

The Scroll

THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in the name of Christ,

Well, I guess you can teach an “old dog” some new tricks. This past month I have been navigating my way through using my new Kindle. For you “old dogs” like me, the Kindle is an electronic gadget that allows you to read and store a library of books. Isn't modern technology a wonderful thing!

I guess you are wondering what all this has to do with YOU and theology. That is a good question. Let me explain. You see, my “girls,” that is Teresa and my daughter Jess, thought my reading habits were too crusty, too stale, and too narrow. They formed a “cabal” to move this “old dog” from his limited cage of theological reading to a larger kennel of classical reading. It was back to high school and college again for this “old dog.” So, uploaded my Kindle did they thus do with all the literary classics from old and not so new!

Here lies the first lesson. We all can learn to do new things, seek new horizons, and grow beyond our comfort zones. Sometimes it just takes a little nudge from a “cabal” of caring folk to help us see and get us started down the right path. Life is not static. Life is dynamic, ever moving, ever changing. In our attempts to control change we want to hold on to

old ways, stay where it is comfortable, and stay with what we know. These are not necessarily bad things, but they can narrow our vision and keep us from seeing all life has for us.

Yet, those old things such as the literary classics on a new platform like the Kindle can still instruct us. This new means and mode of reading the classics isn't so bad. From my Kindle, I can access thousands of books on line. Here is the great part: many of the classics are free and I don't have to spend gas money or time in a car to access them at Barnes and Noble or the Public Library. Talk about convenient. This “old dog” has just expanded his world.

So, where is the theology? That's where those “old” things fit in. My first Kindle read was actually a reread of William Defoe's Robinson Crusoe written in 1719. It is amazing how contemporary an “old” piece of literature can be. You probably already know the storyline. Here's a one line recap: a man named Crusoe is marooned on an island for decades and the book is his story of redemption.

Robinson Crusoe is full of Biblical references, allusions, and real life perspectives. Let me simply share one I found timely for today's world.

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The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor.”

Luke 4: 17-19

(Isaiah 61: 1-2)

Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus Christ.

FROM THE EDITOR

On the first Easter afternoon, Jesus joined two of His followers (Cleopas and probably his wife) as they dejectedly returned home to Emmaus. Jesus then proceeded to explain all that the Scriptures said about Him. After they invited Him to join them for a meal, they suddenly recognized Him when He took the bread, gave thanks for it, and then broke some to give to them. As He disappeared, they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us?" (Luke 24:32)

Ann Marie Stewart in **Preparing my Heart for Easter: A Woman's Journey to the Cross and Beyond** invites each of us to consider what it means for our hearts to burn within us for Jesus. "Indeed! When Jesus talks and the Scriptures are opened, we, too, should feel that kind of excitement! Would you like to have the Scriptures open to you! You have more Scripture available to you than they did. All you

have to do is open your Bible! Walk and talk with Jesus just like these two did on their journey!" (p 172)

She continues: "Can you say that *your* heart burns with a desire to know Him more? Do you have sweet communion? Do you feel the peace of having Him beside you? Try spending quality time with Him! Do you know that your heavenly Father is looking at you with love and joy? Even when you don't see Him in a tangible picture, He's there! How great is His love for you!" (p 174)

My wish is for you to dive into the Scriptures to know and experience His great love for you as your hearts burn for Him.

In Him,

Teresa Page

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to ascend to the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE .

JAMES 5 : 16 B

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home

- Ivey Epley-Ken Epley's father
- Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's brother
- Esteen Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's mother
- Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law
- Peggy Pinnix
- Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece
- Charlotte Shore-Danita Disher's mother
- Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore's son
- Whitney Todd-Bobby Todd's niece
- Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore's nephew

Plumer Wooten-Sue Brandon's mother
Nursing Home/Rehab

- June Blunk
- Audrey Chewing
- Nell McKnight
- Lois Sencial
- Betty Shore
- Laura Jane Shore
- Beulah Stanley
- Tobie Styers
- Polly Todd
- Mary Waller

BIRTHDAYS

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| May 1 | Clara Collins | May 21 | Allen Ray and Lauren Williams |
| May 12 | Kendall White | May 23 | Johnny Gregory |
| May 14 | Emily Cook and Tammy Smith | May 24 | Kayla Hoots |
| May 15 | Jordan Lane | May 24 | Nathaniel Todd |
| May 16 | Jessica Disher | May 30 | Mae Burcham |
| May 17 | Kevin Austin | | |
| May 19 | Ken Epley | | |

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together In my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalms 139: 13-14

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S

	Nursery Workers	Children's Sermon/Church
Jesus said,	May 6 Kent Brandon, Heather Holbrook	May 6 Collins Sisters
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."	May 13 Bill and Lisa Nance	May 13 Sherry Leftwich
	May 20 Bobby Todd and Lisa Williams	May 20 Charles and Ann Holden
	May 27 Kristy White and Kelly Keaton	May 27 Tammy Smith
	June 3 Ann and Alan Ray	June 3 Collins Sisters
Matthew 19:14	June 10 Jimmy and Tami Merrrell	June 10 Sherry Leftwich
	June 17 Bud and Fran Kiger	June 17 Charles and Ann Holden
	June 24 Judy and Hailey Brown	June 24 Tammy Smith

M A R R I A G E A M E N D M E N T

.As part of the May 8 primary, voters in North Carolina have the opportunity to make their wishes known concerning what actually constitutes marriage.

