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From The Pastor's Study

I really, really like my crystal rooster you all gave me as a graduation gift. He joins a collection (flock?) of others that are scattered around my office. If you've been in my office at church or my study at home, you've probably noticed the roosters, and several folks have asked why I collect them.

The rooster as a Christian symbol is usually associated with St. Peter, and churches named in his honor usually have a rooster on the steeple or in the vestibule. All four Gospels record Jesus telling Peter that Peter would deny Him before the crow of the rooster. But brave Peter insisted that he would never deny Jesus, even if it cost him his own life.

Peter loved Jesus, followed Jesus, heard Jesus teach and preach and saw amazing miracles. He did not need to rely on others testimony of who Jesus was, Peter saw it first hand. Yet, when the question came, "Do you know Jesus?" he denied knowing Him. And then the rooster crowed.

Denial of Jesus happens so easily. A lack of love or a lack of mercy denies Him. Crass words or indifference deny Him. While I am unlikely to deny I am a Christian if asked, I can deny Him by the actions and attitudes I display toward others. My denials of Him are found not in overt rejection of His name, but in subtle ways that deny He is Lord over every part of my life.

The rooster crowing is not the end of the story. A few days later Jesus makes breakfast for the disciples and asks Peter, "Do you love me?" When Peter responds that he does, Jesus gives Peter the command to feed Jesus' sheep. Grace and mercy are always there for us, even after the rooster's crow reminds us that our actions have denied that we know Him.

On the journey together,

Greg

Did You Know?

Friday nights continue to draw over 25 youth each week?

That July 2nd is Sidney Long's birthday?

That we've ordained two people to the Gospel Ministry this year?

That our deacons are taking time to share about where they see God moving?

That the MCC appointed a Strategic Planning Team to develop and gather ideas for our future?

That Pastor Greg will be the featured preacher for the Concord Association Fall Meeting?

That ARISE continues to average over 75 people?

That we are now supporting Joshua and Jessica Hearne in their ministry?

That you can serve with the deacons in their ministry teams?



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That CBC will host the Concord Association Fall Revival in September?

That God is good and merciful? Well, you know that, but isn't that a wonderful thing to remember?

Ministry & Mission

Being Baptist: Traditions and Doctrines of The Baptist Faith

While Baptists have many different ways of celebrating the Lord's Supper, the most common way is to use trays that contain the bread and cup and have each person pass the tray to the one beside them. The reason Baptists do this is because we believe that each Christian is a priest. In other traditions, only the priest (or the pastor functioning as a priest) can give the bread and cup to the congregation. Each Baptist is a priest, called to care for and bless every other member of the congregation.

Thinking Theology: What Those Words Mean

Righteousness: Being in right relationship with God and others. Righteousness also encompasses moral and ethical behavior that leads to relationships being whole and healthy.

Pentecost: The celebration that occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Christ (Easter Sunday). It was the day that the Holy Spirit came and empowered the disciples to begin the Church by preaching the Good News of Christ's salvation. The Season of Pentecost is the time between Pentecost Sunday and the beginning of Advent.

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 July we will be reading Luke 1-8. Take a few minutes and read with us, and join us at 7:00 pm on July 26 for our group discussion.

Summer Wednesday Night Study

There are no dinners on Wednesday nights during the summer, but we will have an adult Bible Study. This summer we will be studying the book "Soul Feast" by Marjorie J. Thompson. This book explores the blessings we receive by incorporating spiritual practices into our lives and how we can develop a daily rule that can guide our practices. You do not have to purchase the book to participate in the study, but if you would like to read along, you can purchase the book from Amazon.com or order it from your favorite bookstore. It is also available for download to your reading device. Come and join us this summer for a great discussion that will enrich your spiritual life. Our study begins that goes through July 25. We do not meet on July 4.



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PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP, July 15-20th at Wingate University

Did you know that twelve of our youth will be attending Passport Choices Camp in Wingate, NC this year? They will experience five days of intense bible study, hands-on mission work, creative performances and daily worship. All of this is done in a fun, unique setting specifically developed for teens. Passport Choices encourages teens to discover how they are uniquely and wonderfully made as they discover who God is creating them to become. This year's theme is "Life Together." "My Children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring." 1 John 3:18. Thanks for your support for our children and please pray for their spiritual growth! -The CBC Youth Committee

Please pray for those who are headed to camp!

