



“TIDINGS”



October 2011



CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING NOVEMBER 13



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Church Council has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday Team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

HFUMC Church Council Chairperson, Charles Shreve



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A LOOK AT OCTOBER WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. - Traditional Service - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. - Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - The Back Porch - Robison Hall

October 2 - Message: The Kingdom of Heaven: The Unmerciful Servant
Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

October 9 - Message: The Kingdom of Heaven: The Tenants
Scripture: Matthew 21:33-44

October 16 - Message: The Kingdom of Heaven: The Wedding Feast
Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

October 23 - Message: The Kingdom of Heaven: The Ten Virgins
Scripture: Matthew 25: 1-13

October 30 - Message: The Kingdom of Heaven: The Sheep and the Goats
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

“WHAT IS WORSHIP?” Pastor Derek

I waited patiently for the Lord;
He turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
Psalm 40:1-3

This is one of my favorite passages of Scripture. The writer expresses with such power what God has done for him and can do for all of us. I believe that this passage captures what meeting with God in worship should be about. I have several hopes in mind whenever God's people gather for worship in His house. First, worship is waiting for the Lord. We come to listen to Him and His promptings. We come to patiently receive from Him what He has in store for us. Worship means waiting for His lead, and then following Him.

Second, worship is an opportunity to cry out to God and to be heard by Him. God's house is a house of prayer. When we come to worship, we cry out of the deepest longings of the human heart for God's presence, for God's movement, for His healing and strength and direction. As we cry out, He turns to us and hears us.

Third, worship is an encounter with the God who lifts us out of our current state – out of the slimy pit – out of the mud and mire. Things need not stay the same in our lives. We come to be changed. We come to be healed of our addictive penchant for going our own destructive way. We come because life can be better through the lifting power of God. (continued on next page).

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12:00 - 1:00

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Please submit articles to the church office by email or in person no later than the 20th of the month.

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WHAT IS WORSHIP - (continued)

Fourth, we come to worship in order to have a firm place to stand. He provides the foundation for living a new life in Him. He provides new direction – a Rock which stands the test of time. We are without hope when left to ourselves, but He gives us the strength and grace to live as His obedient children.

Fifth, He puts a new song into our mouths. We come to praise God – not just following a routine every Sunday – but with creativity and passion. We come to worship putting all of the gifts He has given us at His disposal. When we sing a new song, we give witness that God is still among us – He still cares for us – He still shows up to make a difference in our lives now.

Finally, worship has an evangelistic quality. Many will see and fear and put their trust in God because they see through authentic worship what it means to know God and live for Him. They can see that God has saved us – has lifted us – has given us a place to stand. They come in order that the same thing might happen for them. They put their trust in God because of the way they see God working in our lives.

One of the challenges our church faces is that people in the two worship services don't cross paths with one another nearly enough. With that in mind, we are putting plans in place to have certain Sundays when we all worship together. The first of these opportunities will happen on November 13th, which will be Consecration Sunday. The second time for corporate worship will be on Christmas Day. (Did you know that Christmas falls on Sunday this year?) In addition to these, we will be worshipping together every fifth Sunday during 2012. The months when this will happen will be January, April, July, September, and December.

We serve an awesome God who has loved us with a love beyond all bounds. Worship is loving praise to Him, thanking Him for what He has already done, expecting Him to move in us and through us even more, bringing others to Him. May it be so! Pastor Derek

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On September 4, 2011, Molly Sue Vance was baptized at the 9:00 a.m. service. Her parents are Adam and Haley Vance. **“Let the little children come to me for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs”.**
Mark 10:14.



OUR FRIENDS AT HOME

Sally Barrere	Mary Levo
Joan DeHaas	Paulette Martin
Jean Head	Janice Saunders
Mary Hiestand	Mary Wharton
Jim Hapner	Katie Wilkin
Paul and Janie Johnson	Jean Wilson



OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES

Heartland/Hillsboro - Wanda Bridges, Allen Frump

Laurels/Hillsboro - Kathy McCarren,
John and JoAnne Walker, Walt Garman

Crestwood/Hillsboro - Bill & Shirley Conley

Xenia - Marjorie McCreight

West Union - Jean Sapp

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AUGUST 2011

The spirit of last year's Consecration Sunday continued through August with giving 37%, or still close to \$58,000 ahead of our giving through July of 2010. We did not experience this level of giving until the middle of November of 2010. The commitments made during last Fall's Consecration Sunday program continue to be exceeded. Expenses through August are tracking slightly under the 2011 budget and when coupled with our receipts give us a YTD "gain" of close to \$24,000. This positive financial performance is expected to continue for the remainder of the year. However, our "gains" will decrease as we begin to incur the expenses associated with the new programs we've been able to undertake over the past several months. Our major initiative was the establishment of the full time position of Discipleship Coordinator with the addition of Jarrod Weiss to our staff. This is already having a positive impact on our youth ministries.