The Bible tells us that marriage is the basic building block of society and is the basic training ground for future generations. The Bible also tells us that marriage is defined as the binding union between one man and one woman. (Genesis 3:18, 20b-24 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

The Constitutional Amendment on the ballot reads as follows:

“Constitutional amendment to provide that marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State.”

All polling locations will be open from 6:30 am - 7:30 pm on Election Day, May 8. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Yadkin County Board of Elections by 5 pm on May 7.

Early and one-stop voting is currently in progress and will continue through May 5 (May 5 will be the only Saturday) at the Board of Elections in the Yadkin County Courthouse.

Joy Club
 The Joy club will meet at 11 am on May 24 at the church for a bring your own lunch and fellowship. Mrs Howard will be leading a craft item.

Ushers

- May 6 Kent Brandon, Lee Cook, JD Hutchens, Barry Orrell
- May 13 Woodie Gough, Barry Holbrook, Clyde Hoots, Wayne Renegar
- May 20 Edsel Allgood, Rosie Lynch, Tami Merrrell, Jody Smith
- May 27 Lee Cook, Chris Disher, Bobby Todd, Harrell Todd

Backpack Ministry

The Outreach Committee will pack the backpacks in May and the deacons will pack the backpacks in June.

He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me. Mark 9:36-37

Baptist Women

Baptist Women will not meet until August. Enjoy the long summer evenings.

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Newsletter submission

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at teresa.w.page@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

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| May 3 | HIM 7 pm | May 28 | HIM 7 pm |
| May 6 | Communion | May 31 | HIM 7 pm |
| | Church Council 8:45 am | June 3 | Graduate Recognition |
| May 7 | HIM 7pm | June 4 | HIM 7 pm |
| May 8 | Youth and Children's Committee at 7 pm | June 7 | HIM 7 pm |
| May 10 | HIM 7 pm | June 11 | HIM 7 pm |
| May 14 | HIM 7 pm | June 14 | HIM 7 pm |
| May 15 | Long Range Planning Committee at 6:30 pm | June 18 | HIM 7 pm |
| May 17 | HIM 7 pm | June 21 | HIM 7 pm |
| May 20 | Deacon's meeting 8 am | June 17-22 | Youth at Look-up Lodge |
| | May Meeting at the Deep Creek Community Center 10:30 am (no Sunday School) | June 23-30 | Youth at Impact Fredrick |
| | Baptist Men 6pm | June 25 | HIM 7pm |
| May 21 | HIM 7 pm | June 28 | Joy Group |
| May 24 | HIM 7 pm | | HIM 7 pm |
| | Joy Club 11 am at church, bring your own lunch, Mrs Howard will be leading a craft item | July 31-Aug 3 | Children at Look-up Lodge |
| May 27 | Memorial Day Recognition | | |

Healthy Initiatives Ministry Update

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Tabors Medical Encyclopedia (2011) defines an antioxidant as a type of molecule that neutralizes harmful compounds called *free radicals* that damage living cells, spoil food, and degrade materials such as rubber, gasoline, and lubricating oils. Antioxidants can take the form of enzymes in the body, vitamin supplements, or industrial additives.

According to two researchers, Whitney and Rolfes (2002), a free radical is defined as a molecule with one or more unpaired electrons. An electron without a partner is unstable and highly reactive. To regain its stability, the free radical quickly finds a stable but vulnerable compound from which to steal an electron.

With the loss of an electron, the formerly stable molecule becomes a free radical itself and steals an electron from another nearby molecule. Thus, an “electron-snatching chain reaction” is under way with free radicals producing more free radicals. Antioxidants neutralize free radicals by donating one of their own electrons, ending the chain reaction. When they lose electrons, antioxidants DO NOT become free radicals because they are stable in either form.

In our HIM Classes, we are embarking on a discussion about antioxidants in foods and how they protect our bodies from the effects of free radicals. For the most up to date information about this, we invite **you** to attend a HIM class. HIM Classes are held every Monday and Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. HIM will continue throughout the year on the same schedule unless there is a conflict with another church ministry.

