

# The Christian Chronicle

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When I was in junior high and high school, it was fashionable to wear large crosses as a sign of your

faith. I had one that was about three inches long with turquoise in-lay (I am fairly certain that it was not genuine turquoise as the chain and the cross after a few months began to turn my neck green). Nearly everyone wore a cross that was always visible. Not so surprisingly, the presence of the cross did nothing to insure Christ like behavior.

This week (mid-July) I heard about the debate going on in South Carolina regarding a vehicle plate bearing a cross against a stained glass window and the phrase "I Believe" below the plate's number. The debate revolves around whether or not the plate would violate the separation of church and state. I will not take a stand one way or the other on that question as part of this debate. Rather I would offer an alternative to the plate.

It will cost \$2000 (paid by the group wanting the plate) to create the master design used to manufacture the plate. It also usually costs a bit more to buy a specialized plate for your car. If this spreads to all the states, it will require \$100,000 just for the masters. I will not speculate on the amount of money spent by individuals to put such a tag on their car.

My question in all of this is wouldn't it be more Christ like to use this amount of money to feed the hungry, quench the thirst of the parched, and clothe the naked? The actions of Christians will speak infinitely louder than any of our words can. If you want people to know you are Christian, get a bumper sticker or a decal. Let your real effort be in action to serve the most in need around you.

In the Gospels, Jesus says that where our heart is we will put our treasure. In other words, what we love the most will get the lion's share of our resources. If our real love is in things, then we will decorate our possession with signs of religion. If however, our love is in God and all of Creation, we will seek ways to provide justice and love to all those around us.

I hope and pray that there will be more people who show their faith by caring for their brothers and sisters in Creation than by hanging a plate on their car.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## AUGUST ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in the month of August are: Elders – Denny & Brenda McReynolds and Deacons – Kody Campbell, Evelyn Carroll, Scott Nolde, & Fran Rutherford.

## CMF BREAKFAST

The CMF monthly breakfast will meet again on September 6<sup>th</sup>.



NURSERY WORKERS

## AUGUST NURSERY WORKERS

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| Aug. 3  | Nicole Crofutt  |
| Aug. 10 | Juliet Nolde    |
| Aug. 17 | Gidget Hurlbert |
| Aug. 24 | Jo Smith        |
| Aug. 31 | Mike Hurlbert   |



## Feed My Sheep

Our church helps support the local food pantry with non-perishable food items each month. The food pantry helps about 90 families each week. We have given about 245 pounds so far this year.

Thank you for your support in our church's mission project.

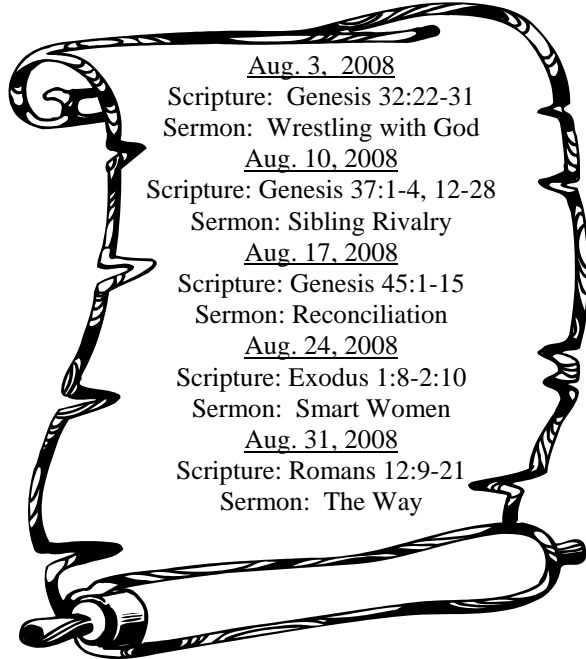
### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our custodian has reported that some of the church doors have been left unlocked several times recently. If you have been working in one of the rooms, please make certain that you have locked that door when you leave. This is very important to our church's security. Thank you.



### LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Ole' Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Bill & Imogene Bartoe, Keith & Glenda Ewert, Lonnie & Margaret Hicks, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Evelyn Hawkins, Winona Smith, Juanita Gunnin, Darrell Vandervort and Christopher & David Von Almen. We really missed some of our regulars and hope that they will be able to join us again very soon. Our next gathering will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Ole Times Country Buffet.