Our planning cycle for the 2012 Budget has begun with the advent of the Consecration Sunday planning and the Financial Secretary's call for all Responsible Unit Chairs to submit preliminary plans and budgets by the end of October. These plans should not only document ongoing programs but identify "stretch" efforts that could be considered.

Tom Watkins - Chair Finance Committee



ACOLYTES

- 10/2 Faye Wooden
- 10/9 Rachel Rudy and Spencer Rudy
- 10/16 Ty Alexander
- 10/23 Faye Wooden
- 10/30 Rachel Rudy and Spencer Rudy



SCRIPTURE READING - 9:00 AM

- 10/2 Tom Watkins
- 10/9 Shannon Ferrell
- 10/16 Katie Wharton
- 10/23 Sandy Barger
- 10/30 Opal Armstrong



ALTAR FLOWERS

- 10/2
- 10/9
- 10/16 Betty Powell
- 10/23 The Wooden Family
- 10/30



SOUND SYSTEM - 9:00 AM

Craig Burton



USHERS

Larry Dukes (Captain), Ray Erickson, Pat Meranda, Ron Tillis, Jeff Wood



CARE & CONCERN

Judy Ferguson: 927-5709



VIDEO TAPING - 9:00 AM

Don Edenfield and Steve Wilkin



COFFEE/HOSPITALITY

- 10/2
- 10/9 Jill Yochum
- 10/16
- 10/23 Don and Peggy Edwards
- 10/30 Dan and Kristin Walker

SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Bar soap is the collection item for Samaritan Outreach for October. Collection boxes are in Hiestand Hall for all of our donation items.



COMMUNION - HOME

- 10/2 Waldo and Judy Ferguson
Bob and Donna Armstrong
Donna Summers and Pat Meranda

Communion Stewards: Jean McKenzie, Yvonne Tillis

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Acolytes	Leslie Lerch	288-9808
Altar Flowers	Church Office	393-2981
Care and Concern	Suzanne Devore	288-2352
Greeters	Ruth West	764-1176
Greeters/Chapel Woods	Jolene Walker	393-4716
Home Communion	Donna Summers	393-9676
Hospitality - 9 am	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Hospitality - 11 am	Warren Bridges	575-8196
Liturgist	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Nursery	Barb Colthar	393-4194
Our Daily Bread	Anna Spilker	402-4543
Saturday Soup/Sand.	Anna Spilker	402-4543
Scripture Readers	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Ushers	Bob Hodson	
Website	Mike McCarty	393-1006



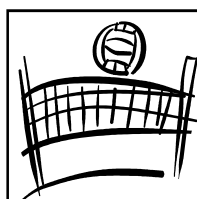
GREETERS

- 10/2 Dan and Jenny Grieshaber, Pat Roads
- 10/9 Waldo and Judy Ferguson, Pat Roads
- 10/16 Don and Peggy Edwards, Pat Roads
- 10/23 Ray and Jolene Walker, Pat Roads
- 10/30 Jeff and Maureen Wood, Pat Roads



LITURGIST

- 10/2 Martha Watkins
- 10/9 Pat Meranda
- 10/16 Marvin Hakes
- 10/23 Maggi Horst
- 10/30 Judy Ferguson



ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Adult Volleyball will begin the first Monday in October at 7:15 p.m. in Robison Hall. If you are interested in playing, please join us!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Sue Frump
 10/2 McKenzie Gaines
 10/4 Nedra Jandes
 10/7 Leah Vance
 10/8 Pam Pinney
 10/9 William Alexander
 10/9 Kathy Levo
 10/9 Megan Pence
 10/10 Danielle Thompson
 10/10 Don Wise
 10/11 Ray Erickson
 10/12 Judy Falk
 10/12 Ken Kisling
 10/12 Meredith Oglesby
 10/13 Jane Graves
 10/13 Ryan Marler
 10/13 Joshua Rudy
 10/14 Ed Hiestand
 10/15 Shawn Crandell
 10/16 Scott Miller
 10/18 Elizabeth Barger
 10/18 Alice Evans
 10/19 Katie Wharton
 10/21 Mark Ferrell
 10/23 Maxine Kratzer
 10/23 Amanda Price
 10/23 Allee Thompson
 10/25 Faye Wooden
 10/26 Douglas Henry
 10/28 Jesse Current
 10/28 Arlis Guyer
 10/28 Kathy Rhoads
 10/31 Brandon Lieurance



THANK YOU

We are grateful to our church family for the cards and prayers during the death of my sister. We had a safe trip to and from Iowa for her services. We are blest to be a part of such a caring community. God Bless. Opal and Glenn Armstrong

Thank you to Pastor Ronald Hill and his wife for leading our worship service on September 11th.

Operation Christmas Child Thanks You! On Saturday, August 27th, 24 willing workers came together with colorful wrapping paper, scissors and tape, and wrapped 300 shoe boxes for the ministry. Many hands made lighter the work, and it was a wonderful day of sharing in ministry, food and fellowship. Thank you to all volunteers.

A very special thanks to our church family. Your visits, cards and prayers have really put a smile on Allen's face. You are truly great. Allen and Sue Frump

Greetings! I am Kathy Copas, a member of HFUMC. I received a scholarship, and I just wanted to let you know about how I used the gift and my current Christian activities. As with all things in college, books are very expensive, so I used half of the scholarship to cover this quarter's book costs. The other half of the scholarship is going to miscellaneous fees (parking pass, laundry, printer, paper, utilities). It has been a massive help and is being used efficiently. Even though I cannot come to church as often now, I have joined two Christian Youth groups (and I plan on trying out Athen's Methodist church). I'm not sure which is my favorite yet though. I am a part of Reach Out on Campus whose goal is to glorify Jesus, and I am a part of Young Life which is doing First Year Fellowship now, but then I'll eventually go to local high schools and spread the word of God. In addition, I joined the Arts and Sciences Student Ambassadors which does community service projects. I'm just updating you and letting you know I'm remaining active, but I still miss my church. Thank you, and God bless, Kathy Copas

A big thank you is in order to Bob and Dorothy Hodson, and Don and Peggy Edwards for planning and hosting the HFUMC golf outing on September 20th. About 20 golfers, both seasoned and unseasoned, teed off in a great fellowship building event. Everyone involved had a fantastic time. Thank you Bob, Dorothy, Don and Peggy!

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/7 Don and Sandy Edenfield
 10/9 Paul and Megan Gaines
 10/16 Ozzie and Betty Johnson
 10/21 Daryl and Pam Kelch
 10/24 Larry and Paulette Martin
 10/24 Robert and Marlene Barger
 10/24 Ned and Connie Lewis



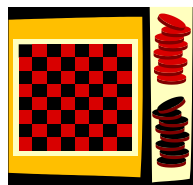
SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Barb Colliver and family. Barb's sister, Pauline Shoemaker, passed away recently.



OCTOBER 2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Special Sundays in the United Methodist Church are intended to be illustrative of the nature and calling of the church and are celebrated annually. Special Sundays are placed on the calendar in the context of the Christian year, which is designed to make clear the calling of the church as the people of God, and to give persons the opportunity of contributing offerings to special programs. World Communion Sunday is one of the six church wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. World Communion Sunday, the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, is a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. As we celebrate this special day, as a body of believers, we join others in grand cathedrals, mud huts, storefronts, hilltops and in meeting houses throughout the world.



OCTOBER 8 - SATURDAY ADULT GAME NIGHT 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

It is time to play games! Adult Game Night will be happening the 2nd Saturday of every month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Come, bring your favorite board game and a side dish to share. All adults are welcome! Place: at the home of the Kerley's, 235 W. Walnut Street, Hillsboro. For more information contact Christy Kerley at 937-402-2059.



OCTOBER 8 - SATURDAY CROP WALK

Come join Church Women United for the Crop Walk at Liberty Park at 2:00 p.m. Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. For information call Debbie Burns at 393-8070.



