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Boys Who Can Shave

I ran across this article by Mark Driscoll who is the pastor of Mars Hill Church in Seattle, WA. With my sensitivities raised through the preparation for our marriage class starting soon and our Christian family session starting on Sunday evenings, this article really struck a nerve. In both classes we will hear a real concentration on the men's roles in the marriage and in the family. This article speaks, humorously but seriously, to that role. Enjoy.

Historically, a guy would go through two life phases: boy, then man. The transition from boy to man was comprised of five sociological variables that happened almost simultaneously or in very close succession: Leave your parents' home (Gen. 2:24); finish your education or vocational **training**; start a career-track **job**, not a dead-end-Joe one; meet a woman, love her, honor her, **court her, and marry her**; have **children** with her. But here's what's happened. Rather than moving from boy to man by this succession of sociological transitions, we've created something called adolescence. It's a third life stage in the middle between boy and man. We don't know what to call them so we just call them "guys." These are boys who can shave.



Today, adolescence starts somewhere in the teen years and continues indefinitely. There is no foreseeable end. The problem with adolescence is guys don't know when they're ever going to grow up and be men, and no pressure is exerted on them to do so.

Is it when you're 16 and you can drive? Or 18, when you can vote and join the military? Or 21, when you can drink? Is it when you graduate from college after you've worked on

your undergrad degree for seven or eight years? Is it when you get married? Is it when you have kids? Is it when you buy a house? No one knows. So, we are left with indefinite adolescence and a Peter Pan Syndrome epidemic where men want to remain boys forever.

So where do you go? Go to Scripture. First Corinthians 11:7, Paul says a man is **the image and glory of God**. He is to reflect the truth and the goodness and the love and the mercy of Jesus, his God and Savior. He is the glory of God. When I see a guy, I don't see a porn addict, an Internet junkie, a World of Warcraft freak, one of those guys who gets, you know, an apartment with 27 other guys and they all share a studio and pay five dollars a month and split a pizza and call that their bar mitzvah.

I have hope for those guys because they are the glory of God. They are the glory of God. Now, it needs some work, to be sure. But you men are the glory of God. And God wants his glory to shine through you. God wants his kingdom to be made visible through you. God wants you to be his sons. God wants you to follow, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the example of Jesus.

I don't care if you buy a truck, and you can play some video games and rock out on your guitar. I don't really care. But the issue is when those are prevalent, predominant, and preeminent in your life. Some of you guys would argue with me on this and say, "It's not a sin." No, but sometimes it's just stupid. It's just dumb. You got fired because you were up trying to get to the next level and become a guild leader. That's dumb. That's totally dumb. You work one part-time job so you could play more guitar. That's dumb. That's really, really dumb. You spend all your money on a new car or truck, or toys, or gear, or gambling, or fantasy football or more golf. Dumb. Some of you say, "Well, it's not a sin." Neither is eating your lawnmower. It's just dumb. There are a lot of things that guys that are Christians do that aren't evil, they're just dumb.

You're the glory of God. What does it mean to be a man? John is a great example. He doesn't waste his teens and his 20s downloading free porn, racking up his credit card debt, spending seven years to knock out his undergrad degree, trying to be the king of the fantasy football or baseball league, determined to pound more **beers** at happy hour and conquer

more women than all the other guys to show he's a real man. That's no man at all. It's a boy who could shave.

John shows us what a real man is: He's filled with the Spirit. He humbly prepares the way for Jesus. He's an evangelist who makes it his life work to introduce others to Jesus. He's a man who ultimately is a giver and not a taker. He's a producer, not a consumer.

Men, you are to be creators and cultivators. If you want to image God, your God is a creator and a cultivator. You create a marriage and you cultivate that woman. You create a child with her and you cultivate that child. You create a new family legacy for generations and you cultivate it. You create a business and you cultivate it. You create a ministry and you cultivate it. You want to be a man? You're a creator and a cultivator. You're a producer, not a consumer. You're a giver, not a taker. You bring life, not death.

