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## MILK & HONEY

## Camp Craddock...A song, a story, and a LOT of fun!



#### **Picture This!**

Thanks to the generosity of our friends from First Christian Church in Tyler, TX, the Center will now have a new storage facility for the Living Room. As you know, this is the name of our furniture outreach



program. Friends donate gently used basic furniture and household items; and items are given to families (often of children we serve) that have experienced fire or infestations...or that are "setting up house" after a crisis. The building arrives soon!

The mission team that came to advise on the erection of the building also included members from Kingwood Christian Church and Good Shepherd Christian Church. They performed *many* tasks, from visiting Camp Craddock sites and playing music to loaning books to children via the Story Express-Lending Library to packing weekend snack packs for Camp Craddock to landscaping to processing the *Milk & Honey* and books alongside local friends. Whew! Thank you, Texas!

If you are interested in bringing a mission team to The Craddock Center, please contact Julie. *Continue the vision!* 

# By the Numbers June camp Craddock contact hours children at Camp Craddock experienced

weekend snack packs 310
distributed 310
360 Seamless Summer meals
300 Served
Story ExpressLending Library books

### Many of the unusual experiences

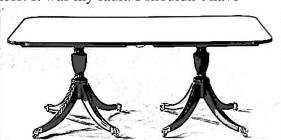
I've had in this part of the world were being a preacher and being fed by the people...Sometimes it's a problem just getting the meals started. I was in one home—I don't think Nettie was with me—and they had risen above poverty to having a few nice things. They had a dining room set. They had a Duncan Phyfe table with two leaves that you can put in when you have company. Well, I was the only company, but they put in both leaves. Those little Duncan Phyfe tables get the shakes when you put in both leaves. She had it all scotch. She had water glasses and the plates there. The plates matched. I mean, this was classy.

But they'd never done it before. And they had not rehearsed. And they didn't know when to sit down. There was this man at one end of the table, the wife at the other, and they had a daughter, fourteen, and they placed her beside me between them. And we were standing. Well, should I take the lead and sit down? Should he? Should she? Should the woman say, Let's all be seated? Do we stay standing? It was an awkward moment.

Finally, I tried to rescue them and I said, Why don't we first sit down, and then I'll have a prayer? Well, this young woman, fourteen-year-old girl beside me—I was going to help her with her chair. I mean, it was the gentlemanly thing to do, and we're at the Duncan Phyfe table. So I reach over to help her with the chair. Well, her experience with boys helping her with a chair is to pull it out from under her. So she grabs the chair when I started to move it. She jerks around and grabs the chair and hits the Duncan Phyfe table. It's rocking, and here go the glasses spilling, and the woman wants to salvage everything all at once. She puts her hand in the gravy. It was an awful mess. It was my fault. I shouldn't have

been there, messing up the routine.

—FBC, as told at Winged for the Heart, 2007





## SAVE THE DATE!

CAMP MEETING

With commemoration of Fred B. Craddock

Presented by Meridian Herald

Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> | 3 p.m. | Rain or shine

Epworth UMC | 585 Madola Rd. | Epworth 30541

The Craddock Center's Miss Amanda and the Story

Express will be part of the celebration. For more

information, visit meridianherald.org

PREACHING WORKSHOP

Dr. Richard F. Ward, workshop leader

Monday, October 5 | 8:30-12:30

The Craddock Center | 186 Fred Craddock Dr.

Cherry Log 30522. Registration is required. To register or for more information, please visit this site: craddockcenter.eventbrite.com

SONGS & STORIES
IN HONOR OF HELEN LEWIS
Brenda Bynum, actor | Don Saliers, musician
Saturday, January 30 | Time TBA

Join us for an evening celebrating Helen Lewis as actor Brenda Bynum performs a one act play telling the tale of the extraordinary life of this powerful and witty Appalachian voice. Don Saliers will perform the period tunes. More details to come...



### Hat-O-Meter

2015 Goal: 605 BIG hats!



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