OCTOBER 3 - MONDAY FREESTORE FOODBANK AT HILLSBORO FIRST

On Monday, October 3rd, the Freestore Foodbank in Cincinnati will have a truck in our church parking lot in the morning to distribute food to those in need. At 9:00 a.m. volunteers are needed to set up tables around the truck, move food from the truck to the tables, and other duties. The foodbank is open from 10:00 a.m. to noon for people to pick up food. Dick Spilker will be taking a trailer to Kroger's to pick up grocery carts. He needs help with the carts. Please call Anna or Dick Spilker at 402-4543 if you can help out.



OCTOBER 23 - SUNDAY FALL HARVEST CARNIVAL 4:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

As the Fall Harvest Carnival quickly approaches, it is exciting to look forward to the entire congregation coming together to serve the children in our community. This annual event will be held on Sunday, October 23rd. Set up and preparation from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event promises a good time of fellowship, food and fun with free hot dogs, pop, games, inflatables, the ever popular cake walk, face painting and much, much more.



OCTOBER 4 - TUESDAY OUR DAILY BREAD

The first Tuesday of every month is HFUMC day at Our Daily Bread. Each month we need eight to nine desserts. Please call Peggy Edwards if you would like to sign up to donate a dessert.

Overheard in a Sunday School Class
"Stacy, does your family say a prayer before each meal?" "No, we don't have to, my mom's a good cook!"

The Fall Harvest Carnival is a free outreach for the children in our community and allows our congregation to show God's love to many people. This event cannot happen without the support from it's members! Beginning October 1st, a sign up table will be in Hiestand Hall where you will be able to sign up for anything from working in the kitchen, to running a game, to baking for the cake walk or simply making a monetary donation. Volunteers range from age 13 on up, and there is a place for everyone to help with this special event. We look forward to serving the children of this community with you and look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact Jarrod Weiss.



OCTOBER 30 - SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The fifth Sunday mission offering on October 30th will be for Operation Christmas Child.



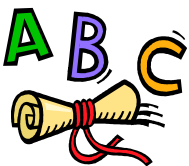
GRACE HOUSE

Grace House, a non-profit housing organization, is seeking prayers and financial assistance to continue to help its residents as they transition to improve their livelihood. The rent for the Grace House is \$660.00 and with other expenditures, the monthly cost is approximately \$1,500.00. Valeta Doorneweerd.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School started a new year on September 18th! Rooms have been transformed and are waiting on your children to participate. We have classes for PreK and grade 1; grades 2 and 3; grades 4 and 5, Middle School grades 6 through 8; and High School grades 9 through 12. All classes start at 10 a.m. in the Sunday School area. We have new rooms, a great curriculum and awesome teachers! Kids, tell mom and dad that you want to go to Sunday School!



WEE CARE PRESCHOOL OPENINGS AVAILABLE

There are a few openings available for pre-school children between the ages of 3 to 5 years old. We are also contracted through CDJFS. Find out if you qualify for financial assistance. For more information call the church office.

THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Did you know . . . the center verse of the Bible is Psalms 118:8 (NRSV) - **“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals.”** What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? (Psalms 117). What is the longest chapter in the Bible? (Psalms 119). There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118, and there are 594 chapters after Psalms 118. Add these numbers up and you get 1188 - Psalms 118:8 ! Allow this to serve as a reminder that God is at the center of our lives.

FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP DESK . . .

Jarrold Weiss

Fall has arrived and Children's and Youth Ministry at Hillsboro First is in full swing. We have a fresh new start to children's Sunday school and the youth are gaining steam each week. If you are a child or a youth we have got something for you!

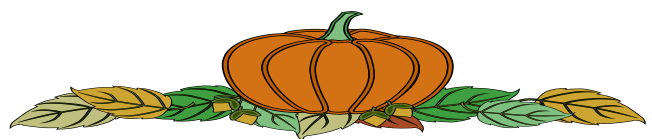
The Sunday School team used a few open days during Fair Week to completely transform all of the Sunday School rooms. It is amazing what some bright paint, a few wall decals, and a lot of elbow grease can do for the feel of our classrooms. Instead of just having “Sunday School Rooms”, our children have three different “themed” rooms to learn about Christ's love. Our Preschool through first graders are now in the “Farm” room, the “Ocean” room is home to our second and third graders, and the fourth and fifth graders meet in the “Jungle” room. The Sunday School area now has a great feel and a new energy, a great place for fellowship and learning. This past Sunday saw our numbers increase from the single digits to well over 30 kids. Our children's ministry is growing!

