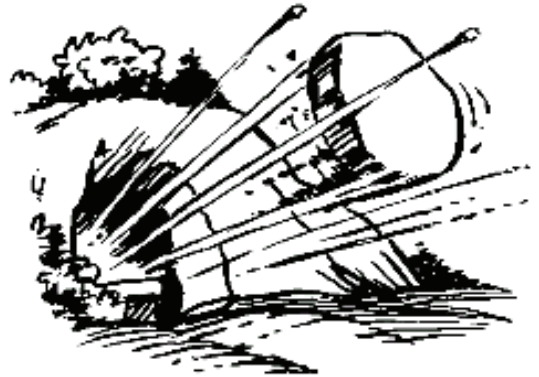
But not in that alone; but He it is who gardens our 'souls' too, and makes them, as the prophet Jeremiah said, 'like a well-watered garden.' He weeds out of them whatsoever is foul or unsavory, sows and plants them with true roots and seeds of righteousness, waters them with true roots

and seeds of righteousness, waters them with the dew of His grace, and makes them bring forth fruit to eternal life.

Christ rising was indeed a gardener, and that a strange one. Who ever made such an herb grow out of the ground this day as the like was never seen before, a dead body to shoot forth alive out of the grave.



But I ask, was He so this day alone? No, but this profession of His, this day begun, and He will follow to the end. For He, by virtue of this morning's act, shall garden our bodies too, turn all our graves into garden plots; yes, will one day



turn land and sea and all into a great garden, and so tend them as will in due time bring forth live bodies, even all our bodies alive again.

Jesus said to Mary, **"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."**

Mary Magdalene standing by the grave's side, and there weeping, is to represent to us the state of all mankind before this day, the day of Christ's rising again, weeping over the dead, as do the heathen, **that have no hope.**

Then comes Christ, saying with his presence, weep not, why should you weep? There is no cause of weeping now. From this time forth none shall need to stand by the grave to weep there any more. A question

very proper for Easter-day, for the day of the Resurrection. For if there is to be a rising again, why should any weep?

Leave that for Good Friday, for His Passion; weep then. But for Easter is in kind the feast of the Resurrection, why should there be any weeping now? Is not Christ raised: Will He not raise us with Him? Is He not a gardener, to make our bodies sown to grow again? Leave that weeping to the heathen that is without hope; but to the Christian, why should we weep? The Christian has hopes; the Head which is Christ is already risen, the members shall in their due time follow Him, their Head.

Christ quickened Mary Magdalene that day and her spirits prior were as good as dead. You thought this morning to witness Christ's resurrection and you have. But not to this alone, but to Mary Magdalene's

resurrection too. For in the very deed of Christ's resurrection a kind of resurrection was purchased in her as well. Paul stated that **If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.** But not Mary alone, but to you and me as well. Our resurrection was gained that faithful day as well.

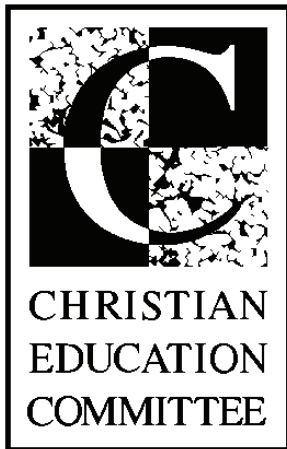
Today as we remember the resurrection, the gardener has done his part, making her and you all green with the suddenness of his resurrected presence.

In His Service,

Pastor Tim

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## The Importance of Family Worship



We have all heard the statement “The family who prays together stays together”. Do you really believe this is true? Our actions will always follow our beliefs. If we truly believe God is the one who cements our family's relationships and grows our faith then we should make Him part of our everyday family life. As parents we set the rules for what's important in our families. Eat your vegetables... Do your homework...Clean your room...Be nice to your sister. All of these are good rules to follow but many times we over look the spiritual needs of our children and ourselves. What we consider to be important will become important to our children. Deut.6:6-7 tells us we are to teach our children the Lord's commandments at every opportunity. One area of emphasis for the Christian Education Committee this year is family worship. If you do not currently have a family worship time we want to encourage you to begin one. God will richly bless the family that honors Him. There are many

ways to have family worship but scripture and prayer are always the core of the time spent together. In the months ahead, we will be sharing ideas on how to have family worship. In an effort to provide families with devotional materials and encourage family worship, three special devotional magazines are provided for our church members. The “**Upper Room**” magazine is available for adults, “**Pockets**” magazine is for youth ages 6-12, and is available monthly. “**Devo Zine**” magazine is for teenagers and is coming every two months. Please pick them up from the information center in the vestibule. We encourage parents to make use of these daily devotional resources for family worship. Parents, let's be bold for the Lord just as Joshua was when he said, “as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”. Make family worship a priority in your household.

