
Is Your Home a “Yes” Home?



May
2010

In evaluating the Evangelism and Membership Committee survey, taken by members of our Sunday School earlier this year, a need and desire for family time was noted. We hope to include some parenting tips, such as this one, in the newsletter from time to time. This was excerpted from THE PARENT ADVENTURE BY Rodney and Selma Wilson.

The Wilson’s family nights usually went like this: we ate dinner, played a game or two, watched our favorite shows, then hit the sack. Easy enough until our oldest daughter, Jennifer, then six, proposed a wacky idea: why couldn’t we eat dinner on the living-room floor?

It was a simple request, clearly something neither Mom nor Dad had ever imagined. We looked at each other, and the Selma responded with two words that began to change our parenting experience: “Why not?”

With Dad’s help our living room was magically transformed into exciting destinations. We entered the jungle by moving a few plants around. We constructed campsites (our favorite) by throwing sheets and blankets over furniture. (Caution: These adventures can be messy) From pizza in the jungle to roasting marshmallows with toothpicks over a candle, family night became the perfect opportunity for children to be children. In addition to encouraging laughter and imagination, family night allowed Mom and Dad to teach some of life’s greatest lessons.



Kinds need direction and discipline, for sure. Along with boundaries, however, children crave a place to exercise physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. A yes home with clearly established boundaries gives them room to stretch, run and grow — under your guidance and instruction. As parents, we have the responsibility to provide an environment in which we can nurture the gifts, talents and abilities God has placed in our children. We call this a yes home.

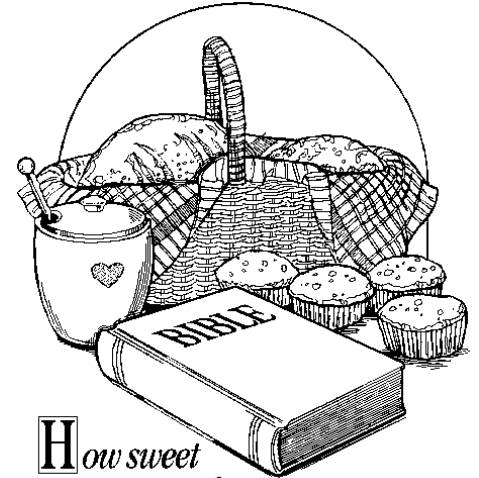
God’s Word provides a framework for parents to create a yes home. We serve a yes God who longs to teach us through His Word. When we read the Bible, we can recognize God’s parameters for our children’s behavior and His guidelines for their healthy development. Then we can align our “yeses” with God’s “yeses” in order to spiritually impact our family. Christian parents should filter every yes in their homes through the principles of God’s Word.

2 Corinthians 1:18-20

“As God is faithful, our message to you is not ‘Yes and no’. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you us—Silvanus, Timothy—did not become ‘Yes and no’; on the contrary, ‘Yes’ has come about in Him. For every one of God’s promises is ‘Yes’ in Him. Therefore the ‘Amen’ is also through Him for God’s glory through us.”

Ultimately, a yes home is important because you want your child to know the God of yes! God said yes to us when He gave His only Son to die for us so that we can live a yes relationship with Him. Through Jesus Christ we can live a yes life. Here are some of the yeses He speaks into our lives.

- Yes, you can ask Me for wisdom (James 1:5)
- Yes, I will never stop loving you (Romans 8:37-38)
- Yes, you can do all things through me (Phil 4:13)
- Yes I will finish what I started in you (Phil 1:6 and 1 Thes 5:24)
- Yes I will forgive you (Ephesians 1:7 and 1 John 1:9)
- Yes, you can have a full and meaningful life (John 10:10)
- Yes I will protect you (Psalms 32:7 ; 18:10)
- Yes you can approach Me with confidence (James 5:16 and 1 John 5:14-15)
- Yes I have a plan for you (Jeremiah 29:11)
- Yes, I can work everything in your life for good (Romans 8:28)
- Yes, you will spend eternity in heaven with Me (John 14:1-4)
- Yes, you are beyond condemnation (Romans 8:1)
- Yes, you have been adopted (Romans 8:15)
- Yes, you are a member of My kingdom (Col 1:13)
- Yes, you have access to God at any moment (Ephesians 2:18)
- Yes, you will never be abandoned (Hebrews 13:5)
- Yes, you have an imperishable inheritance (! Peter 1:4)



How sweet
are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.
—Psalm 119:103

Even in a yes home it is sometimes necessary to say no. Children want and need boundaries, which create an environment of security and confidence. Your children want to know you love them enough to say no.

