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## NOW YOU CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT



As of March 13, the Center has a bona fide, qualified administrator (Title yet to be determined). I have known Teri for 9 years and have total confidence in her as a person and as a professional. Read the following and you will be impressed too.

Teri Slemons, MBA, CPA, comes to The Craddock Center from Wachovia Bank in Atlanta, where she was Vice President and State Operations Manager for Georgia Commercial Risk Management. In this role, Teri was charged with operational oversight for the 60-member division. Prior to joining Wachovia, Teri earned her master's degree in business administration from Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. There, she was a graduate assistant in the department of Banking and Finance, and spent numerous hours grading assignments for finance students at UGA as well as participants in the Georgia Banking School. Before entering graduate school, Teri worked as an Accounting Officer in the Finance & Control department of Regions Bank and also spent a few years in public accounting, starting her career with Price Waterhouse. Teri is a certified public accountant in the state of Georgia and is also a member of the Georgia Society of CPAs.

A charter member of Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Teri has served as worship leader and as Deacon, chaired the finance committee, and taught Sunday school for children and adults. Teri taught financial literacy classes in East Point, Georgia through a partnership between Wachovia and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System. While at Regions Bank, she tutored elementary school students at Lyman Hall Elementary School in Gainesville, Georgia. Most recently, Teri has served as Treasurer for The Craddock Center.

Teri and her husband of ten years, Alan, have a seven-month-old daughter, Emilyn. In her spare time, Teri enjoys reading, cooking, playing guitar, and cycling.

Teri comes to her work with a 5-fold approach to the operation of the Center:

- To ensure fluid operations/continuity of existing programs
- To raise awareness in the community of the programs we're offering
- To seek funding for programs through grant requests and other appropriate sources
- To evaluate possible new programs for consistency with our mission/vision as well as our core competencies
- To ensure completion of essential administrative tasks (tax filings, legal issues, etc.)

### WHAT WILL FRED DO NOW?

If you read the article about Teri Slemons coming to work at the Center, then this is a natural question. Let me answer as best I can.

First, Teri is not coming to do what I have been doing; she is coming to do what I have not been doing. That's why she is coming; it has not been getting done. What do you think I am — qualified? Have I been so long with you and you haven't seen the glaring need for Teri?

Secondly, I have options. I could retire again. The sleep sounds good. I sleep well at night, fairly well in the morning, but in the afternoon, I just toss and turn. Or, I could open a roadside stand and sell fishing bait, do a little motorcycle repair, and practice acupuncture. Or, I could do a better job of what I do.

Finally, what I will do is conduct Preaching Workshops, tell stories, educate the public about our programs, make more friends for the Center, and raise funds, both operational and permanent.

We must raise more financial support in order to grow our programs to meet more needs. I will keep trying to do that, accepting any success as pure grace. I may drop by to see you. What's for supper?



### ENTERTAINING, INFORMATIVE

These two words describe the evening of the second annual Helen Lewis Lecture.

Laura Boosinger of Asheville entertained and charmed us with her delightful music. Darlene Wilson informed and disturbed our minds with her presentation on Melungeons in Appalachia. The category "Race" may need to be radically re-thought or dropped as a consideration among peoples of the world.

If you missed the event, Darlene left with the Center CD's containing history, correspondence, photos, legal documents, even songs related to Melungeons. Call the Center to check out a CD. And Darlene gives permission to make your own copy if you like.

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## THE WELSHMEN ARE COMING



The Welsh choir of 40 male voices will arrive here late afternoon or early evening on Thursday, Sept. 28. On their tour they will make three stops for concerts: Duke University at Durham, NC, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, and the Craddock Center, Cherry Log, GA.

(We're moving on up!) They will give a concert in the Performing Arts Center in Blue Ridge on Friday evening, Sept. 29. That concert will be the opening of Appalachian Weekend which will continue on Saturday, Sept. 30.

I understand they enjoy singing with local groups and so we will be inviting such groups to join in our musical weekend. And groups of children will sing. And cloggers; we must try to have cloggers. What a grand weekend we will have! The Welsh Choir will draw many out-of-town visitors and so we must put forward our best hospitality.

It is my hope that instead of cramming our Welsh visitors into hotel rooms, homes will open to them for Thursday and Friday nights (they leave Saturday a.m.). If yours is such a home, give Tammy a call telling her how many guests you can receive. It will be a blessing to your house.

What a wonderful opportunity for our area!

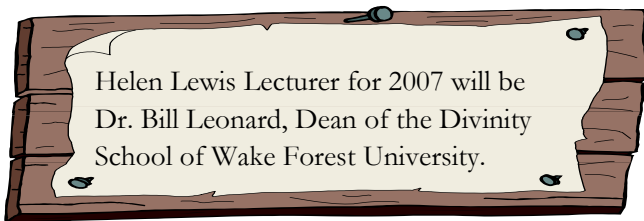
## THIRTEEN THINGS I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT PREACHING

Will be the topic for the Fall Preaching Workshop, Oct. 2, to be held again at Cherry Log Christian Church.

Let me remind prospective attendees of two contingencies related to these Workshops:

One, because we can seat only 90, advance registration with Tammy at the Center office is necessary. Telling me casually in the Home Depot parking lot that you hope to attend doesn't quite reserve a seat.

Two, having attended previously or even regularly does not qualify as an automatic reservation. Tammy has almost no memory. It's pitiful, really, but unless your name is on her list you don't exist. I know; I have to register every time. I protest, but does it do any good? None.



## EXACTLY THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT

The program Songs and Stories by Steve Darsey and Fred Craddock will be held again in 2007. That is the same.

The program will be held on the last Saturday evening in January (Jan. 27 in 2007). That is the same.

The purpose of the program will be to enjoy songs and stories of this area. We make no claim for socially redeeming qualities; there are not any. That is the same.

The program will be held in the new Performing Arts Center in Blue Ridge, GA. That is different.

Let me explain. Following our event this year, Steve asked Brasstown Valley Resort for the same date next year. We were surprised that the date had been given to another group. We thought after 5 years we were a paying customer! Two other dates were offered but one was impossible, the other unfavorable. We had to re-group.



For several years Steve had found the room at Brasstown not only too small but for music, acoustically unsatisfactory. For me it was no problem; the less people hear my stuff, the happier they are. In search of more seats, more comfortable seats, better lighting, and better acoustics, Steve and I visited the Performing Arts Center in Blue Ridge. He sang, played the guitar and said, "This is it!"

And it is. About 500 seats are close to the stage with over 350 more on the rise. There is easy access to the room, restrooms are nearby, and the building is hospitable. We are pleased; better yet, you will be, too. Later we will run a list of motels and restaurants, including Brasstown Valley, 40 minutes away.

I can't wait to tell you of my stay in the home of a minister whose wife was \_\_\_\_\_ I must restrain myself for now.

## YOU WANT A DEADLINE, YOU HAVE A DEADLINE

Last month I reported we had received 228 Scholarships (\$140.00 each) for the Children's Enrichment Program. I expressed the firm hope that we would receive 282. We have now received 255.

Some supporters complained: "But you did not give us a deadline. We work best with a deadline. With a deadline we would reach the goal."

O.K., you have a deadline—April 15. I am amazed at my patience, but I try to please. 282 by April 15; you have deal. I give in this time, but you won't always have old Fred to push around.

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