Linda Harper

Christian Education Chairman

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy." God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. You will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?" God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?" God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore." God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, 'MOM'."



He was just a little boy,  
on a week's first day.  
Wandering home from Sunday  
School, and dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the  
grass; he even found a caterpillar.  
He found a fluffy milkweed pod,  
and blew out all the "filler."

A bird's nest in a tree overhead, so  
wisely placed up so high.  
Was just another wonder,  
that caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig zag course, and  
hailed him from the lawn; Asked him where  
he'd been that day and what was going on.

"I've been to Bible School,"  
he said and turned a piece of sod.  
He picked up a wiggly worm replying,  
"I've learned a lot about God."

"M'm very fine way," the neighbor said, "for a  
boy to spend his time."  
If you'll tell me where God is,  
I'll give you a brand new  
dime."

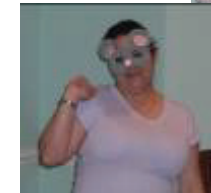


Quick as a flash the answer  
came! Nor were his accents

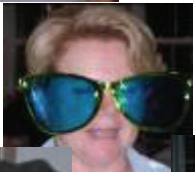
faint.  
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,  
if you can tell me where God ain't."



# WOMEN'S BEACH RETREAT

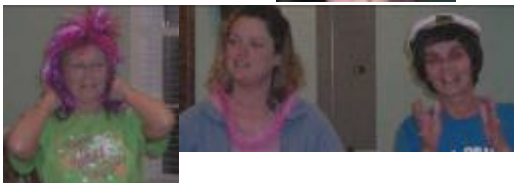
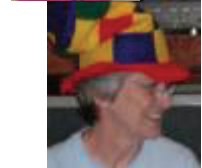


Even while singing, there was time for crochet and knitting



From top to bottom, left to right

Nicky Campbell, BJ Brewer, Marcia Winters, Betty Godfrey, Melissa Donnelly, Barbara McClure, Judy Watson, Sheila Snyder, Kitz Emery, Cindy McNeely, Jane Fulbright, Pat Price, Betty Sides, Peggy Gray, Jeanette Hauck, Sandy Moose, Jessica Graham, Kelly Pugh, Susan Pugh, Kendra Watson, Michelle Hairyes, Julie Winters, Erica Harper, Linda Harper, Taryn Setzer, Erin Waugh, Amber Jarrett, Aarene Reese, Kim Brady, Linda Pope, Delinda Mauney.

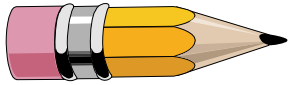


The 2007 Women's Beach Retreat again was another wonderful experience. The fellowship of 31 women with Bible study, games, eating, walking on the beach, sharing, just talking and getting to know each other is an experience we will always cherish. Our Bible study this year was lead by Judy Watson and was entitled "Unveiling Mary Magdeline". We learned things about a little spoken of woman in the Bible but one with a very important part in God's plan. Games, needles to say, were interesting. The beautiful singing led by Linda Harper was a real treat. It seemed like our favorite song of all of the many we sang was "I'll Fly Away". The sweet, angelic voices of 31 women singing their heart out to God is something everyone should hear. It will honestly make your skin tingle. The house was beautiful and the weather was wonderful. We all can't wait until next year.

**Recently** members of our Evangelism Committee have met with the Principal at Sharon School, Mr. Stegall . Our endeavor was to learn more about what we at New Sterling can do to work with and develop our "Partnership" with the school.

