

# MILK & HONEY

## Craddock Kids Christmas Cards on Sale NOW!



**H**ere is your opportunity to share your support of the work of The Craddock Center with everyone on your list! Our very own Craddock Kids Cards are now on sale for Christmas. Two of the cards were created by our preschoolers, Alexis and Jason, who were awash in songs and stories of snowmen and Christmas when they made their creations. The other is a snow-laden scene of The Craddock Center, painted by one of our volunteers. Emilyn is a very talented elementary-school age volunteer and friend of the Center who helps at all of our events, processes books, and trains others to volunteer.

Cards come with six each of the designs shown and are ready for shipping today! Inside, there are one of three messages:

- ❄️ MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU.
- ❄️ PEACE OF THE SEASON
- ❄️ PEACE ON EARTH

Your purchase of these cards will not only help the Center and support our children's programs, it also will help spread the word about our work! Making new friends is an important goal toward continuing delivery of "happy & hope," and a message about the Center as well as our web address is on the back of each card.

Thank you for the many ways you support The Craddock Center!



# Order today!

### HOW TO ORDER

- ❄️ Complete the order form & mail in!
- ❄️ Stop by the Center!
- ❄️ Call us!

### CRADDOCK KIDS CHRISTMAS CARDS | ORDER FORM

Yes! Please send me \_\_\_\_ packages of 18 Christmas cards.

I am from GA or NC. Enclosing is check for 23.75/pkg. (base \$18.70 + 7% tax, S&H)

I am enclosing a check for \$22.20 (base price of \$18.70/pkg., plus S&H)/pkg.

Please mail my cards to

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING "HAPPY & HOPE." ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR CHILDREN!



**It's not too late to register** for the October 3rd Preaching Workshop with Rev. Jerry Hershops. Thirty-three seats remain. Please go to [craddockcenter.eventbrite.com](http://craddockcenter.eventbrite.com) to learn more and to register. Why not invite a friend?

**HARDLY A DAY GOES BY** on which I do not recall, and usually with pleasure, some experience from my brief career as a clerk in a small general store. I was 16 years old, working after school during the week and all day on Saturday. “General store” is the operative term here. A general store is stocked to meet the needs of a family, and therefore is a grocery store, a clothing store, a drug store, a hardware store, and a school supply store. The customer need go nowhere else; he or she can go home from a general store equipped to feed a family, repair a roof, heal a cough, plant a garden, dress up for Sunday, or do homework for school.

It was imperative that I know the stock and, as far as possible, know the customers. General store customers are usually repeaters, and shopping is part of an important relationship. And so it was not long until I was selling, by the pound, by the inch, by the gallon, by the slice, by the yard, by the dozens. I loved selling and in my year there, I sold everything.

Well, not quite everything. There was a corner shelf for displaying school supplies and business there was often brisk. Except for pencils. We were well stocked on pencils but I never sold a one; not one. I was hurt by my failure, and so I asked the owner why I was unable to sell pencils. “It’s not you, son; it’s the pencils. None of our pencils have an eraser. I’m sure if we carried pencils with erasers, they would sell.” “Then why don’t we get pencils with erasers?” “Because erasers invite carelessness; they tell you not to be so serious about what you write, after all, you can erase it; they have you thinking about erasing even before you write. Some people sign church pledge cards with pencils having erasers, or sign papers to get loans, or even sign a marriage license with a pencil having immediately available and offering itself, a nice, big eraser.”

I could tell by the tone of his voice how serious this matter was for him. The pencil in his pocket had no eraser. This conversation was a bit frightening. I became more deliberate in my writing at home and at school.

I carried his heavy words for about a week and then I approached him privately. “May I speak to you about the pencils?” “Sure, what’s on your mind?” “Does God’s pencil have an eraser?” He was silent, apparently remembering something long ago. Then putting his hand on my shoulder he said, “I sure hope so, son; I sure hope so.” —FBC, *reprinted from November 2013 Milk & Honey*



# BY the Numbers

**217** children who attended free, week-long Camp Craddock in their own backyards, all delivered by mission groups

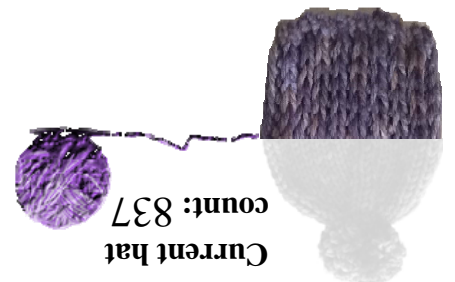
children participating in day camp at the local Food Pantry **122**

**281** weekend snack packs distributed to local children, containing 1,124 child-friendly, and nutritious meals

books loaned across 7 sites by the Story Express Lending Library **1144**



Pursuant to GA Code Section 43-17-8 this charitable appeal is made on behalf of The Craddock Center, located in Cherry Log, Georgia. Full program and financial information is available upon request: PO Box 69, Cherry Log, GA 30522 | 706-632-1772 | craddockcenter@tds.net



2016 Goal: 1,300 hats!

## Hat-O-Meter

Happy & Hope.. We Deliver Songs & Stories for Children



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