Aug. 3, 2008

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31  
Sermon: Wrestling with God

Aug. 10, 2008

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Sermon: Sibling Rivalry

Aug. 17, 2008

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15  
Sermon: Reconciliation

Aug. 24, 2008

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Sermon: Smart Women

Aug. 31, 2008

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21  
Sermon: The Way



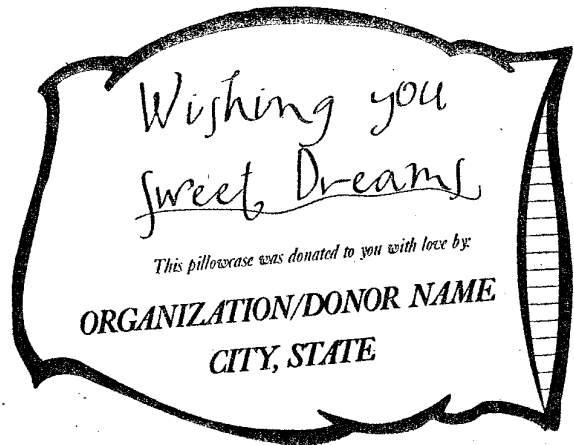
### SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Sanitary Napkins (all sizes)
- Allergy Medication for adults & children
- Pain Medication
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Desinfectants such as Lysol
- Volunteers



### CWF GRACE GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.



Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Ministry has donated over 5,500 pillowcases in the last several years to Egleston/Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta, The Children's Hospital in Macon, and to Shrine Children's Hospitals nationwide. The Georgia Christian Women's Fellowship is making this a project for all CWF groups to help make more pillowcases available to the hospitals. If you would like to bring some cheer and comfort to children away from home receiving medical treatment, you can be part of this project. The pillowcases must be new and unwashed. They can be colorful, in a variety of patterns for both boys and girls of all ages. They may be embroidered, but cannot have anything glued on them. If you sew, about 1 yard of 45" wide material will make one standard size pillowcase. Our church will be collecting these pillowcases and in October our CWF ladies will take them to Retreat to be distributed. There is a red box labeled Pillowcase Project in the Fellowship Hall where you can put your donated pillowcases. Thank



### CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

- Toilet Paper
- Foam rectangular divided plates

you for your help in this very special project for children.

If anyone would like to donate to this project and does not like to sew, you may buy one yard of material suitable for kids for each pillowcase and give it to Sharon Kay and she will sew them. Please don't wait until Sept. or she may not have time to get them sewn.

## JUDAS ASPARAGUS

This is priceless...enjoy (Please notice Spelling.)

A child was told to write a book report on the entire Bible. This is amazing and brought tears to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children understand what we are teaching???

Through the eyes of a child – Children's Bible in a nutshell.

"In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world."

"He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something."

"One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check."

"After Noah, came Abraham, Isaac, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat."

"Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave him His Top Ten Commandments. These include don't lie, cheat,

smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother."

"One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town."

"After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me."

"After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed upon the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them."

"After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a born, too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

"During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him."

"Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to Some Germans on the Mount. But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead."

"Any ways, Jesus died for our sins, and then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution."









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## SOME WORDS TO LIVE BY

- **Read more books and watch less TV.**
- **Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you'd like.**
- **When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"**
- **Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.**
- **Give people more than they expect, and do so cheerfully.**

*From Ann Landers*

# August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 <b>Bill Daviss</b>	 <b>Taylor Hicks</b> <b>Kathy Lawson</b>
3	4 Board Meeting 7:00	5 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00	6 Choir Practice 7:00	7  <b>Denny &amp; Brenda McReynolds</b>	8	9  <b>Wedding for Megan Harper and Christopher Von Almen</b>
10	11	12 <b>Bill Bartoe</b> 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00	13 Lunch Bunch 2:00 Choir Practice 7:00	14	15	16
17 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 <b>John Wilkinson</b>	18  <b>Ben &amp; Doreen Campbell</b>	19 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00	20 <u>Newsletter articles</u> Choir Practice 7:00 <b>Joe Lombardo</b> <b>Stephen Harper</b>	21	22	23  <b>Sara Hebenstreit</b>
24 <b>Vesta Wilkinson</b> <b>Grace Jordan</b>	25 <b>Irv Shaw</b> 	26 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 <b>David Von Almen</b>	27 Facilities Mtg. 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 <b>Tom &amp; Linda Gilmer</b>	28 CWF Mary & Mart 7:00 <b>Mike &amp; Mary Jane Rogers</b>	29  <b>Shannon Bosarge</b>	30
31  <b>"Feed My Sheep"</b> Sunday						

# GROWING GOOD CORN

There was a Nebraska farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon.

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir", said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves. So it is in other dimensions. Those who choose to be at peace must help their neighbors to be at peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: If we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

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