Both your “yeses” and your “nos” prepare your children for life with God. He offers hundreds of yes promises you can daily point out to your children. When they need to hear no, you can explain why the no exists and why God loves us enough to make certain things off limits. As your kids learn to respect your “nos” in a predominately “yes” home, they can grow to honor God’s nos in his yes-filled Word.

Evangelism and Membership Committee



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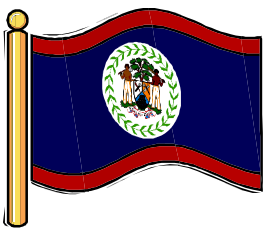
On Sunday, April 18, the Belize mission team gave a presentation of our time in Belize. It was a presentation filled with pictures of the work projects and explanation of what actually took place while we were there. There were testimony from 2 of the first time goers and their impressions followed by a wonderful picture power point presentation with music entitled "Love Can". The program ended with scripture and prayer and a wonderful meal prepared by the Women's Ministry.

Several questions arose during the presentation and we would like to touch on just a couple. One question asked was about the funding of things while there in Belize. The answer is simple—YOU funded it. The monies you gave and we raised through fund raisers funded everything we did there and more. The \$27,000 raised paid for plane tickets for 18 people, food for approximately 30 people every night along with breakfast and lunch, 2 van rentals, gas, room and board, all building materials we used while there, money was left with the directors of the camp to use to buy school supplies for the school. Consuella, the housekeeper for the camp and the mother of Juan David, is in need of surgery and is saving money to have surgery when funds are saved. We had enough money left to help her with her medical bill. God spread that \$27,000 so far it was absolutely amazing to just watch. It was almost being like the boy with the 5 loaves and fishes.



Our team completed the house that the Marion (NC) Church started. After painting the inside of Marta's home we moved them in, had a cookout for their family and some villagers and dedicated their house. Pastor Tim prayed for God to bless the family with a safe and happy Christian home.

A number of our team went to St. Jude's school and conducted an all day Bible school for 281 wonderful children. This was a day to remember and again we saw how good God is. Our Bible School consisted of story time and prayer, crafts and singing. These children enjoyed all the attention and especially loved hearing stories about Christ Jesus.



Judy and some of the women on our team went to Belmopan Baptist Church where Norman Willacy is the pastor. They had Bible Study with the women of the church. Judy shared with them the "Woman to Woman" mentoring program because of their interest in starting it in their church.

Our team completed many other projects while in Belize: put up a ceiling in the library at one of the High Schools, repaired damage from vandals at St. Jude's, made repairs on a few other homes. Pastor Tim spoke at a Rotary Club luncheon, conducted a Bible Study for a Korean Group, Preached at a Korean church and helped mentor other pastors in the area. There were more visits to St. Jude's to read and work with the children, "crafts" at the camp with children who wandered in and the making of many life long friends.

The people of Belize are so grateful for what God has provided them. We saw this every day throughout the Camelote Village. They opened their homes and their hearts to us. We came home with heavy hearts and a love for our neighbors in Camelote village. It is like leaving family for a long time. With God's grace and if it is His will, I know of several who will definitely be there again next year.

You Betta Belize it!

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ Friends are one of the ways God takes care of us. We need all the things Friendship entails from other human contact such as encouragement, companionship, love, honesty, loyalty, understanding and so many more things friendship offers.

Our friendships with our sisters in Christ are like recipes of goodness for us. They bake up something special.....Friends that are sweet extra in life and even sweeter is friendship among believers in Christ.