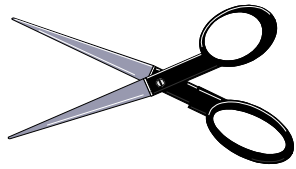
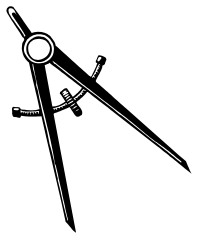


The committee would like to ask for your help in our upcoming project with Sharon School. We would like to provide as many book bags and supplies as we can for the next 2007-



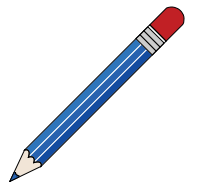
2008 school year. There are numerous children who cannot afford new book bags or school supplies at the beginning of the year or even as the year progresses. Our thought is that anyone who would like to buy school supplies during the summer and either accumulate them at home or we will find a place to keep them until time to take them to school.

We also want to get book bags for the children to put some supplies in. We need bags from Kindergarten age to 5th grade. Your participation in buying these book bags will be greatly appreciated by the Evangelism Committee and the children at Sharon School.



There is still the need for volunteers to give their time to the school to go let the children read to you, help with other subjects or just spend time with the children. Maybe you can think about this over the summer and try to work this into your schedule for the next school year.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact any member of the Evangelism Committee. The members this year are: Frank Emery, CHM, Betty Sides, Linda Harper, Julie Winters, Sheila Snyder, Tony Harper, Delinda Mauney, Aarene Reese, Susan Pugh, Scott Graham, Jimmy Gray and Todd McCulloch.



### **School Supplies needed:**

Pencils      Crayons      Single Subject Composition      Books      Pencil Erasers

Notebook Paper      Protractors      Colored folders with inside pockets      Single Erasers

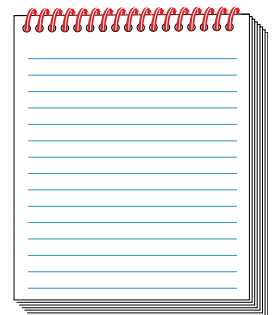
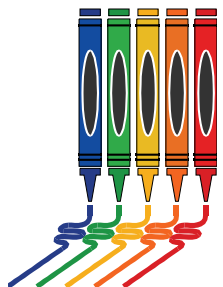
Kleenex      Big Fat Kindergarten Pencils

Hand Sanitizer

Mats or Towels for Kindergarteners to take naps on

Liquid Hand Soap

Individually wrapped snacks for the younger classes to have snacks for morning break time



# Here and There at New Sterling!!!!



Rachel Gray competed in her first karate tournament and placed 1st out of 7 competitors.....**Juanita Massey, Jane Fulbright, Swannie Snyder, Betty Godfrey** and **Margaret Dellinger** had a wonderful time visiting the Southern Living Spring Show. Thank goodness "**Miss Betty**" had friends to help carry her single purchase....**The Ken Haucks** traveled to Williamsburg, VA to visit over spring break.....

**Laurel and Rachel Gray** have a new puppy named "Holly". They hope to see her helping **Andy** on the farm too. If you have ever had a border collie, let the Grays know for some inside tips into raising one....**Taylor Pope** recently had chicken pox. . **Robert Fulbright**

Had some skin grafts on his foot....**The Jeff McNeelys** spent part of spring break at the beach.... **Scotti McCullough** fell out her back door and nearly broke her ankle....**LeeAnne Hartness** broke her arm while roller skating....**Doris McNeely** is finally back from California! We were beginning to think she had a boyfriend out there. Anyway, welcome home.....**Kim and Randall Honeycutt** and children will be moving soon to Chatanooga, TN. Randall's work informed him of the transfer the last week in March. We will truly miss them.....**Michael Pope** had surgery for his headaches....**Charlotte West** has moved and is settled in California. She has a new job. We wish her the best.....**David Brady** had gallbladder surgery and **Kim Brady** had gallbladder surgery the next week. What are they eating and did they get a reduced rate for two?. All we can say is, "**Jeremy and Anthony**—Hold on to your gallbladders cuz something is goin' on around the Brady home.... **Pat Sherrill** recently attended the fabulous CIRQUE DI SOLIEL's production of "Delirium" in Charlotte. She was accompanied by her grandchildren, **Jennifer** and **Joshua**, their mother, **Julie** and **Natalie Sherrill**, Pat's daughter....**The West Iredell Chamber Choir**, of whom **Kattie Compton** is a member, received first place recognition for Treble, Bass and Mixed Choir. They also received champion for their last festival trip....Congratulations...