Passport Camp 2012 Attendees: July 15th-20th

Ginny McClaugherty
Georgia Beth Thomasson
Ashley Gupton
Taylor Golden
Evie Gordon
Jenna Harris
Kristen Pittard
Dale Tuck
Watt Pittard
Daniel Pittard
Matt Gilliland
Tyler Nutter
Matt Carter
Kyle Moran

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

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next quarterly business meeting will be July 15th at 7:00 pm in our fellowship hall. If you or a committee you serve has a motion for the business meeting, please let the church office know so that we can publish it in the bulletin prior to the meeting. Any motion can come to the floor without prior notice, but we ask that you inform us of any motions you know will be brought to the meeting so that we can inform the congregation.



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Mark Your Calendar!

July 1: Brotherhood Breakfast, Celebration of The Lord's Supper

July 4: Happy Independence Day! Office closed.

July 5: MCC Meeting

July 9: Deacon's Meeting

July 10 Road Runner's Lunch

July 15: Quarterly Business Meeting

July 15-20: Youth Camp at PASSPORT

July 26: Journey Through The Gospels Discussion, Luke 1-8

Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

Caleb was asked by his Dad "why didn't George Washington's father punish him for chopping down that cherry tree?" Good 'ole Caleb's answer.... "because he still had that ax in his hand!!"

Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

We were driving along the highway this morning, Father. Just you and I. Alongside the road were beautiful woodlands graced by your hand. The sun had not yet crested the highest branches and it flickered between the trees spewing it's brightness in short, rapid pulses. The faster I drove, the steadier the light became and I wondered how fast I would need to drive to create a steady stream of sunlight. But then I stopped and the light was streaming steadily between the trees. There were no flickers but simply a warm unyielding light and I was once again

reminded to be still and know that You are. Quietly, I continued my journey and reflected on the route I had taken because I remembered nothing of the journey except the light and the trees. So, Father, that is how I know you were with me. In what were just a few sweet moments, I let you drive so I could wonder at your great masterpiece.

Lesson From Hobo

Submitted by Evelyn Allen

Hobo was a black Labrador retriever who came into our lives a few months after we moved to Southside Virginia. A friend knew I wanted a black lab. One day he called to tell me about a stray at his home. The dog had been in the area for days searching for food. He had no identification on him. He had been shooed away by the neighbors and they had even shot at him. He had the remnants of a rope tied around his neck that he apparently had chewed in two. He was very skittish – afraid of everybody. He was terrified of any loud noise or sudden movements. If anyone held anything that resembled a stick, he ran away. My friend had a magical way with dogs (he raised and sold pure-bred rat terriers). He had gotten the lab to eat at his place and had managed to catch him. He said we could have the lab if we wanted him. When we first saw him, I wanted to cry and cry at his condition. The rope had worn all the hair off his neck and in its place were awful calluses. All the hair was worn off his rear and also replaced by calluses. His coat was thin and dull with missing patches. He had terrible skin problems. He had the saddest big brown eyes I had ever seen - and they showed that he was terrified of us. When we moved our hands or tried to



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get him to come with us, he tried to flatten himself as much as possible on the ground and seemed to brace himself for getting beaten.

I was so furious at whoever had mistreated him so badly. It broke my heart to think of what he had endured. We wanted him. We wanted to give him a good life. Because of his circumstances we named him Hobo.

We took him to the veterinarian to be checked immediately after bringing him home. As terrified as he was of everyone, he was not afraid of the veterinarian. She was a very petite woman with the most calm and loving nature. When she was examining Hobo, she talked softly to him and handled him very gently. He didn't balk or try to get away at all. He trusted her – probably the first person he had ever trusted. The veterinarian estimated Hobo to be about two years old.

The day after we brought Hobo home, we brought home a beagle puppy we had already purchased. We tried to confine Hobo until he accepted us and Charlie, the beagle, but he would escape and run a distance from our house. He would come back to eat if we gave him some space. Unusual noises made him run as if he was running for his life.

