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From The Pastor's Study

Any organization that forgets why it exists is headed for trouble. The horrible cover up at Penn State is the most recent example of an institution that allowed a profit center (football) to become so powerful that it became more important than educating students and protecting children. I admit that watching my Alma Mater reach the Final Four in college basketball two years ago was a great thrill. But if VCU ever sacrifices its primary purpose of education to win a game, it has failed me and all of those who went there to learn. Educators are sounding the alarm our universities must re-evaluate their priorities so that education can once again become the reason these great institutions exist.

Colleges are not the only institutions struggling to stay focused on why they exist. Our political system is rigged to hear the few who are rich louder than the majority who are middle class or poor, the greed of banks nearly destroyed our economy a few years ago, and the Roman Catholic church has struggled with the cover up of child abuse by priests. Protestants are also guilty. Churches build bigger and more elaborate campuses with professional chefs, comfortable auditoriums, and large parking lots for the upwardly religious. The clergy are pressured to

speak messages that only affirm the comfortable status of their congregation so they don't offend the ones who give the money that keeps it all going. The message of Jesus gets domesticated into a feel good way of grabbing more for ourselves and the cross becomes difficult to find in either the message or the building.

Every organization must remind itself why it exists or it will lose its way to the money and power that seeks to gain control of every institution. For Christians, the reason we exist is always found in the life and message of Jesus. Perhaps each church should have these words start every meeting where decisions are made, "Those who seek their life will lose it, those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

On the journey together,

Greg

Did You Know?

That God blessed our PASSPORT team and blessed others through them?

That the Concord Association Revival will feature three music groups?

That ARISE will celebrate its third anniversary in October?

We are reaching out to Clarksville Elementary School through the Backpack Buddies program?

The CBC RoadRunners will be back on the road in September?

That there is something to be thankful for in every day?



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Ministry & Mission

Being Baptist: Traditions and Doctrines of The Baptist Faith

The colors that adorn the pulpit and communion table change during the year and signify different meanings.

Purple: Used during Advent and Lent to signify repentance..

Green: Used during the time after Pentecost to signify growth.

White: Used during Easter and Christmas to signify new beginnings and holiness.

Red: Used on Pentecost Sunday, Good Friday and Palm Sunday to signify sacrifice

Thinking Theology: What Those Words Mean

Ordinance: A rite that is a memorial act or an act of obedience. Baptists have two ordinances, The Lord's Supper and Baptism.

Narthex: The entryway or vestibule of a church.

Logos: A Greek word for "word" or "reason." In Christian theology it refers to the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. (See John 1)

Got a term you hear in church but wonder what it really means? Send Pastor Greg a note and he will feature it in an upcoming Thinking Theology.

Journey Through The Gospels

The four Gospels are the foundational documents of our faith. During 2012 we are reading through the Gospels together, and during the month of August we will be reading Luke 9-16. Take a few minutes and read with us, and join us at 7:00 pm on August 23rd for our group discussion.

Mission Sparks Back To School Pool Party

Children 1st-5th grade are invited to Kinderton Country Club pool for a pool party!

8/26/12 from 2:00pm-4:00pm

For questions please see Alyson Elliott, Kathy Barretta, Sheila Shanklin, Heather Tuck, or Stephanie Gordon.

CBC Camp Concord Day Camp Friday, August 17th from 9-3

The Children's Committee invites children in grades 1-5 to Camp Concord for a day of crafts, Bible study, music, and games. We will provide lunch and snacks. It is going to be great fun! Bring a friend!

We need adult and youth helpers to make this year another great success. If you are able to help for the day or any part of the day, please let us know.

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Newsworthy

From The Last Quarterly Business Meeting

The church voted to replace the air conditioning unit in the fellowship hall using funds from the Capital Replacement Fund.

Mark Your Calendar!

No Adult Wednesday Night Bible Study during the month of August.

August 17: Children's Day at Camp Concord

August 26: Children's Pool Party at Kinderton Country Club

August 27: Deacon's Meeting

September 3: Labor Day, church office closed

September 6: MCC Meeting

September 14-16: Concord Association Revival at CBC

September 16: CBC Ministry Fair

Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many years. They had shared all kinds of activities and trips together. Lately, their activities were limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, while playing cards, one looked at the other and said..."now don't get mad at me, we've been friends for years but I can't remember your name... I've tried but just cannot think of it...please tell me your name". Her friend looked at her, waited a minute or two and finally said, "how soon do you need to know"!!!

Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

I saw the mushroom this morning. It was just far enough off the beaten path so as not to be trod upon, but close enough to catch my attention. It was as though someone had carefully placed it so that its life would enlighten everyone who took time to reflect on its existence. A simple mushroom created by Your hand caught my eye and so it was that I felt led by Your grace to that place at that time. It was large in diameter and I thought it was a near perfect specimen had it not been for the imperfections at the edges; imperfections no doubt caused by falling twigs, rain or curious squirrels. I wondered why You would sanction such ruin on this splendid mushroom. Beneath its velvety folds I spied a smaller mushroom. It was beautiful in shape, its stem sturdy and straight and not a blemish to be seen on its cap. Beneath the canopy of the larger mushroom, it was sheltered but I know what comes next. That small mushroom will grow



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Recipe Box

and push against its protector. It will grow and believe itself stronger than the blemished mushroom. It will come to believe it no longer needs the shelter offered and will feel smothered and resentful. It will push harder, ripping at the larger mushroom's canopy destroying it and laying it to waste. And when the first falling twig cuts its edge, when the first raindrops pelt its canopy and the curious squirrel takes a nibble, it will yearn once again for the shelter offered by that once larger mushroom. Forgive me, Father, for forgetting You are my protection. You are my shelter. In You there is comfort and your love will never fail. Our sins stained your hands and feet, yet it is easy to forget Your sacrifice. It is easy to believe we are stronger and no longer need your loving shelter. A mushroom; a simple little mushroom carefully placed off the beaten path holds such wisdom for anyone willing to reflect on its existence. You are, indeed, everywhere.

BERRY FOOL

**1 pound strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, or blueberries
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon lemon juice
3 cups heavy cream (or 5 – 6 cups Cool Whip)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract**

Pick over berries, discarding those that are bruised or moldy: remove strawberry hulls or stems from other berries.

Place fresh fruit in a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan and cook over low heat until berries are soft and mushy. Use the back of a large spoon to mash the fruit and extract more juice.

Add the sugar and lemon juice and cook a few minutes more, until sugar is dissolved. Using a blender, food mill, or fine-meshed sieve, puree the fruit. Refrigerate until well chilled.

Beat the cream in a large bowl until it forms stiff peaks; then add the vanilla.

Use a spatula to fold the chilled, pureed berries into the whipped cream. Fold slowly and carefully until ribbons of color – a marbled appearance – is achieved. Serve immediately in parfait glasses or small glass bowls.

(The sauce is good on pancakes, waffles, or ice cream.)



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>Note* Every Sunday 9:00 ARISE 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</i> | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 <i>6:30 Youth Committee Meeting</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 <i>7:00 WHM Meeting</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>Children's Camp Concord Day</i> | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 <i>Emily Randall's Birthday</i>  | 23 <i>7:00 Gospel Study</i> | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 <i>7:00 Deacon's Meeting</i> | 28 | 29 <i>Matthew Randall's Birthday</i>  | 30 | 31 | |



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