## OUR NEW STERLING PRAYER LIST

**Robert Fulbright**

**David & Kim Brady**

**LeeAnne Hartness & Family**

**The Randall Honeycutts**

**Kendayl Waugh**

**Pastor Tim's Father**

**Pat Price**

**Carroll McNeely & Family**

**Shelby Bustle**

**Sheila Snyder**

**Ms. Bernice Otis**



**Virginia Tech students, families of victims, family of the gunman and anyone involved in this tragedy**

**Melissa Greer of WBTV, her family and her wonderful testimony which has been presented in these last weeks**

**The Dove House in Statesville and its continued wonderful work for children**

**The Angel House**

**Those not mentioned here but have special cares and needs**

**Sid and Cheryl Gotts who recently suffered damage in a house fire**

# COMING EVENTS

April 30-May 2		Bonclarken Work Week
May 3		National Day of Prayer
May 4	7:30	Seekers Bible Study at David & Betty Sides
May 5	9:00	Knit Wits at Delinda Mauney's
May 6	5:00	CE Committee
	6:00	Sunday Night Fellowship
	7:30	Session Meeting
May 7	9:30	Golden Christian Circle
May 8	7:00	Treasure Keepers at Judy Watson's
May 13		Mother's Day
May 14	10:30	Sterling Silvers
May 15	7:00	Mary & Martha Sunset
May 16	10:00	Mary & Martha Sunrise
May 20		Newsletter Items Due
	6:00	Sunday Night Fellowship
		Children's Choir Performance
May 21	7:00	Knit Wits
May 27		Veteran's Memorial Service



**F**or in the one spirit  
we were all baptized  
into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

*New Sterling Family: Words cannot express the appreciation for all of your prayers and thoughts for us. We have felt those prayers and could not have made it through without them.*

*To the Knit Wits—thank you for the beautiful blanket and especially the prayers that were prayed over it.*

*Continue to remember us as Kendayl goes through 2-3 more weeks of chemotherapy.*

*Love in Christ,*

*Kendayl, Terry, Donna and Trey Waugh*

# Knit Wit News

The Knit Wits recently visited the Dove House in Statesville. The Dove House is a Children's Advocacy Center which serves sexually abused children. They have received the Governor's award for Excellence in their field. They are a non-profit organization that provides a safe and child-friendly facility from which a multidisciplinary team works together to support the investigation, intervention and successful prosecution of all reported child sexual abuse cases in Iredell County.



They have been open since 2002. Their existence has eliminated the need for traumatized child victims, and their non-offending family members, to go to "scary" locations (such as police stations, Attorney's offices, hospitals, child protective services, etc) for interviews and medical examinations. Treatment and investigation activities take place at the Dove House which is a non-threatening "home" environment with the team members coming to the child instead of the child being taken to them. They refer and encourage the child and non-offending family members to receive therapy needed to begin the healing process.

Their purpose also is to protect the child from further harm and to minimize any further trauma to the child, to protect society from the offender and to hold the offender accountable for his or her actions. These goals require the involvement of many different community agencies and professionals.

The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission has provided significant operational funding to the Dove House through Victims of Crime Act funding. Several other foundations have provided funding through grants. The greatest ongoing need is cash donations to help support their annual operating budget. They are also in constant need for the following supplies:

- General household paper goods (toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, garbage bags, etc)

- Snacks & drinks for children & adults who visit Dove House (juice boxes, crackers/cookies, soda)

- Yard Maintenance—mowing, weeding, etc

- Occasional interior cleaning of Dove House

- Blank video tapes (minimum T-120)

There are other occasional needs of both materials & labor that they will be happy to discuss with anyone who is interested (e.g plumbing and electrical services, etc)

\*\*\*information taken from pamphlet from the Dove House which is available in the church resource center

The Knit Wits have taken on a great and heartfelt challenge to knit or crochet blankets for these children. The ages range from infants to 17 years of age, both male and female. We felt like a child who finds themselves in this situation would hopefully feel our love and compassion if they had a blanket or something to wrap around them. This will be a tremendous job for our group because we have found out that child sexual abuse in Iredell County is at epidemic levels with the house receiving 3-5 new cases per week.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this wonderful opportunity, please contact any Knit Wit member.



