

Newsletter of
Country Christian Evangelical Free Church

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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
6:00 Bible Studies
Impact Youth
6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

6:30 Cardio Drumming
8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study- G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

Christian Cardio Drumming Classes are coming to CCEFC

Monday nights just got more fun!

Cardio drumming is a Christian outreach ministry that not only works on your physical body, but your spiritual body as well. (see I Corinthians 6:19,20) It is a low impact group exercise that allows you to work at whatever level your body needs. A class consists of scripture, prayer, testimony time and an hour of exercise to all types of Christian music.

The coaches are Anita Shoup and Erin Thompson. Check out their ministry on Facebook, "God is on the Move We Drum to His Beat." Come and join the fun, the fellowship and worship for any age or gender. Mark your calendar now to attend these free Monday evening classes starting on March 4 at 6:30 PM in the Ark.

Equipment needed: a 75cm exercise ball, an 18-gallon bucket, and drumsticks, which are available for \$3 from Anita. We will keep some supplies on hand for first-time visitors.

If you have any questions, see Freda Branch, or you may call Anita Shoup at 778-4097.



"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"

Several years ago, I read the book "The Minister's Charge" by William Dean Howells. At one point in book, one of the characters makes the observation "how much easier it was to make one's peace with one's God than with one's wife". My thought was to question if that could be said of me? Am I easy to make peace with?

In several places of scripture it says to forgive others as we are forgiven; forgiveness results in coming to peace with one another. The so called Lord's Prayer contains a reference of this nature (Matthew 6:12 with commentary Mathew 6:14-15). Paul repeats this instruction in Ephesians "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (4:32). Clearly, God's instructs us to forgive others as God has forgiven us. A higher standard than most of us live by. The gospels tell us about the suffering that Jesus endured in our place. How often do we spit on Christ by continuing to violate God's laws? Still, if we have trusted in Christ's atonement for our sins, we stand before God forgiven. Do we forgive others to that extent? When we stand before Christ forgiven we have peace with Him.

When someone offends us, do we forgive as easily as God does? Do we forgive as easily as Jesus Christ does? Or, do we make the offender work to be forgiven? One of the things that separates true Christianity from false religions is that because of what Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross, we don't have to work for our forgiveness to achieve peace with God (Eph 1:7). In 1 John, we learn that confession of our sins, God is willing and anxious to forgive us (1:9).

The apostle Paul wrote to his young protégé that the law is for the lawless, not the obedient. Its purpose is to show us that we cannot live by God's standard in our own strength. The more we know of the law, the more it condemns us (1 Tim. 1:8ff). Consequently we are in conflict with God and we must be reconciled to God to avoid His condemnation. As undeserving as we are, God reaches down to us extending forgiveness and peace to us.

When we are offended, do we reach out offering forgiveness as God demonstrated? Are we ready to forgive when forgiveness is sought by the one who offends us? God is our example of forgiving, may it be our goal to be as forgiving to others as God is to us. May we establish peace with others as God has desired peace with us.

Jim Hawkins—editor

How peace bears witness

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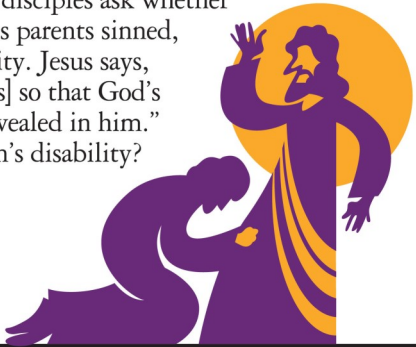
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—Henry Blackaby

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

In John 9, Jesus' disciples ask whether a certain man or his parents sinned, causing his disability. Jesus says, "Neither. ... [It was] so that God's works might be revealed in him." What was this man's disability?

- A. Deafness
- B. Lameness
- C. Blindness
- D. Epilepsy



Answer: C (See John 9:1-7.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:00 Impact 6:00 Bible Study 6:15 Bible Study	Weekly: 6:30 Cardio Drumming 8 PM Young Adult Bible Study	Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School	Weekly: 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWANA 6:45 Bible Study	Weekly: Bible Study	1 Impact retreat at Barakal World Day of Prayer Weekly: 5:45 AM Prayer	2 Impact retreat at Barakal
3 Impact retreat at Barakal Communion Senior Saints Organizational mtg. Potluck	4	5 7:00 Elders Mtg	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time begins Birthday celebration for Pastor Pat	11	12	13	14 6:30 Christian Ed Mtg 7:00 Deacons Mtg	15 2:00 Release Time Bible Class	16
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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);
 Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Mondays:

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
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 itor in the back of auditorium



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Inclement Weather Policy:

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.