Why is a receipt for fellowship and friendship without Sisters in Christ so important? Check out the ingredients and see what they do.



Sisters in Christ Friendship Recipe

- **Shortening** – Provides texture. Our fellowship and friendship with our Sisters in the Lord can add much depth and texture to our lives. We blend together in unity as part of the body of Christ.
- **Sugar** – Adds sweetness. Our fellowship with our sisters adds such a sweet taste to our lives. If we didn't have sugar in our cookies, we'd sure miss it. The same is with our fellowship with our sisters. We can't leave it out of our lives.
- **Eggs** – Holds ingredients together. Sisters in the Lord are someone to lean on. We are held together by fellowship with them. We are stronger because of them, their prayers and their love in the Lord. We have a special bond in Christ.
- **Vanilla** – Adds flavor. Sisters add that flavor we need....Without friends and fellowship, we become kind of bland.
- **Flour** – Adds substance. We need the substance a Sister in the Lord can add. They give us many things by way of mentoring us when we don't even know it. Their shared testimonies and ways they live their lives has an impact on us.
- **Baking Soda** – Leavens. Leavening agents in baking helps to lighten the dough. Friendship with our Sisters in Christ lightens our burdens through their prayer and encouragement.
- **Salt** – Enhances the flavor. We know that friendships add flavor and just when we need it, they help improve the tastefulness and quality of our lives. Friends are the type of people that know just what we are going through and are there when we need them.
- **Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips** – The kind of chocolate chips we normally add to our cookies is semi-sweet. Our sister friends tell us what they feel and think and that's okay. They can be honest and truthful to us. "Iron sharpened iron" Proverbs 27:17
- **Nuts** – Optional – Just a little craziness in a sister friend is great! Sometimes a little zaniness in our friends can be just the ingredient we need.



Conclusion: Bless these Sisters in Christ Friendships that have taken a lot of time and effort to bake up, but they are worth it when we sense that sweet aroma and special bond that they bring. Sisters that have Jesus in common will have lasting relationships, not just here on earth, but will dwell with Christ together throughout eternity.

News From the Women's Ministries



The ARP Women's Ministries Annual Meeting (formerly known as The Synodical Meeting), will be held on Monday afternoon, July 26th at 1:00 p. m. in the chapel at Bonclarken. July 26th is also the first day of the Family Bible Conference, which follows with worship and continues through Thursday with activities for the whole family.

The Women's Annual Meeting includes business, message from President Kathy Barron, message from Rev. John de Witt, installation of officers for next year, usually a missionary speaker and tidbits of information about events planned for the week, such as the Women's Showcase. There are excellent activities for children each day and workshops for men as well. The evening speakers are usually outstanding and bring real meaning and inspiration to the scriptures. Please pray for the whole conference and equally as important, make plans to go. Please speak to Delinda or Judy for further information.

Blessings in Christ,

Peggy



Daughters of the King Banquet

A Celebration of Women

All women of New Sterling are invited and encouraged to attend our annual Women's Banquet sponsored by the Women's Ministries. This is also an awesome opportunity to invite other women to come and join our special time of fun, food and fellowship with our sisters in Christ. It will be a time of learning and encouragement for all.

The Banquet will begin at **6:00 pm** on Saturday, **May 8th** in the Fellowship Hall.

We are extremely blessed to have Carol Davis, from 106.9, to be our speaker for the evening. Carol's sense of humor and passion to see others have a dynamic relationship with Christ creates a great blend of life and faith. Carol has been in radio for over 15 years, joining the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Radio Ministry at 106.9 the Light in 2003. Carol, formerly a co-host of Matt & Carol in the Morning, is now host on *Middays with Carol* (or as she refers to it, "Slammin' Jammin' Hot Ham n Cheese Burnin' Radio for Your Hungry Soul) heard Noon to 3p.m. on 106.9 The Light. In 2008 Matt and Carol were recognized by the National Religious Broadcasters as the Radio Air Personalities of the Year. In



