

# MILK AND HONEY

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## IT IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE

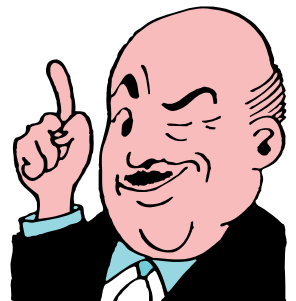
That the Center be concerned about my retirement. It is not personal; I am still welcome to hang out now and then, as long as I stay out of the way of those who have work to do. In other words, life around the Center is as it has always been for me. Rather, the concern is financial. After all, a considerable portion of our income came from my preaching and teaching with the honoraria going to the Center. How will that lack be supplied?

No problem. The plan is simple: churches and other groups will be asked to pay for my not coming to them to preach or teach. A simple note accompanying your check will suffice to enable Tammy to keep clear financial records. For example: "Dr. Craddock did not show up for our Homecoming, and in appreciation enclosed is a check to the Center for \$500.00." Or perhaps, "Dr. Craddock has never been to our church and in gratitude we are sending \$750.00." Or again, "This is the seventh year in a row Dr. Craddock has not been here. Please accept our gift of \$700.00. In the future, for each year he fails to show we will increase our gift \$100.00." Or this: "Our church is growing, not in spite of but because of Dr. Craddock's absence. Enclosed find a check for \$1,000.00." One more possibility: "We have no plans to invite Dr. Craddock to our church and that bright prospect has moved our Board to unprecedented generosity. Celebrate with us by receiving our check for \$2,000.00."

Are you following me? Good. Tammy will keep a separate record of gifts to the Un-Craddock Fund (or perhaps, the Silence is Golden Fund). From time to time we will publish in the Milk and Honey some of the more clever notes along with the amounts given. And of course, you will be informed about the totals given.

You will notice that I have not increased my usual honoraria, although some will likely find that my absence was more valuable than my presence. I simply feel that I should not take advantage of churches by getting greedy in my absence. I realize there are many capable preachers and teachers who will not come to your church for less. But let me just say that if you never see me again, we are grateful for your generosity. Especially if it comes to us annually. And if I should, by some fluke of scheduling, show up in your community, your check will be returned along with an apology from me.

Frankly, I see nothing but happy days ahead. — FBC



## EMOTION IN PREACHING



Dr. Craddock delivered his twenty-fifth Preaching Workshop in Cherry Log on October 5 to a full house of appreciative preachers. In his inimitable way Dr. Craddock had everyone laughing and crying as he spoke on Emo-

tion in Preaching. This line in his opening prayer gives you a glimpse of his message, "God, I am grateful for work more important than how I feel about it on any given day."

If you were not able to be there, we are sorry. But help is available through his lecture "for those Sundays when you climb into the pulpit wearing iron shoes." (paraphrasing Dr. Craddock) CD's of Dr. Craddock's lecture will be available in a few weeks. It would make a great Christmas present or thank you present to your pastor. All of Dr. Craddock's sermons and lectures are available through Bell Tower Productions. All receipts from those sales are generously given as a donation to the programs of The Craddock Center. You can request a catalog or place an order at Bell Tower Productions, 4217 North Mountain Road, Marietta, GA 30066, 770-294-1469, [www.craddocksermons.com](http://www.craddocksermons.com). — TLS



## A WORLD OF THANKS FROM GILMER COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K

"All our students enjoy the Children's Enrichment Program. Each week they frequently ask, 'do we have music today?' Approximately 40% of our student population is Hispanic. This being their first educational experience, these students often experience language barriers. Research has proven that music and dance accelerate the development of verbal/nonverbal communication. A rise in self-esteem and confidence is also observed with consistent exposure to music and dance.

Currently there are several students with special needs. These students make tremendous gains when they have consistent opportunities to participate in music and dance. For example, we had a Pre-K student enter as a four-year-old who communicated on an eighteen month-old level. Because of his exposure to the Children's Enrichment Program and a literacy-filled environment, he is now communicating on a much higher level.

We look forward to witnessing the benefits and joy The Craddock Center CEP provides in the coming year."

Sincerely,

Beth McArthur  
Head Start Director

Stephanie Burnette  
Pre-K Director

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The Craddock Center Presents  
**SONGS & STORIES**  
*Appalachian Style*

Fannin County High School Performing Arts Center  
Jan. 30, 2010—Blue Ridge, GA  
7:30 PM

☆ Plan to join us for an evening of Appalachian stories and songs!

☆ Admission is FREE.

☆ Bob and Melody Thomson will warm your hearts with gospel and bluegrass dulcimer music along with plenty of stories.

☆ Think about gathering your friends, renting a cabin and enjoying a weekend getaway.

☆ Bob has been making and playing fine Appalachian dulcimers for nearly 30 years.

☆ No reservations needed.

☆ This would be a wonderful evening event for a church group to gather for dinner and the program.



Get this date on your calendars now!

### WHERE IS THE FANNIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PAC?

From Appalachian Highway 515 (aka US 76) turn right at first traffic light in Blue Ridge on Old Highway 76 (the intersection where you see June Walker Chevrolet). Follow the road around one curve and you'll see Fannin County High School sign on your right. Turn there and the Performing Arts Center is the up on the hill on your left. Turn left at top of hill and you'll find plenty of parking in front of the PAC. — TLS



### KOHL'S DEPARTMENT STORE MAKES DONATION

If you've shopped at Kohl's you probably have noticed the children's books and stuffed animals near the entrance. They are a great buy at \$5 each. Since we now have a Kohl's Store halfway between Cherry Log and Atlanta, I inquired about what they did with the books and animals that don't sell. The response was, "we give them to nonprofits." So the manger went to the back of the store and gave The Craddock Center two bags full of stuffed animals related to Dr. Seuss stories. We are grateful to Kohl's for helping bring happy smiles to kids faces. — TLS

### SPEAKING OF DR. SEUSS

The children and teachers at the Head Start/Pre-K Centers we serve love Dr. Seuss. And we love to let Dr. Seuss ride along on the Story Express when we deliver books to the schools in December. When the children see these books their eyes brighten. Our December delivery is just in time for the children to have books for Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. Most schools celebrate his birthday by participating in Read Across America on that date.

Do you remember your favorite Dr. Seuss book or character from your childhood? A donation to the Story Express is a great way to share your memory with these precious children. — TTb

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 30, 2010—7:00 pm**  
Songs & Stories—Appalachian Style
- March 1, 2010—9:00 am**  
Spring Preaching Workshop  
Dr. Eugene Lowry
- March 5, 2010—7:00 pm**  
Helen Lewis Lecture  
Silas House—Author & Musician
- October 4, 2010—9:00 am**  
Fall Preaching Workshop  
Dr. Tom Long

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