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When I was in high school chemistry, a friend and I asked the teacher if we could do an extra credit lab. We wanted to combine nitrogen and glycerin; and make nitroglycerin. Needless to say, the teacher said "no", with great enthusiasm. As parents we have all been asked by our children for things that they wanted but would not be either good or necessary for them to have. As adults, we realize that sometimes there are more important things to give than merely what someone asks to receive.

For the last several years we have participated in Franklin Graham's "Shoebox Christmas" program. This ministry provides boxes of gifts to needy children and evangelizes to their communities. This is a worthy program. However, is there a way to provide a longer term witness to the heart of Christianity? Is there a way to give to needy families that would last longer and provide greater hope not just to the children, but also to their entire family?

Heifer International began when its founder, Dan West, was providing cups of milk to hungry children during the Spanish-American War. As he gave out the milk rations, he realized that these children needed more than a small cup of milk; they needed a cow. He went home and arranged for the shipment of cows to hungry people. In 1944, the first shipment of heifers went to Puerto Rico. He decided on sending heifers with the stipulation that the family who received the cow would give someone else in their community the female offspring of that cow. In this way, not only would one family have a source of food and income, but it would extend to others in the community and thus the gift would multiply.

What has this to do with our church? Let me paint a picture. We have sent an average of 25 shoeboxes over the past several years. Assuming that we spend \$20 packing and shipping these boxes, we invest \$500 in providing a gift that will provide only a short term benefit. For that same \$500 our congregation can send a cow to a hungry family and start a chain of gifts that benefit and feed more than just one family.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the Shoebox Christmas may do so; we have shoeboxes at the church for that. I would like to suggest that we attempt to raise enough money to buy a heifer through Heifer International. If you want to investigate this charity go to www.heifer.org. I have a musical box in the shape of a cow, not to promote Mr. Cathy's business, but it could be a focal point, especially for children to get them involved. After all, how often have you told someone you bought a cow for a Christmas gift?

This Christmas, let's truly act in the spirit of God by giving gifts that reach out and feed not only an individual, but as a community. Let us feed Jesus' lambs.

Shalom, *Darrell*

PASTOR ARRESTED for a good cause.



Darrell is to be arrested for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on November 9th. He will be incarcerated at the Outback Steakhouse. Donations for his \$2,400 bail can be given to Darrell or pledged through the MDA website.

NOV. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in Nov. are: Elders: Charlie & Sara Hebenstreit and Deacons: Jessica Hebenstreit, Mitchell Thompson, Kyle McReynolds and Dawn McReynolds.



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on Oct. 13th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Carl Shaw, Billie Milliken, Lois Crawford, Ruth Griffith, Juanita Gunnin, Corey Gunnin, Winona Smith and Lillian Perry. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on Nov. 10th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY November 12-13, 2010

This year's Georgia Regional Assembly will be held at Macon First on Nov. 12th and 13th. We have the opportunity to join the St. Andrew congregation to help Macon First in hosting the assembly. Our congregation has been asked to provide child care for the weekend if registrations indicate there is a need. We have also been asked to provide and host a light reception on Saturday morning before the sessions begin. Please contact Sara Hebenstreit if you want to help in any way.



CFW GRACE

The CFW Grace Group met on Oct. 21st. There were nine ladies attending. Brenda McReynolds gave a program about Women's Retreat. \$1,000 was given in the silent auction. Our church sent 16 pillow cases to be given to Scottish Rite/Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta. We decided to wait until January to start working on more pillow cases.

November 20th is the date for the CFW Grace Group's annual Bazaar. We will have a craft and sewing area, along with a baked goods area. As with last year we will include a yard sale. (We'll ask you to bring your yard sale items Sunday, Nov. 14 after the Fellowship Dinner thru Wed., Nov. 17th.) This is our main money maker, and the funds are used to

support our church, local missions as well as world wide missions. If you have a special thing you make, bake cook etc., please consider making something extra to donate to our sale. In other words, we need YOU! It is a lot of work, but always a lot of fun, and we hope you'll plan to attend – 8 AM-2PM



CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF breakfast resumed on Oct. 2nd. There were eleven men and women attending. A big thank you goes to those who stayed to help with the yard work and to clean out some unwanted stuff. We will not meet in November.

UPCOMING EVENTS



On November 7, 2010, the Chi Rho and CYF will open Big Al's Diner in the fellowship hall from 5-8 p.m. We will offer a menu of burgers and barbeque and hand-cut fries. Come and take a trip down memory lane and enjoy the 1950's again. Find your poodle skirts and penny loafers and help the youth prepare for the Youth-a-palooza.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Nov. 7	Juliet Nolde
Nov. 14	Jo Smith
Nov. 21	Gidget Hurlbert
Nov. 28	Mike Hurlbert

HEARTS TO HEROES

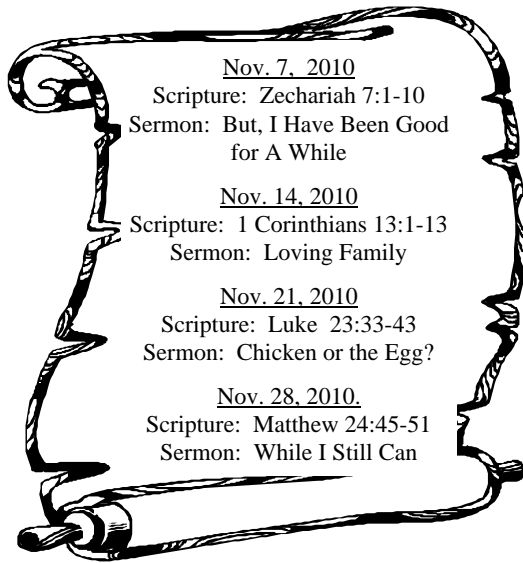
If you bring items for Hearts to Heroes, please put them in the Narthex. If the items are for the Safe House, Feed My Sheep or the church pantry, PLEASE label the items and leave them in the Fellowship Hall.

Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!

Example:	Church Pantry
	Local Food Pantry
	Safe House
	Hearts to Heroes

Church Pantry Needs

Paper towels	Toilet Paper
Large divided foam plates	Dessert plates
39 gal. Trash bags	
18-20 oz. red cold cups	



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Cleaning Supplies	Diapers size 3
Paper towels	Toilet Paper
Bath towels	Twin blankets



FALL FESTIVAL

The CCF had their Fall Festival on Oct. 24th. Seventeen children and eight adults went to Lane Packing Co. and walked through the corn maze and went on a hay ride around the farm. They then returned to the church and ate hot dogs with all the trimmings and had some treats. A good time was had by everyone who attended. The CCF would like to thank Beth Bickley, Mike Rogers and Darrell Vandervort for their help with the food.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

(a story for the children)

On the fourth Thursday of Nov., Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday honoring the early settlers and their harvest feast known as the first Thanksgiving.

Long before settlers came to the east coast of the United States, the area was inhabited by many Native American tribes. The "first Thanksgiving site" is now known as southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island. It had been the home of the Wampanoag people for over 12,000 years. The native people knew the land well and had fished, hunted, and harvested for thousands of generations.

The people who came to the Plymouth Colony were a group of English Protestants who wanted to break away from the Church of England. Finally they got funding from English merchants to sail across the Atlantic Ocean to settle in the "New World". A ship full of 101 men, women and children

spent 66 days traveling across the ocean. Due to windy conditions, they had to cut their trip to what is now New York City, and settle on what is now Cape Cod.

The Puritans knew that winter was coming and decided to gather provisions. They took anything they could find, including Wampanoag supplies. The Wampanoag kept a close watch on them and thought they were a disrespectful bunch for stealing all their goods.

One day Squanto visited the new Americans. He helped them grow corn and use fish to fertilize their fields. In 1621 they agreed to protect each other from other tribes. One day the Wampanoag people heard gunshots & thought the new people might be preparing for war, but the settlers were just hunting food for their harvest feast.

Massasoit, the leader of the Wampanoag people sent some of his own men to hunt deer for the feast, and for three days, the Indians & English ate together. The meal consisted of deer, corn, shellfish and roasted meat. They played ball games, sang, and danced. They may have eaten both turkey and pumpkin, but those foods were not the main part of their meal. Much of what modern Americans eat on Thanksgiving was not available in 1621.


Believe it or not, the settlers didn't have silver buckles on their shoes, nor did they wear black, somber clothing. Their attire was actually bright and cheerful. Many pictures of this harvest celebration also show the Native Americans wearing woven blankets and large, feathered headdresses. This is not true. The Englishmen didn't even call themselves "Pilgrims."

In the 19th century, the modern Thanksgiving holiday started to take shape. In 1846 Sara Hale campaigned for an annual national thanksgiving holiday. It wasn't until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared two national Thanksgivings; one in August to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg and the other in November to give thanks for "general blessings."

The peace between the Native Americans and the settlers lasted for only a generation. The Wampanoag people do not share in the popular reference for the traditional New England Thanksgiving. For them, the holiday is a reminder of betrayal and bloodshed. Since 1970, many native people have gathered at the statue of Massasoit in Plymouth, Massachusetts each Thanksgiving Day and hold a vigil to remember their ancestors and the strength of the Wampanoag people.

(Text adapted from *1621 A New Look at Thanksgiving* by Catherine O'Neill Grace and Margaret M. Bruchac with Plimoth Plantation, 2001, National Geographic Society..

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Randy Bickley</i> <i>Darrell Vandervort</i>	2 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	3	4	5	6 <i>Lois Crawford</i>
7 Chi Rho/CYF Big Al's Diner 5:00-8:00	8 Cab. & Board Mtg. 6:45 & 7:30 <i>Kris Campbell</i>	9 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Levi Cook</i>	10 2:00 Lunch Bunch	11	12	13 <i>Joan Marshall</i>
14 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 (May bring your yard sale items) <i>Ethan Thompson</i>	15 May bring yard sale items <i>Judy Cooper</i> <i>Lillian Staub</i>	16 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 (May bring items)	17 (May bring your yard sale items) <i>Scott Nolde</i>	18 CWF Grace 7:00 <i>Tommy Marshall</i>	19	20 CWF Yard Sale Bake Sale Christmas Bazaar 8:00-2:00 <i>Kyle Campbell</i>
21 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	22 <i>Chuck & Angie Hebenstreit</i>	23 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Phyllis Fitzpatrick</i>	24	25 	26 <i>Savanna Scissons</i>	27
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BURNT BISCUITS

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed. Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite.

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides, a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things...and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others faults, and choosing to celebrate each others differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today; that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker.

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket – keep it in your own."

Author Unknown

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