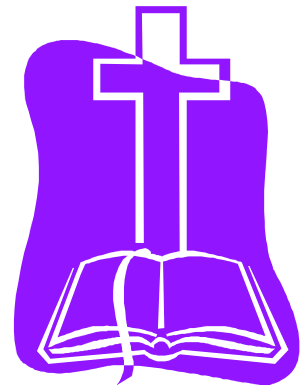
2006, Carol received the Southern Gospel DJ of the Year Award for her work on an additional ministry of the BGEA. Carol is a graduate of Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, NC. She makes her home in the foothills of NC. She is the proud mom of the cutest toddler in the world named Ella.



Seats are limited to 115 persons. Jane Mayhew will begin taking reservations by collecting money on Sunday, April 18th. The deadline for collecting money will be Sunday, May 2nd. The cost of the banquet is \$12.00 per person. This price includes a message from our speaker and a delicious meal provided by Brenda Stewart. The registration form will be on the back of this insert and must be completed and turned into Jane Mayhew along with your check made payable to Women's Ministries. If you have any questions please contact Kim Brady @ 704-880-4847. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't miss the blessing that God has for you!

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your path.*

Proverbs 3:5-6



Here and There at New Sterling!!!!!!!



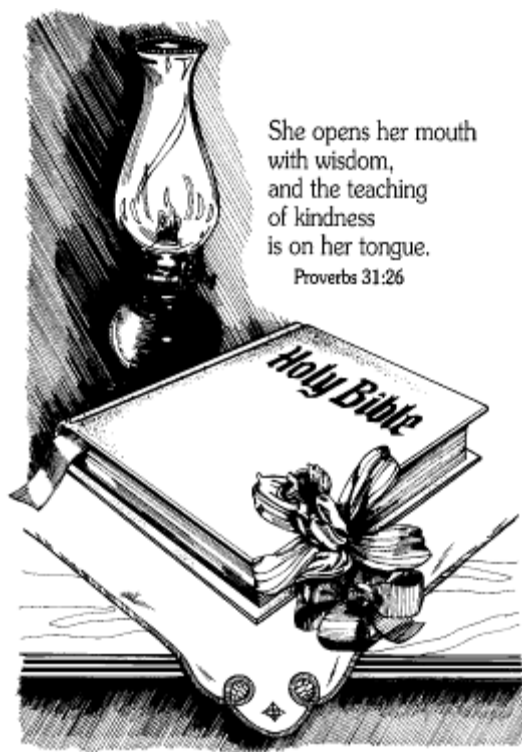
Brianna Henderson was hit near the eye during a softball game.....**Leah Gryder** spent 7 days in Europe.....**Ed and Anna Donohoe** spent Easter in Charleston with Ed's Dad.....The **Tim Donnelly's** traveled to Maryland for Easter.....**Benjamin Watson** broke his right arm..... **Tom Lampley**, a friend of the community, received a heart transplant recently and is doing well.....**Ed Henderson** traveled home to celebrate his parent's 50th wedding anniversary.....**Kourtney Hauck** and her High School Chorus group went to Williamsburg, VA to participate in a competition.....**Ronda Hoke** recently had some surgery.....**Ed Donohoe** traveled to India for 2 weeks for work and was delayed for a while due to the volcano ash.....Was that **Anthony Brady** seen chasing a 'possum?.....

We express sincere sympathy to all the family and friends of the following:

Amy Gray in the passing of her grandfather, John Johnson on April 3, 2010.

Julie Alghrary's mother who passed away on March 28, 2010

Terry Shoemaker who passed away on April 3, 2010



Sterling Silver News

Next month's meeting will be announced. A trip is presently being planned and the exact date and time will be announced but will not be the second Monday of May.

On March 24th a group of ten Sterling Silver members attended the Spring Fling at Gastonia ARP Church. Our Pastor Tim was the driver of the bus and we are very thankful for his services.

A great deal of time was spent discussing the future of our Sterling Silver membership. Over the years, it has fallen from 45 members to the present membership of 18 when all attend. If you have the second Monday during the months of February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November and December open, consider joining our fellowship.