You're not looking for the path of least resistance. You're looking for the path of greatest glory to God. You take that path like John did.

So are we boys that can shave or are we taking the path that glorifies God and are mature worshippers like the Apostle John?

Pastor Tim

This post is adapted from the sermon, "The Birth of John the Baptizer," preached at the Ballard campus in October 2009. marshillchurch.org



Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Mr. Carroll McNeely in his passing on August 16, 2010.

Meet Joanna Jubilee Alghrary



**Congratulations to
Joseph and Julie
Alghrary
Born July 26, 20120
8 lbs 13 oz**



Welcome New Members



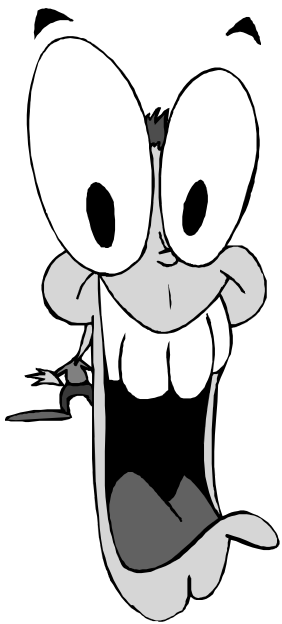
Welcome to our New Sterling Family
Jeff, Tammy, Chasidy and Chase Sharpe



Baptism of Chasidy
and Chase Sharpe
assisted by Elder
Clay Price



Baptism of Braxton Scott Setzer assisted by Elder and Great-Grandfather, Lynn Jenkins. The Christening gown was made by Great-Grandmother, Muriel Jenkins and has been worn by all 7 grandchildren and first great grandchild.

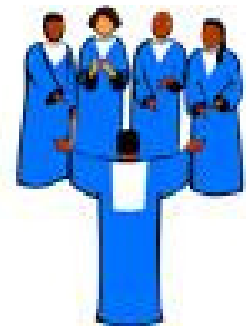


HAVE YOU HEARD???????

The **Deacons and others** spent the day doing some work at the home of **Wayne Waugh**.....**Stacey Mrazek** has moved into our community. She is also recovering for a recent surgery.....**Scotti McCulloch, Dylan and Garrett Deal**, spent a few days in Columbia, SC. They shopped and visited the zoo., If you need info on how to attract birds or how to get a praying mantis out of your hair, **Scotti** is your go to girl.....We welcome new members—**Jeff, Tammy, Chase and Chasidy Sharpe**.....**Bill, Delinda and Cliff Mauney, Shannon Lewis, Brian, Taryn and Brax Setzer** spent a week at Fripp Island, SC.....**Harvey Reese, Adrian Jarrett, Kent Clarke and Andy Mayhew** played in the first annual **Todd McCulloch Memorial Golf Tournament** sponsored by PCI. The New Sterling gang came in 3rd out of 20 groups. Todd would have been proud of the guys. This event also raised \$8700 for the Heart Association.....**Dylan Deal** started classes at Mitchell College.....**Lauren Gryder** has moved to attend school at Clemson University.....**Gray Emery** has moved to Boone to attend Appalachian University.....**Richard, Michelle, Cody and Mara Hairyes** vacationed in Florida.....