**Children's Advocacy Center**



# NEWS FROM NEW STERLING WOMENS MINISTRIES

This month the National Day Of Prayer is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make plans to attend the Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken, July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Sheila Snyder or Peggy Gray. This month the Golden Christian Circle will meet at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall on May 7<sup>th</sup> with Becky Gray having the devotional and Marilyn Teague continuing the study on Luke. Treasure Keepers Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Judy Watson. Mary-Martha Sunset Circle will meet May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Friendship Class at New Sterling with Marcia Winters having the study. Mary-Martha Sunrise Circle will meet on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the home of Betty Sides with Peggy Gray having the study. Continue to work on items for the Bonclarken Gift Shop. Remember your Secret Circle Sister.



NS Women's Ministries

President

Sheila J. Snyder



## STERLING SILVERS

The Sterling Silvers will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:30 am on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be a covered dish event and all members are asked to bring a dish of your expert cuisine. We will be welcoming the Senior Serenaders as our guests for a musical vocal program.



The meeting for April was outstanding in attendance. We welcome the following new members: Minnie Pope, Emily Nash and Pat Sherrill.

Members are asked to give some recommendations for a trip in the month of June.

Further information and subsequent discussion of our special project will be forthcoming.

Any adult free on the second Monday morning of the months September through December and February through June are asked to join us. Ages 21 to 110 accepted.

# Kids Say The Darndest Things

3-year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

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A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

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One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

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A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

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Nine-year-old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

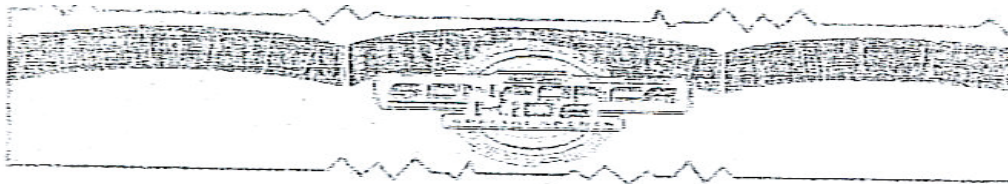
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A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, What would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

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A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied David. "How could he, with just two worms?"



## V.B.S. 2007

It is that time of year to begin preparing for Vacation Bible School. It will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need your help to get things started. If you are willing to help us in any way, please indicate below your areas of interest. We need as many volunteers as possible to make VBS 2007 a success! Please give your completed sheets to Jessica Graham or Jill Hager ASAP! Thank You!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery ages 0-2: \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 2-3: \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 4-5: \_\_\_\_\_ Skit Team: \_\_\_\_\_

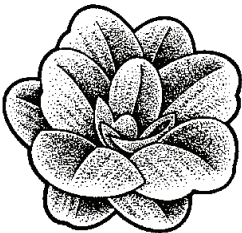
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Music Team: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Craft Helpers: \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation Helpers: \_\_\_\_\_

I will help anywhere: \_\_\_\_\_



**LADIES!!!!!!** It is that time again to be thinking about **WOMEN OF FAITH**. It will be here before we know it!! The dates are October 26-27. If you are interested in attending the conference let me know as soon as possible. "Maybes" are OK for now, but I need **DEFINATE** answers by July 1st and **NO LATER!!** I also need to know if you are interested in attending the Pre-conference, which is during the day on Friday. We will be staying at the Hilton again like last year on Friday night, if you would like to stay over night let me know that as well. This is first come first serve, and is open to everyone not just church members. Seats will be going fast, come and learn about God's promise to you; **AMAZING FREEDOM!!!!!!**

Your Sister in Christ,  
Taryn Setzer



*"So if the SON makes you free you will truly be FREE"- John 8:36*



# Announcements!!!!!!



THE YOUTH COUNCIL WILL ONCE AGAIN BE OFFERING CARNATIONS IN CELEBRATION OF MOTHER'S DAY.

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN INSERT FOR AN ORDER FORM.

THE COST WILL BE \$1.00 PER FLOWER.

Correction to the Church Directory:

Jim and Jane Mayhew

1802 Island Ford Road

Statesville, NC 28625

704-872-4259



## WE NEED YOUR HELP.....

Please contact a youth council member if you know of anyone graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc.