Election of officers was conducted and Betty Godfrey has been delegated as Director for the season beginning this September. Sarge Emery will serve in an advisory capacity and assist the new director in the coming year.

Hope to see some new faces at our meetings.

Director SARGE



COMING EVENTS

May 1		West Iredell Prom	
May 2		Prom Breakfast	
	5:00 pm	C3 Practice	
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night	
		DAUGHTERS OF THE KING BANQUET REGISTRATIONS DUE	
May 3	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle	
May 4	7:00 pm	Joint meeting of Session and Deacons	
May 6	7:00 pm	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - Mt. Hermon Luththeran Church	
May 8	6:00 pm	Daughters of the King Banquet	
May 9		MOTHER'S DAY	
	4:00 pm	CE Committee Meeting	
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night	
May 10	7:00 pm	Evangelism/Membership Committee	
May 11	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—Leann Hartness, hostess; Kim Elliott, facilitator Meal: Kim Elliott and Betty Godfrey	
May 16	5:00 pm	C3 practice	
	6:00 pm	FAMILIES CELEBRATING JESUS with Pastor Tim Robinson, speaker	
May 17	7:00 pm	Knit Wits in the parlor	
May 18	7:00 pm	Mary/Martha Sunset in the parlor—Carolyn Byers, hostess; Jane Mayhew Facilitator	
May 19	9:30 am	Mary/Martha Sunrise—Betty Sides, hostess; Peggy Gray, facilitator	
May 22		ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE AND AUCTION	
May 23		Youth Council	
	5:00 pm	C-3 practice	
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family night	
	7:30 pm	Session Study Group	
		Newsletter items due	
May 30	11:45 am	Veterans Memorial Service	
	5:00 pm	C3 Practice	
	7:00 pm	5th Sunday Night Sing	
		Rada Knife order due	
May 31		MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATED	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

June 14-18, 2010	Horizon Retreat at Bonclarken
June 21-25, 2010	Quest Retreat at Bonclarken
July 18-24, 2010	Harlan Mission Trip
June 26-30, 2010	Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken



Memorial Day Veteran's Flag Placement



May 30th is Memorial Day. It is a holiday in remembrance of those who were dear to us. In conjunction with this remembrance day, American flags are displayed at all veterans of the armed forces graves. This year we will place the flags for our veterans on Friday, May 28 at 5:00 pm. We need a minimum of 12 volunteers, divided into three teams consisting of 4 volunteers each.

This divides into 18 flags per team and we can complete the task in 30 minutes. Put this date on your calendar. Of course we will be happy with as many volunteers who desire to come. LADIES WELCOME! More teams will reduce our time placing flags.

My age and physical stamina has diminished in assisting but I will provide flags, a list of names by row and plot to each team.

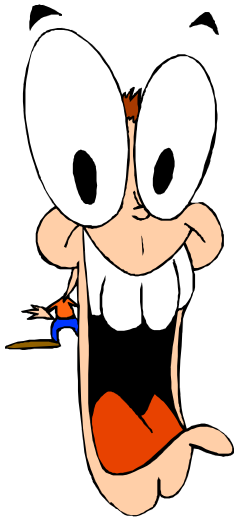
Sunday May 30th at 9:45 am we will hold a brief ceremony at grave sides if weather permits. Otherwise we will hold it in the chapel.

Thanks every one who come each year and helps get this task completed.

SMSgt Frank Emery (SARGE) USAF Retired



COMEDY CORNER



A WOMAN WITH TWO BURNT EARS WENT TO THE DOCTOR, WHO ASKED WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

“THE PHONE RANG AND I ACCIDENTLY PICKED UP THE IRON.”

“WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER EAR?” THE DOCTOR ASKED.

“THEY CALLED BACK.”

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An old man was sitting on his porch when a young man walked up with a pad and pencil in his hand.

“What are you selling, young man?” he asked.

“Why, I’m not selling anything, sir,” said the young man. “I’m the census taker.”