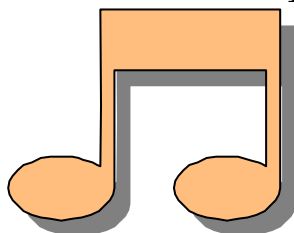
Michaela Fulbright recently walked in a Belk Department Store fashion show. Are we looking at America's Next Top Model????.....**Chase and Chasidy Sharpe and Braxton Setzer** were baptized recently.....**Pressley Reese** recently suffered a stroke.....**Derek Winters** took a business trip to Michigan.....The **Youth Shepherds** had their end of summer bash with a camp out at Steele Creek Campground in Morganton, NC.....The **Carter Jenkins family** had their reunion recently.....THANK YOU to all the VBS Volunteers! **Jeanette Hauck, Linda Pope, Jill Hager, Korntney Hauck, Kelly Pugh, Kevin Brown, Anthony and Jessica Brady, Julie Winters, Madison Elliott, Amanda Gray, David and Kim Brady, Tim Hager, Tim Donnelly, Jessica and Scott Graham, Madison Winters, Craig Pugh, Michael Pope, Delinda Mauney, Kendra Watson, Brandy Lackey, Leann Hartness, Ken Hauck, Tammy Brown, Erin Waugh, Emily Letterwood, Kim Elliott, Aarene Reese, Hannah Moore, Betty Godfrey, Tra Watson, Jared Hauck, Bailey Hartness, Kurtis Hauck, and Pastor Tim,** . Thanks also to the **West Iredell Fire Department** for bringing the Fire Truck for the kids to enjoy!!!.....**Jane Mayhew** is the new contact for the Rada Knife Orders.....Congratulations to **Adrian and Amber Jarrett—TWINS** are coming in March 2011.....**Kelly Pugh, Stacey Mrazek and Jill Hager** are beginning grad school.....**Susan Pugh** will be starting a new part time job.....

An Invitation to Sing



In September, the New Sterling Choir will begin rehearsing this year's Christmas Cantata, "Behold the Glory". An invitation is extended to anyone interested in singing with us.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30. The first 20 minutes of rehearsal time will be devoted to section rehearsals of this cantata.



Come and share the joy of singing God's praises.

“Parents Who Are Involved”

Do you know some signs of healthy parental involvement in their children’s lives? Here are three good ones:

Physical Involvement—Kids need your physical presence, sure. But not only that. They also crave lots of physical contact. So . . . hug them. Hold hands with them. Kiss them. This is a job not only for moms, but also for dads. It applies not only to little girls, but also to little boys. Dads, as your boys grow into the toddler stage and beyond, wrestle with them on the living room floor. As you play and snarl and make cool noises, you are bonding and connecting with them in mysterious ways. Give piggyback rides and high fives. Every loving touch is an investment that will pay big dividends someday.

Emotional Involvement—Every astute person knows it’s possible to be with someone, but not actually be “with” them! Fight the “distraction monster” in dealing with your children. Look them in the eyes. (Something about this simple act has the power to fill their emotional tanks.) Smile at them. Focus your full attention on them. Ask them questions. Encourage them to talk about feelings, dreams, and desires. Then *listen* when they respond. If you establish the lines of communication and work at building an emotional connection when they are young, as they mature, you’ll hear them verbalizing more grown-up thoughts—fears about acceptance, struggles with people, questions about love and faith and the other mysteries of life.

Spiritual Involvement—Your children need your guidance and example in learning about the Lord. Pray with them. (There’s a good bit of truth in the old cliché that “the family that prays together stays together.”) Read Bible stories with them. Attend church together. Sometimes parents tend to delegate spiritual responsibility to the Sunday school or youth group. But that isn’t what God envisioned for parents (see Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Ephesians 6:4).



It’s time to examine your parenting habits when:

- *You find yourself missing a lot of important events and dates in the life of your child.
- *You don’t have a clue about your child’s strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes.
- *You find yourself making every decision for your child (even when he/she is older).
- *You feel an obsessive need to hover protectively over your children.
- *You go for days without any meaningful interaction with your children.
- *You don’t know who your kids’ friends are.
- *Your kids spend a lot of time on the computer, watching TV, playing video games, etc. without supervision.

(from [Parenting Clues for the Clueless](#), God’s Word in Your World)

Dear Friends of New Sterling:

Thank you and your church family for your love offering. We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of friendship and love. Please keep us in your prayers.

Thanks again and God bless everyone.

Lisa & Rylee Rankin



Miss Dorothy Dagenhart
A Proverbs 31 Missionary - Nurse

Honors like the Award of Service from the Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and the Honorary Doctor's Degree from Erskine College proclaim and express the admiration that was due to Miss Dorothy Dagenhart.