An Electronic Newsletter?

Some may not be aware, but the newsletter is available as an electronic edition. The .pdf file is sent out each month to those that wish to receive it. In addition to typically getting the newsletter sooner, it is also in color. Getting the newsletter electronically saves on printing cost.

You may receive it the electronic version instead of or in addition to the printed copy that arrives in your mailbox. If you would like to receive the newsletter in your email inbox, please provide your email address to CCChronicle@sbcglobal.net or chronicle@country-christian.org.

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Calling all Senior Saints

Do you enjoy food, fun, and fellowship? Are you sixty years or older- (starting to be an antique)? If so, please join Rosemary, Dave, and Donna after church on Sunday, March 3rd, in the fellowship hall to share ideas. This new group would replace JOY and we need your ideas and input. Hope to see you there!



The comfort of our middle-C God

During college, while living in a boarding house, author Lloyd Douglas befriended a retiree. The man, a homebound former music teacher, shared a morning ritual with Douglas, who would walk down to the man's floor, open his door and ask, "What's the good news?"

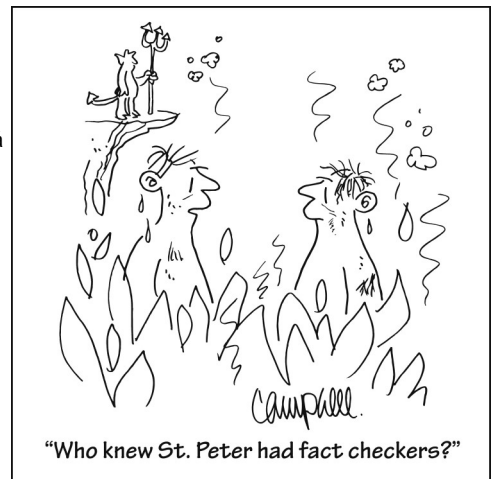
Every day the man responded by tapping a tuning fork against his wheelchair and saying, "That's middle C. It was middle C yesterday. It will be middle C tomorrow. It will be middle C a thousand years from now. The tenor upstairs sings flat, the piano across the hall is out of tune, but, my friend, that is middle C!"

If middle C's pitch value isn't exactly 261.63 Hz, then your piano needs to be tuned. How comforting that dependability is for musicians — and their listeners.

Like middle C, God is steadfast and reliable. In this fast-paced world, praise God for the good news he declares to us: "I the LORD do not change" (Malachi 3:6).

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you have already begun."

—St. Josemaría Escrivá



"Who knew St. Peter had fact checkers?"

Pat Answers**Why Didn't Mary Magdalene Recognize Jesus after His Resurrection?**

I know it is not Easter until April this year, but someone recently asked this question. John 20:14 says about Mary "...she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but did not know that it was Jesus." If Jesus did arise in the same body that was crucified, why didn't she recognize Him immediately? There are several reasons: 1. it may have been still partially dark or very early light - see John 20:1 This makes more sense in the context as Mary had just stooped to look into the empty tomb again and saw two angels in white just prior to Jesus appearing. Perhaps their shiny appearance - see Matthew 28:3 - had blazed on her eyes and now it is darker as she turns toward where Jesus is standing! 2. She may not have taken a close look at him as none of the followers of Christ actually expected Him to arise! They just didn't get it until after it actually happened. So she just assumes He is the gardener or caretaker. Notice also verse 16 says she turned toward Jesus when He said her name. She simply may have not made eye contact yet. 3. Jesus' body was different than she would have last seen on the cross! Isaiah 52:14 says of God's suffering Servant: "His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance..." He had literally been

beaten to a bloody pulp, His beard pulled out, and then crucified...This was her last memory of Jesus. She may have been totally unprepared to see a healthy restored youthful appearing Jesus! This not recognizing Jesus did not last long. She immediately recognized HIM in John 20:16 when He said her name!

Who cares? What can we glean from this for us today? One proof of the resurrection of Jesus is that His followers did not expect it - like Mary it took them by surprise too! They were slow to believe it and even needed proof. Another precious truth for us is that, like Mary, Jesus knows His own sheep by name - John 10:3. What a wonderful comfort for the follower of Christ! Finally, all who have received Jesus as Savior and are linked to Him by faith will rise with new glorious resurrection bodies like His - 1 John 3:2. We may look a bit different with complete glory, but we will still be recognized! Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus! Because He lives, Pastor Pat

Pastor Pat

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