“The what?” the old man asked.

“The census taker. We are trying to find out how many people are in the United States.”

“Well,” the old man answered, “you’re wasting you time with me; I have no idea.”

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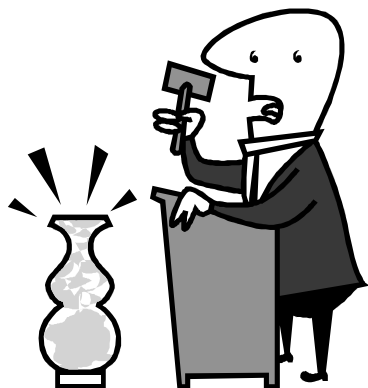
IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN..... FOR.....

NEW STERLING'S

BBQ AND



AUCTION!!!!!!



MAY 22, 2010

**PLEASE COME AND
SUPPORT OUR
MISSION WORK
ENJOY A DELICIOUS
PLATE OF BBQ
CHICKEN AND
PARTICIPATING IN
OUR AUCTION!!!!!!**



**PLEASE PLACE DONATED ITEMS ON
THE STAGE IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL**



Are You Obsessed with Jesus?

- People who are **obsessed** with Jesus give freely and openly, without censure. Obsessed people love those who hate them and who can never love them back.
- People who are **obsessed** with Jesus aren't consumed with their personal safety and comfort above all else. Obsessed people care more about God's kingdom coming to this earth than their own lives being shielded from pain or distress.
- People who are **obsessed** with Jesus live lives that connect them with the poor in some way or another. Obsessed people believe that Jesus talked about money and the poor so often because it was really important to Him.
- **Obsessed** people are more concerned with obeying God than doing what is expected or fulfilling the status quo. A person who is obsessed with Jesus will do things that don't always make sense in terms of success or wealth on this earth.
- People who are **obsessed** with Jesus knows that the sin of pride is always a battle. Obsessed people know you can never be "humble enough," and so they seek to make themselves less known and Christ more known.
- People who are **obsessed** with Jesus do not consider service a burden. Obsessed people take joy in loving God by loving His people.
- People who are **obsessed** with God are known as givers, not takers. Obsessed people genuinely think that others matter as much as they do, and they are particularly aware of those who are poor around the world.
- A person who is **obsessed** thinks about heaven frequently. Obsessed people orient their lives around eternity; they are not fixed only on what is here in front of them.
- A person who is **obsessed** is characterized by committed, settled, passionate love for God, above and before every other thing and every other being.
- People who are **obsessed** are raw with God; they do not attempt to mask the ugliness of their sins or their failures. Obsessed people don't put it on for God; He is their safe place, where they can be at peace.
- People who are **obsessed** with God have an intimate relationship with Him. They are nourished by God's Word throughout the day because they know that forty minutes on Sunday is not enough to sustain them for a whole week, especially when they will encounter so many distractions and alternative messages.
- A person who is **obsessed** with Jesus is more concerned with his or her character than comfort. Obsessed people know that true joy doesn't depend on circumstances or environment; it is a gift that must be chosen and cultivated, a gift that ultimately comes from God.
- A person who is **obsessed** with Jesus knows that the best thing he can do is be faithful to his Savior in every aspect of his life, continually saying "Thank You!" to God. An obsessed person knows there can never be intimacy if he is always trying to pay God back or work hard enough to be worthy. He revels in his role as a child and friend of God.

Taken from CRAZY LOVE Overwhelmed by a Relentless God by Francis Chan



Happy MAY Birthday!

1 Kendra Watson
3 Mackenzie Clark
3 Andrea Clarke
3 Sherry Stewart
4 Kristen Griffin
6 Jill Hager
6 Madison Buchanan
7 Don Campbell
7 Laurel Gray
8 Mara Hairyes
8 Elena Johnson
8 Nancy Pope



14 Marcia Winters
17 Anna Donohoe
18 Allie Hager
21 Carrol McNeely
23 Steve Stewart
24 Jim Mayhew
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