A Christian Woman guided by the vision and values of God through prayer. Her life was a living sermon expressing faith in God with a heart of love and loyalty to his church. She stretched out her hands to the stranger, the poor, to the needy at home and abroad.

Dorothy received her nursing training at H. F. Long Hospital School of Nursing, in Statesville, Children's Hospital, in Washington, DC, and the Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. Her working knowledge in both obstetrics and general anesthesia, aided and assisted her with the deliver of over 5000 children at the Nancy Fulwood Hospital in Sahiwal, Pakistan during her appointed missionary-nurse career.

We thank God for Dorothy Dagenhart's years of service in Pakistan; helping with her missionary work with Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton. Promoting foreign missions with a dedicated commitment for 41 years, all the while walking with Christ. Shared with her was the love and support of family, friends, and other church families.

Her faith in Jesus Christ make it possible for her to have the assurance that at death; her soul was at rest with Jesus. She lived and died a child of God, secure in our Saviour. This was the faith of Dorothy Dagenhart.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His Love ... Psalm 103:1

Submitted as a tribute in the year of our Lord 2010, by the Women's Ministries

*of New Amity ARP Church, P.O. Box 127, Scotts,
North Carolina.*



**Together
We Grow**

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IT'S TIME AGAIN

to start making plans for our Mission trip to Belize. Those interested had their first meeting last month and so far we have 13 interested in going. That leaves room for a few more if you would like to think about making the trip.

Yard Work

We will be making contacts to see what our work plans will be while there and how we can help in the school again this year. A VBS is probably on the agenda and hopefully we will have several work projects.

Paint

We will start doing fund raisers soon but would like to spread the word to the church family and community that the Mission Team.

We will be holding a yard sale at the Pneu-Mech parking lot on October 16, 6:30 am until— If you have good yard sale items to donate, contact a member of the Belize Mission Team or put in the Fellowship Hall.

WILL WORK FOR DONATIONS

If you have a “Honey Do List” or a work list of things you would like to have done at your home or work, please contact a member of the mission team. We will be happy to perform work projects around the community for donations to the Mission Fund.

Helping to move furniture

We will bid the job for you. Replace roofing, Home construction clean up, yard work, and any repair work. **We are only a phone call away!!!**

Belize Mission Team Members

(at this time)

Tim and Judy Watson

David and Kim Brady

Cindy McNeely

Delinda Mauney

Pat Price

Lori Compton

Todd Goodman

Tommy Morton

Tim Hager

Jeremy Brady

House Cleaning

Window Washing

Lucille H. Billings, Centenarian, Educator from Scotts, North Carolina to celebrate 105th Birthday.



Somewhere along the way teachers have helped us to learn reading, writing, and arithmetic. When the local school faculty helps in education, teachers have a constant wise understanding of special needs of their students. Education has always been a team effort, together teachers and students working to make the learning process a rewarding program. They have helped each and every one of us, and thus they willed us to succeed and became a success.

Teachers have taught generations of pupils in all communities and the world has become a better place than they found it...Thus for Lucille Halyburton Billings, centenarian; the years of faithful dedication to teaching has passed by rather rapidly. She has held a spirit of graciousness to young boys and girls and daily helped challenge these young minds. Her young students continued to grow in the community, growing from the resourceful lessons taught.

She helped to inspire us to strive for higher aspirations in life, while we were experiencing growth, maturity, and good will toward others. As her students we just didn't know of these life lessons that we were being taught and that we were succeeding in our elementary school years. But today thanks still go out to an educator and life-long community resident; who willed our success and has become one of our unsung hero.

Lucille is the oldest member of the congregation of New Sterling Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, of Stony Point. Sharing in a historical legacy also as a Sunday School teacher and Bible study teacher in both Iredell and Alexander County.