Weeks turned into months as Hobo ever so slowly learned that we wouldn't hurt him. His calluses went away and his coat became normal. He gained weight and became a beautiful dog. But he still would not go inside any enclosure for any reason. In mid-winter when it was severely cold, we put his food in the back of his unused doghouse. When he got hungry enough, he went in and became okay being inside.

Hobo and Charlie beagle had become

friends. With the puppy, Hobo was so gentle and patient. He played with Charlie and let Charlie climb all over him. Charlie chewed on his ears, tail, lips, toes, and even grabbed his tongue. Hobo just let Charlie do whatever he wanted and he never lost his patience. They became inseparable. When Charlie grew up, they ran the fields and woods around our place- always together. By now Hobo had come to love and trust us, too.

Three years after getting Hobo, we got Ariel our brown rat terrier. Once again Hobo was the model of gentleness and patience. Four years after that we got Penny our black rat terrier. Once again Hobo was “nanny”, loving them and protecting them. Only once did I see Hobo get angry over anything. Charlie was very protective over his food. One day Ariel got too close to his food bowl and Charlie attacked her. (He was four or five times bigger than she was.) Hobo leapt to her rescue – he rolled Charlie in the dirt snarling and biting – protecting his little friend.

Then Hobo got sick. He had cancer. He tried to run with Charlie but just couldn't do it. The veterinarian did all she could but he was terminally ill. He got so sick we couldn't bear to see him suffering any more. We heartbrokenly took him to the veterinarian's office. Hobo lay on the floor with the vet, Bill, and me all laying on the floor hugging and talking to him as he died. We had him cremated and we brought his ashes home.

Charlie was devastated. Day after day, week after week, he sat on a knoll in the field looking around for his friend. He was so sad and listless in his grief. (We soon got another part-lab with the same markings as Hobo and Charlie got better.) Ariel and Penny missed him terribly as did we.



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I've often thought about Hobo's life. About how he had such a horrible early life and how he became. He was unwanted, unloved, abused, hungry, and even shot at. Then when someone loved and cared for him, he became the most gentle and loving soul. He was a totally devoted friend to the other dogs and to us. He didn't become mean or vicious or continue to mistrust everyone. He let go of all the bad things and lived one day at a time happy where he was and with his friends who loved him dearly.

I, too, had an unhappy past. I think of Hobo when I start to get bitter. I believe God sent Hobo into our lives as an example of how we should live and to show us the healing power of love.

Recipe Box

14-Day Sweet Cucumber Pickles

2 gallons cucumbers (3-5 inches long)
Wash and get spines off

First 24 hours: 2 ½ cups plain salt in 1 gallon boiling water – pour over cucumbers (*put plate or set jar of water in plate or saucer to weigh down to keep under water*).

Second 24 hours: 3 oz. powdered alum in 1 gallon boiling water, pour over drained and rinsed cucumbers.

Third 24 hours: Drain and rinse cucumbers and cover with fresh boiling water.

Fourth 24 hours: Drain cucumbers. Boil 1 gallon vinegar and spice bag for 15 minutes, pour over cucumbers, and leave for 9 days. (*spice bag – 2 tablespoons pickling spice tied in thin cloth such as cheesecloth or piece of T-shirt*)

Tenth day: Cut up cucumbers and drain off vinegar (*but save a pint or so in case you need more syrup at the end*). Put cucumbers back into container putting a layer of cucumbers and a layer of sugar using 7-8 pounds of sugar. Leave 2-3 days until sugar is melted. Pack into sterilized jars. Does not need to be sealed.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Note* Every Sunday 9:00 ARISE 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 8:00 Brotherhood Breakfast 11:00 Observance of the Lord's Supper	2 Sidney Long Birthday 	3 6:30 Youth Committee Meeting	4 Note* Every Wed 7:00 Adult Bible Study  Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 7:00 MCC Meeting	6	7
8	9 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	10 7:00 WHM Meeting	11	12 7:00 Grief Comfort Ministry Meeting	13	14
15 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	16 ← Prentice Gupton Birthday →	PASSPORT CAMP →		19	20	21
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