The middle and high school youth are also flourishing. More than 20 youth each week attend Youth Group Sunday nights and we are seeing a few new faces weekly. In addition to youth group, Pastor Derek began Confirmation classes on September 18th and we had a total of 19 youth attending. This is just incredible and a testament to what God's spirit is doing within our Church. The state of our youth is strong.

Finally, I will be attending the National Youth Worker's Convention in San Diego on September 29th through October 2nd. It is my hope that I will come back with so many great ideas for youth ministry that Derek will have to calm me down! We are doing incredible things in our Children's and Youth ministry and we are doing all we can to create Disciples for Christ. Thank you for all your prayers and support! Jarrod

NOTE: COMPASSION SPONSORS !

Christmas will be here before you know it. October is the month to send Christmas cards and/or gifts to your sponsored child. A small act on your part makes a big impact on your child!





CHOOSING TO FOLLOW JESUS: ONE MUSLIM WOMAN'S STORY

Awa is a housewife living in Burkina Faso. She lives with her husband, Irissa, and their five children in a typical Muslim compound of approximately 50 people. They have lived a difficult life. Awa's husband does small jobs and earns meager wages. He once left the family in search of gold; he worked five years without finding even an ounce. Awa cooks and sells cakes made of millet flour. What she and her husband earn every month is not enough to take good care of their family. The only positive thing Awa could see about their hardship was that she was her husband's only wife. All of the other women living in the compound are married to men with multiple wives. Every cloud has a silver lining, Awa would say, as her husband could not afford to take a second wife.

"I could spend three weeks without any food supply in the house. My salvation was in wandering from place to place asking for help." Awa tried in vain to find help from the Muslim community surrounding her. Although they were living in front of the community mosque, she and her family felt abandoned. Her sorrow was compounded when her younger brother and his wife both passed away, leaving a 6-day-old baby boy in Awa's care. Awa needed to find milk for the baby but could not afford it. She was so depressed by her helplessness that she considered putting an end to her life.

One day she wandered into the local Assemblies of God Central Church to ask for help. "The day I entered the office doors to the child development center and told them my story, workers were with me." Unfortunately, Awa's baby nephew could not be registered because we have not yet established a Child Survival Program in Burkina Faso. But the center workers showed Awa where she could find milk for the baby, and the pastor provided Awa with money to buy milk and other food supplies for her family. After her visit to the center, one of Awa's aunts advised her to give her life to Jesus if she wanted to get out of the mess she was going through. "From that day on, I started going to church on Sundays. Three months later I gave my life to Jesus."

A significant change has occurred in Awa's life since she met Christ. She can now count on God to solve her problems. Just a month after she received Jesus, Awa's little girl Fatimata was registered at the Assemblies of God Central Church Child Development Center. Soon,

someone sponsored Fatimata and Awa considered it a miracle. The turnaround even brought dreams into little Fatimata's heart. She was able to go from worrying about daily food to dreaming about tomorrow. Fatimata would like to be a primary school teacher. Fatimata is in 1st grade and has a gentle spirit. Her mother encourages her to work hard at school to fulfill her dreams. Within two months of her registration, Fatimata's sponsor sent a family gift. It was like manna for the family. Awa used the money to purchase food supplies and a bicycle, and she was also able to restart her business of selling cakes. Some weeks ago the family again received some extra money from Fatimata's sponsor, and Awa used the money to buy provisions. The storm is over for Awa and her family. The time when they were living from hand to mouth is over. Awa is now confident in life and has started praying that her husband would come to know Jesus and give his life to Him.

While the family's livelihood improved dramatically after Fatimata joined the child development center, Awa was not out of the woods yet. Being from a Muslim family, and living in front of the community mosque, her decision to become a Christian was not acceptable among the Muslim community. Recently Awa was summoned to the mosque by religious leaders, who questioned her about her Christian faith. They pressured her husband to give her an ultimatum: give up Christianity or leave the house. But Awa refused to reject her new faith. She told the Muslim leaders, "When I was suffering with my kids under your eyes, no one dared to lend me a hand. Now that the church has saved my life, would I give it up? Never ever." Awa was ready to leave if her husband asked her to. The mosque leaders told her to take a week to think and make up her mind. When Awa met with them a week later, she told them again, "I have decided to follow Jesus and you will not make me change my mind. It is because of Jesus that I am still alive." The Muslim leaders were speechless. They had all witnessed the hardship Awa had gone through with her family and they had never lent her a hand or paid her a visit. They could not stand against her arguments. That was how she obtained freedom to go to church with her kids. Her husband has given up trying to convince her to give up her faith.