Scotts High School Alumni Association, Scotts; can announce of having her as their oldest former elementary staff retiree an oldest alumni member. Superintendent Brady Johnson, of Iredell Statesville Schools can declare state wide as having the oldest school teacher retiree in Iredell County.

Lucille is the daughter of the late Thomas "Tom" and Mary Guy Halyburton; of Iredell County, grew up with nine siblings and education was an important part of her life even at an early age. But in order to go into the education field she had to take a little different route than most young ladies of this era.



Scotts High School, Scotts, North Carolina which was the nearest high school in the area for Lucille to attend. By 1925, on the credit of her high school diploma she was teaching in a one room school. In 1926, Lucille was a teacher for principal Ernest F. Billings at Taylor Springs School, in northern Iredell County.

College education for Lucille began in 1926-1928 at Appalachian College, Boone. Tuition money was borrowed from the college to help pay for her education, and paid back after employment as a teacher. Her first salary was around \$50 a month.

Practice teaching took place in a Normal School, which was created to train high school graduates to be teachers. Its purpose was to establish teaching standards or norms, hence its name. Upon graduation from college, teaching four years at Union Grove School, Union Grove, North Carolina.

In 1930, was the marriage of Miss Lucille Halyburton and Principal Ernest F. Billings. (They were married for 63 years.) Ernest and Lucille are teaching in Gastonia for four years; returning to Scotts in 1934 and both began teaching at the High School. In those days it was extremely rare for a couple to teach in the same school.

Robert L. Bradford was replacing E. F. Bass, as the principal of Scotts. Ernest had returned to the classroom as a teacher, while assisting Bradford, in a position similar today of that of an assistant-principal.



Mrs. Billings with Third Grade class in 1935 at Scotts

Lucille’s continuing education was at Lenoir Rhyne College and Catawba College. She taught at the elementary education level for her 29 years of dedicated service. She retired from teaching in 1968, came under the direction of T. Ray Gibbs, Iredell County School Superintendent. Lucille H. Billings and Ernest F. Billings accomplished 71 years of dedicated commitment, in the field of teaching and administration work, for the state of North Carolina.

As a centenarian, to experience the legacy of so many changes in education is a feat in itself. For this teacher she went full circle from high school education, college education, the one room school, to a Normal school, to the high school settings again, to a teacher that shared in the consolidation program of Iredell County schools in 1966. Constantly changing curriculums in the field of teaching was another act that Lucille experienced. All of those days are fondly recalled plus recalling former students that pass through her classrooms over the years.

During her life, Lucille has always professed a strong love of God. Has held the position of Eula Pressley Bible Class, Sunday School teacher; and Bible Study teacher, for the Golden Christian Circle; at New Sterling ARP Church.

Lucille is currently living in Kernersville, North Carolina with her daughter, Camille B. Simmons. Even though she’s currently living away from her home church, the love and admiration for this Christian Woman comes from the hearts of her fellow church members, stated the Dr. Rev. Tim Watson, senior minister of New Sterling ARP Church. Hence, we continue to encourage this our oldest church member.

Also, taking a very active role in the Knit-Wit Group from New Sterling has been one of her artistic accomplishments for many years. By taking an active role by knitting articles she is sharing her talents with children, at The Dove House Children’s Advocacy Center, in Statesville; loved ones, shut-ins or needy ones of the community.

The Dr. Rev. Earl Linderman, minister emeritus of New Sterling and Mrs. Harriet Linderman, express their accolades for her, “This is a very gifted teacher, Sunday School Teacher and Knit-Wit Group member who continues to share her long established knowledge of the Bible and professes her Christian faith with so many.”

Today, know that Lucille is a reflection of her faith, that shows itself in both words and deeds. She has hope to start with each new tomorrow. Always knowing that special blessings will come to you by sharing your faith, hope and love with others. Her love for her fellow man is a compassion with a tender smile.