We are excited about all that we have discussed in our classes! The topics are too numerous to list in this newsletter but we invite you to visit the HIM section of WWW.MYDEEPCREEKBC.COM to read about some of the materials we have covered. God has been with us through all of this! Attendance has been wonderful and folks are telling me they feel more energetic than in past years. I feel a sense of renewal in the spirit of our church and an overwhelming desire to be part of reaching out and ministering to others as God would have us do. **We were created in Christ Jesus to do good works!** In HIM Class, we have had several attendees who are not church members. This is very rewarding and we welcome your friends, family, neighbors, employees, acquaintances, etc. to join us. We have lots of fun and learning experiences including cooking demonstrations and taste tests which have been enthusiastically received. Low impact aerobic exercise is always included. We look forward to having YOU there to experience this with US!

Upcoming: The Challenge of Healthy Living: Take 2

Submitted for Healthy Initiatives Ministry by Fran Kiger

Kindle

The first part of the book is a chronology of Crusoe's plight and his basic fight to survive and improve his lot in life. Right from day one Crusoe struggles with finding God in the midst of his struggles. He is on the "isle of despair" and where is God? Has life ever left you ship-wrecked on the "isle of despair" and wondering where God is or even if He cares? I think we've all been there and done that.

The important issues are how do we respond and how do we carry on in the midst of those shipwrecks in life that leave us on those "islands of despair" we inevitably find ourselves? Here is where we can learn a lesson from Crusoe. God is a providential God. All things work together for His purposes. Nothing in life is accidental or coincidence.

For Crusoe it began by finding an old Bible in a chest and taking the time to read it, to ponder it, and then to live it. None of this happened overnight, but little by little Crusoe's perspective began to change. He had hidden God's Word in his heart and God's Word will accomplish what God sets His Word out to do (Isaiah 55:11).

An amazing thing happened. No longer did Crusoe see his plight as hopeless. No longer did he see himself shipwrecked on the "isle of despair," but rather Crusoe saw God's providence in every aspect of his life. God was there providentially guiding, directing, and providing for Crusoe's every need. In the end Crusoe's "isle of despair" became an "isle of blessing."

You see Crusoe learned like David that God does His best work in the dark. Centuries before Crusoe was marooned on his "isle of despair," David was confined to the dark Cave of Adullam on the run from Saul. Psalms 142 and 143 record David's story and give us his response in the midst of his "cave experience." David looked up to God. Psalm 143:8 captures the essence of David's response, "I REMEMBER the days of old; I MEDIATED on all that You have done; I PONDER the work of Your hands; I STRETCH OUT my hands to You." David looked up to God with outstretched arms and worshiped God even in the midst of darkness and God reached down with His GREAT BIG ARMS and delivered David.

Here is second lesson for us today. God is in control of every aspect of our lives. He is a providential God and there is nothing that escapes His watchful eye and nothing happens by accident or coincidence. God will use the shipwrecks and dark caves we encounter in life to draw us ever closer to Him, if we have the eyes to see. Crusoe had the eyes to see. David had the eyes to see. How about you? Are you on the "isle of despair" or in a dark cave right now? Hang on, look up, open your eyes, and allow God to change your perspective. You will be amazed at how it will change your life. Selah.

In "the Grip of God's GRACE,"
Rick Page

An Update on our Long Range Planning Committee

Our Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) has been hard at work the last few months on a number of fronts. In conjunction with the Building and Grounds Committee, the LRPC has had the sanctuary carpet and upholstery cleaned, environmental tests conducted, and conducted a space utilization and layout study of the current education building. In addition to all, this the LRPC has looked at the need for renovating the fellowship hall, downstairs bathrooms, and kitchen. For the most part these facilities have not been renovated since they were built in the early 1960's. Consequently, the current condition of these facilities is less than presentable and generally not up to building codes.

As a result, the LRPC recommended a motion to the Church body at the April business meeting to allow them to search for, select, and employ an architect to work with them in the process. What this does NOT mean is that renovation will begin immediately once an architect has been selected. The employment of an architect is to provide technical assistance and design to the LRPC. The LRPC will present the architect's recommended renovation design package to the Church body and the Church body will vote on that recommendation. What this does NOT mean is that we are embarking on a major building campaign; we are not. We are being good stewards by renovating our existing Church education facility that is sorely in need of repair in the hope of extending the life of the facility.

I whole-heartedly support the LRPC's initiative, hard work, and have the utmost confidence they will do an outstanding job. As your pastor, I believe OUR church is way overdue for such a renovation and I believe it is time for us to earnestly begin to pray, prepare, and participate in the business of getting this done in a proactive and positive manner.

Please be in prayer for the LRPC as they continue this vital work in the life of OUR Church.

Please also pray that GOD will use this as a means to bring glory to Himself and to build up the body of Christ at THE CREEK!

See you a "THE CREEK,"
Rick Page