As for Awa's daughter Fatimata, she has also changed. She used to be extremely rude, insulting people around her. Since Fatima joined the child development center, a radical change has taken place in her life. (continued on next page).



Fatimata

COMPASSION (continued)

Fatimata has become polite and disciplined; she no longer insults others. She is now the one advising other children not to be rude or insulting. Though Fatimata is a bit shy, she has a gentle spirit. Her mother considers Fatimata her "lucky star." The whole family is benefiting from the spiritual, educational, social and physical help Fatimata receives through the Child Sponsorship Program. Awa and her family are experiencing the difference it makes when someone dares to give his or her life to Jesus. And it takes a lot of courage for a former Muslim woman living in front of her community mosque to give her life to Jesus openly and to take a stand for her faith.

FOR THE CHILDREN

By Lois Anne Williams - The Treasure Hunt, Part 10

"It's going to be a special treasure hunt this week. Each of us gets to hunt for whatever treasure we'd like to give to Rex's brother Cody. It's such fun to get a gift for someone and share God's love with them," Sara said as she and her mother headed to town to do their shopping. "I'd like to look at the books and sketchpads and colored pencils." "Sounds like a good idea. We'll look at those first and see if you find what you'd like to give to Cody," Mother said as she drove into the parking lot and stopped. They climbed from the car and hurried into the store.

Sara saw several good books, but then she found a thick sketchpad and a package with many colored pencils. She took them from the display and showed them to her mother. "These will be great. Cody can draw most anything with this large selection of colors. May we buy these for him?" "You've made a good choice. Cody can spend many hours with that gift. It will help him fill his time as he stays still while other children are actively playing. I'm sure he will like your gift." Sara's mother did not mention that she and Kate's Mom had gone to the Christian Books and Gifts store and bought a children's video and a Bible storybook for Cody. Because they cost more than the children's gifts, they had taken them to Mrs. Nye to put in the box for Cody without telling who had given them.

On Sunday morning Sara joined the others in their classroom where Mrs. Nye gathered all of the gifts together. She began class by asking Joe to introduce his friend. "This is Rex. He came to meet all of you and learn about God. He can tell you how Cody is doing," said Joe. "My parents told me that Cody woke up from his head injury on the day you and your church members

learned about his accident and began praying for him. They said God heard your prayers and He is helping my brother get well. When Cody is able to come, my parents will bring us to Sunday School and Worship Service. Until then, I'll come with Joe. Thank you for praying for Cody."

Everyone welcomed Rex. They helped him find the Bible lesson in their books and learn the songs they sang. Then Mrs. Nye showed the boys and girls each of the gifts they had brought for Cody. There were Hot Wheels cars and trucks, a jigsaw puzzle, several books, a book of animals to color and a box of crayons, a child's puzzle and activity book, the sketchpad and colored pencils. Mrs. Nye said, "Some adults have given a Christian video, a Bible storybook and a music CD of songs like we sing in Sunday School. I brought paper for us to wrap each gift and tie a ribbon to it. We'll put the gifts in the box and let the ribbons come over the top of the box. He can choose a ribbon and his Mom or Dad can lift the lid and take out the gift for that day. Cody will have a gift each day to help him fill the time."

"Everyone was excited as they each wrapped a gift. "Don't tell Cody what these are," Joe told his friend. "I promise I won't," Rex declared. When the gifts were wrapped and put into the box, Mrs. Nye said a closing prayer and then handed out the clue for the coming week's treasure hunt. Everyone, including Rex, was eager to read the clue. (to be continued).

SIGNS FROM GOD

As seen on billboards, church lawn signs
and bulletin boards nationwide.

"THAT 'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR'
THING ? I MEANT THAT"
- GOD

MY SOUL HAS HAD ENOUGH
CHICKEN SOUP. IT WANTS
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"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10: 13-15 NLT

Shoe boxes have been accumulating over the summer. The time to fill the boxes and share the Good News of Jesus is here. We are the hands and feet of Jesus as we fill the boxes. It is simple. It is easy.