September 4, 2010, is the occasion of her 105th birthday, if you desire to send a card or call use the following information: Mrs. Lucille H. Billings, 1205 Avery Way, Kernersville, North Carolina 27284 or call 336-996-5526.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hall Sherrill, Historian
Scotts High Alumni Association

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. BILLINGS

Our 2010 Graduates



Jesse Keller has graduated Cum Laude from NC State University College of Engineering with a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. Jesse worked with General Electric Aviation in Raleigh while in school and has now taken a position with GE in the operations management leadership program and will be studying in various places throughout the United States.

Gray Emery graduated from West Iredell High School. While at West, he played Freshman and Junior Varsity football. He was a feature/sports writer for the school newspaper, "*THE WAR CRY*", and was Sports Editor his junior year. His interests include all sports, weight training, fishing and hanging out with friends.

Gray is attending Appalachian State University this fall and plans to major in Elementary Education.



Dylan Deal graduated from West Iredell High School. While there she played softball and volleyball and Junior Olympic Volleyball. She was a member of the Drama team and the Yearbook staff. Dylan plans to attend Mitchell Community College participating in the Nursing Program, working toward a CAN and BSN degree. She received a Ruritan Scholarship. Dylan is presently employed with CVS and plans to continue working while going to school. After college she wants to work at a local hospital and make an impact as a nurse helping others.



Lauren Gryder graduated from Davie High School in June. While at Davie, Lauren was a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Davie Youth Council. She was a Junior Marshall and in the top 3% of her class. At Davie she played tennis and was MVP and all-conference twice and co-captain her senior year. Lauren was also a National Merit Finalist and received National Merit and academic scholarships to attend Clemson University. At Clemson she plans to pursue a degree in architecture.



News From the Women's Ministries

The Women of New Sterling are excitedly making preparations for the Fall Women's Retreat at Bonclarken in November. Reservations have been made and we have 19 women registered. It will be a wonderful retreat and we are excited to have some new faces going with us this year.

The ladies are still making Chrismons and committees are making plans for the upcoming holidays. It is hard to believe that fall is almost here and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will be upon us soon.

As always we ask for continued prayer for our Women's Ministries. We are a busy group and have lots of tasks and believe it or not—We love every minute of it!! God has worked wonders in our Women's Ministry and we always every day praise Him for giving us the wonderful women at New Sterling that make it all happen. We pray that everything we do is always for the glory of God and He is forever pleased with all we do in His name.

Knit Wit News

The Knit Wits are beginning to settle down after the busy summer with vacations, etc. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 in the parlor. Anyone who is interested in joining our ministry is cordially invited to come. If you *can* crochet or knit or if you *can't*, please come. We have very willing ladies to help teach you whatever you need to know. The more we have to pray with us, the better we are. Our goal for the coming year is to grow deeper in prayer for our ministry, what it means, what we are doing and why we are doing it. Come join us.



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."
Corinthians 1:3-4

Visit recently with Scotti McCulloch.

Front left to right: Delinda Mauney, Jeanette Hauck, Scotti McCulloch, Michelle Hairyes, Aarene Reese, Missy Withers, Judy Watson, Judy Stewart, Jane Fulbright, Pat Price, Jane Mayhew and Juanita Massey.

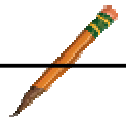
Let's Keep in Touch!!



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ROBOTS

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3	Stephanie Watts	15	Kattie Compton
4	Lucille Billings	16	Jeff West
8	Gaye Pope	21	Mabel Brady
10	Mike Warren	24	Kelly Pugh
12	Scott Graham	27	Frank Emery, III
12	Patti Gryder	27	Kortney Hauck
12	John McClure	27	Melissa Henderson
13	Dylan Pope	27	Shasta Snyder
		30	Kitzi Emery



BIRTHDAYS

The Youth Council is collecting clean, empty soup cans for a future mission's project. These need to be soup-sized cans (Campbell's Condensed Soup type) and not vegetable size cans. If you use condensed soup and can donate a can or two, please place it in the box in the Friendship Class.