Jeanette Hauck



If anyone is interested in helping in the Nursery during the 11:00 worship hour, please contact Pat Price. We have a beautiful nursery recently decorated by Stephanie Watts and wonderful members to help keep your children. Any member or visitor is invited to drop your children off or just come and see our "new" facilities.



## Nanahaila Rafting Trip

If you are interested in going on a rafting trip June 2, please contact Scott Graham. Anyone over 8 years old and over 60lbs is invited. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to a church activity. The cost is \$25, that includes rafting, a breakfast biscuit and a late lunch. Scott will need your deposit by May 16, NO LATER. Come and join the fun!!!!

This was sent to me after the Easter holiday but I decided to print it now so you would have it available for next year.

## **EASTER STORY COOKIES**

To be made the evening before Easter

You need:

1 cup whole pecans	1 tsp. vinegar	3 egg whites	pinch salt	
1 cup sugar	zipper baggie	wooden spoon	tape	Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important-don't wait until you're half done with the recipe)!

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested. He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

### **Read John 19:1-3.**

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.

### **Read John 19:28-30.**

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

### **Read John 10:10-11.**

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.

### **Read Luke 23:27.**

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

### **Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.**

Fold in broken nuts Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

### **Read Matt. 27:57-60.**

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

### **Read Matt. 27:65-66.**

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven over night. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed.

### **Read John 16:20 and 22.**

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.

### **Read Matt. 28:1-9**

Share The Easter Cookie Story With Your Friends

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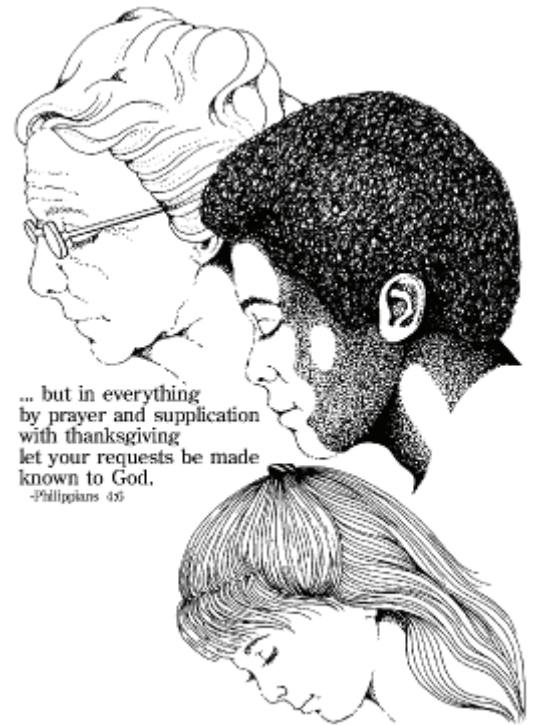
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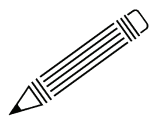


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by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made  
known to God.  
-Philippians 4:6

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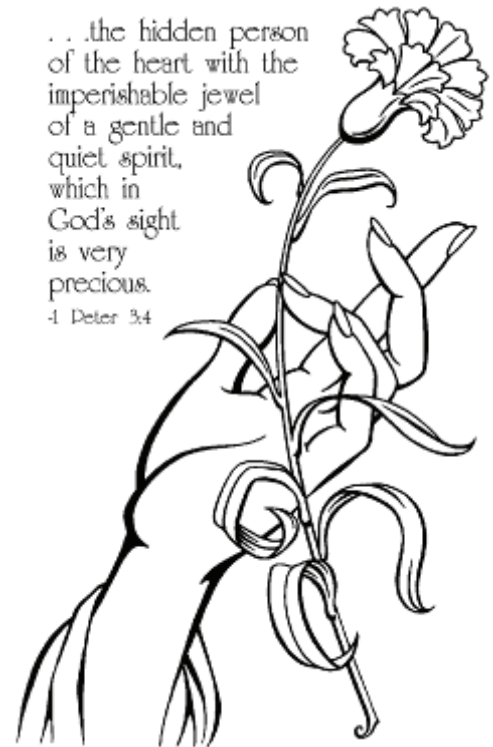
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Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tides.

And I will lift my voice to worship You, my King  
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.

... the hidden person  
of the heart with the  
imperishable jewel  
of a gentle and  
quiet spirit,  
which in  
God's sight  
is very  
precious.  
-1 Peter 3:4



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