PLEASE TAKE A SHOE BOX. Wrapped shoe boxes are available on the table in the rear entry of the church. You may wrap your own box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

BOY OR GIRL? Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Labels are available on the "How to Pack a Box" brochure. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

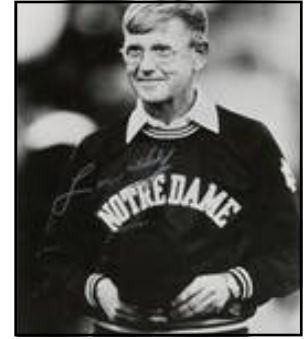
FILL WITH GIFTS. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the brochure.

INCLUDE YOUR DONATION. Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using the EZGIVE option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

ADD A NOTE AND PRAYERS. Add a message from you, along with your prayers that God will touch the child's heart.

DROP OFF. Return the box to the church by November 7th. National Collection week is November 15th through November 22nd.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL? TRUTHS AND WISDOM OF THE GAME BY THE EXPERTS



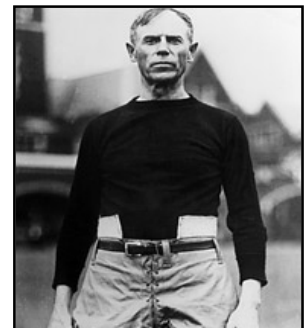
"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it."

"Motivation is simple. You eliminate those who are not motivated." Lou Holtz, Norte Dame



"It isn't necessary to see a good tackle, you can hear it!

"I've found that prayers work best when you have big players." Knute Rockne, Notre Dame



"Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to fumble this football." John Heisman, Georgia Tech



"I make my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game."

"If you want to walk the heavenly streets of gold you gotta know the password, "Roll, tide, roll!" Bear Bryant, Alabama



"I don't expect to win enough games to be put on NCAA probation. I just want to win enough to warrant an investigation." Bob Devaney, Nebraska



Success isn't measured by money or power or social rank. Success is measured by your discipline and inner peace. Mike Ditka, Chicago Bears



Leadership is a matter of having people look at you and gain confidence, seeing how you react. If you're in control, they're in control.

When you want to win a game, you have to teach. When you lose a game, you have to learn. Tom Landry, Dallas Cowboys



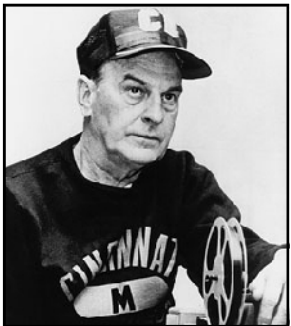
When you win, nothing hurts." Joe Namath, Alabama / New York Jets



"I've had smarter people around me all my life, but I haven't run into one yet that can outwork me. And if they can't outwork you, then smarts aren't going to do them much good. That's just way it is. And if you believe that and live by it, you'd be surprised at how much fun you can have."

"I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying."

"You can never pay back, but you can always pay forward." Woody Hayes, Ohio State



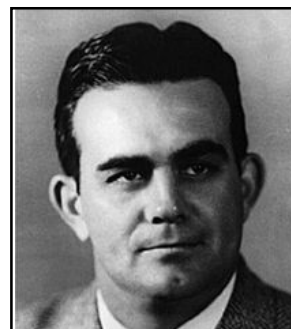
When you win, say nothing. When you lose, say less. Paul Brown, Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals



"If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?" Vince Lombardi, Green Bay Packers

It's the name on the front of the jersey that matters most, not the one on the back. Joe Paterno, Penn State

"Football is not a contact sport, it is a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport." Duffy Daugherty, Michigan State



"My advice to defensive players: Take the shortest route to the ball and arrive in a bad humor." Bowen Wyatt, Tennessee



"Always remember Goliath was a 40 point favorite over David." Shug Jordan, Auburn



If a man watches three football games in a row, he should be declared legally dead!

Erma Bombeck



"A successful coach needs a patient wife, loyal dog, and great quarterback, and not necessarily in that order." Bud Grant, Minnesota Vikings

You have to play this game like somebody just hit your mother with a two-by-four. Dan Birdwell, Oakland Raiders (no photo)

"The reason women don't play football is because eleven of them would never wear the same outfit in public."

Phyllis Diller





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