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HOW DO I THANK THEE, LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

The conclusion of our Appalachian Weekend, which was larger, better planned, and more program filled than ever, provides opportunity to pause and express the gratitude of the Center for all the volunteer work. From preparation of the venue to cleanup afterward, volunteers did the work. Food preparation – volunteers; food service – volunteers; greeting out-of-town visitors and extending hospitality – volunteers; display and sale of materials related to the program of the Center – volunteers. And on and on.

But this is also an appropriate time to thank again all who volunteer as needs arise. Our work is needs driven and therefore we thrive by the efforts of those who say “Please call me if a need arises which you think I could address.” That combination of commitment and flexibility is the heart of the Craddock Center.



I have said privately and now, appropriate or not, wish to acknowledge that I, too, am a volunteer. I say this knowing that being a volunteer does not mean less commitment to the task. No one is “only a volunteer” as if that were a step below the paid worker. The volunteer is not free to say yes and not mean it, not free to say “I will” and not do it. Being paid does not change character. That is what I appreciate about our volunteers and for that I am grateful. They have heard the word of Jesus, “Let your Yes be Yes and your No be No.”

A big Thank You to all of you.

Q and A on the STORY EXPRESS

Q: Did the Dodge Cargo Van arrive on time to be dedicated Appalachian Weekend?

A: Yes! Doug Leman and Brad Rose of Mountain Valley Motors, with their flair for the dramatic, had the van delivered from Germany on Friday before the Dedication on Sat., Sept. 25.

Q: Did the Dedication proceed as planned?

A: Yes. Amid the ooh’s and aah’s of those who were surprised by the size and beauty of this huge white vehicle, the van became The Story Express. With expressions of gratitude for the generosity of many, with words from Betsy Doty, storyteller, and Pam Lindsey, singer, with music, with applause, and with prayer offering the vehicle to God in service to the people of Appalachia, especially the children, the Story Express was dedicated and commissioned.

Q: Now what?

A: Even as we speak, the customizing is taking place and the appropriate lettering is being applied to the outside. Once that work is complete, I am sure it will appear on our website for all to see.

Q: Were contributions sufficient to pay for the van?

A: Yes, thank you. And the Story Express Fund has some remaining money for the customizing and painting. We hope it will be enough (let those who have ears to hear, hear.)

Again, thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

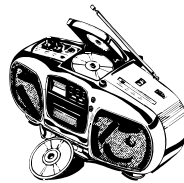
The date for the first annual Helen Lewis Lecture is set: Friday evening, March 4, 2005. The place is not yet determined, but it will be in Gilmer County.



The speaker will be Loyal Jones, writer, teacher, and lecturer from Berea, KY. Loyal is a very popular lecturer, mixing his immense knowledge of Appalachian life with wit and humor. It will be a delightful and informative evening.

IT IS MY GOOD PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE

That the CD’s of the 2004 program of Songs and Stories at the Brasstown Valley Resort are here. Dr. Steve Darsey does the songs, Dr. Fred Craddock the stories.



Steve has a list of those who pre-ordered and paid and he is filling those orders.

The price was \$15.00. However, because the program was longer (somebody talked too long) it is recorded on 2 CD’s. For all new orders the price is \$20.00 for

the 2 CD’s.

Orders may be placed directly to Steve at Meridian Herald. However, the Craddock Center has received a supply and so you may order from us. Make your check to the Craddock Center, we will fill your order, and we will, reluctantly, painfully, grudgingly, send your money to Steve. No, actually, once production costs are covered, profits from sales are divided 50/50 between Meridian Herald and the Center.

Yes, we will have the program again Saturday p.m., Jan. 29, 2005. That is our usual date: the last Saturday in January. The one change in the program is the Sunday a.m. component: Dr. Craddock will not be preaching and Dr. Darsey will not be singing at Cherry Log Christian Church that day.

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THE FIRST PERSON WHO CALLS

Gets the fishing boat, provided of course, you have \$950.00. Frank Osborne, who gave the boat and trailer to the Center to sell, said we should get \$1,000.00 for it. We are grateful to Frank and he is probably right, and we certainly can use every penny we can raise. In fact, we are willing to sell it for \$1,000.00, but in order to move it quickly, \$950.00 is the price. The money goes to helping children.

Now, about the boat. It is metal, black and red, with front and back swivel seats, electric motor and battery, and in excellent condition. It is mounted on a trailer with hitch and ready to roll out of the carport at the Craddock Center. The whole deal, \$950.00.

What? Will we take \$900.00? Come on, this is for the children, for goodness sake.

WHAT TO SAY, HOW TO SAY IT

Most of us who preach have only two problems: what to say and how to say it. Other than that, a piece of cake. But those two problems cause us to be drawn together as with a magnet whenever and wherever a seminar or workshop on preaching is held.

Such is the case every October and March for the Annual Autumn and Spring Workshops at Cherry Log. The venue is the Cherry Log Christian Church, the sponsor is the Craddock Center, and the leader is Fred Craddock. This Fall participants represented 11 denominations and came from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Ohio. The fellowship, the food, the discovery of old schoolmates, and the discussions of the joyful burden of preaching jell into an encouraging and stimulating day.

Some of you may not be aware that, supported by a grant from the Tom Cousins Foundation, the Craddock Center also sponsors Preaching Workshops for pastors of small churches in Southern Appalachia. Through October of this year there have been 8 such workshops in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Contact Dr. Craddock if you are interested in hosting such an event in your area.

And not incidentally, setting up and taking down before and after a Workshop is lot of work with stubborn tables and awkward chairs. Thanks to Joe Wells, Ron Zimbrick, and those whom they co-opted.



SAY "CHEESE"

Kay Zimbrick has given to the Center a very fine digital camera and we are extremely grateful. Until now, we had to call on others to photograph our events.

But you may ask, why did we not give her a camera as a going-away present instead of the one going away giving one to us? Let me explain. While she was working here as administrator, Kay was permitted to run errands and handle chores for which she was not paid. She was left free to work extra hours without imbursement. She was allowed to pay for small expenditures out of her own purse without reimbursement. Kay even enjoyed the promise of pay raises which never, in fact, materialized. Now that she is gone, why should we do a 180 and start being nice to her? So, I ask you, who should give whom a camera? I rest my case.

Some have asked for Kay's phone number in order to thank her for her extraordinary work for the Center. If you do call her, it is best to call her before 8:00 a.m. our time, which is 5:00 a.m. her time. After that, she is unavailable, lolling at the beach, in a jacuzzi, or in a hammock. Please respect her valuable time.

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Thank you, Kay, for everything

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS



On September 16 the Center received a grant of \$5,000.00 from the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation of Decatur. We are excitedly grateful to the Foundation Board and especially to Mr. Terry Wingfield, Chairman and CEO. The grant will be used exclusively for the music, arts, and story programs for children.

On October 14 the Center received a grant of \$5,000.00 from J. William Robinson of the Piedmont Charitable Foundation of Atlanta. There is no way to measure our gratitude, knowing that 1000 three and four year olds will be blessed by the gift.

Wow! September, October, and now about November — (I get greedy sometimes).

Thank you.

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