

# CF Joyous News

Crusselle Freeman Church of the Deaf "The Church That Jesus' Love Built" Since 1902  
A Non-Denominational Church

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Felix Love

*"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto GOD. And the peace of GOD, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* Philip-pians 4:6-7

What a wonderful Christmas season is now behind us. Because the economy requires a more thought-provoking process when buying gifts, I suspect that more soul-searching went on this Christmas than in years previous.

Because so many of us are so needy, the chance to accept and receive blessings is greater. The chase for material things always draws us away from each other, and from GOD. We break the two most important commandments when we begin to put too much emphasis on acquisition. We need to acquire more knowledge of Jesus Christ, the only sure way to have what is most valuable in this life. When we take time to slow down and listen for GOD's direction, we become more aware of His plan for our lives. And His plan always includes sharing GOD's blessings with others. We approach life's pinnacle only when we share the love of Christ with our fellowman. Opportunities abound!

May GOD bless you and yours with endless chances to show Christ's love. God bless you.

## NOTICES

Wednesday Evening Bible Study is at 6:00 p.m. (Dinner at 5:00 p.m.)

Check out our website at [www.crusselle-freeman.com](http://www.crusselle-freeman.com)

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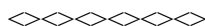
## The Dinner on Thanksgiving Day

By Clarene Brooks

There were 39 people at the Crusselle-Freeman Church of the Deaf on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th for the thanksgiving dinner.

Those of us who couldn't make it to visit our families in many different places that day, came for the dinner.

The dinner was delicious and we enjoyed it and the fellowship. We had a wonderful time with the old folks.



## The Christmas Decorations

by Clarene Brooks

Beautiful Christmas decorations adorn our church and the Leathers Fellowship Hall.

Some church members helped hanging the garlands, the wreaths, ornaments on the Christmas tree, and symbols and pictures of Jesus and His descendants on the Jesse tree .

These give us the feeling of ecstasy as we walk and look around the church and the fellowship hall.

## Singing Hands trip to South Carolina

by Jay Sanders

The Singing Hands Choir had their 2009 Bi-Annual Christmas Retreat in Charleston, SC. We stayed two nights at the Indigo Inn, located in the heart of Historic Charleston.

Arriving on Friday afternoon, we were greeted by a very friendly hotel clerk and a nice spread of meatballs, cheese and crackers. Afterwards some of use spent a cold and rainy evening walking the nearby streets, then back to the lobby to join the group for

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## Welcome

New Members:

**John Golden  
Marie Smith**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Choir Rehearsal	8:30a.m.
Sunday School	9:45a.m.
Morning Worship	10:55a.m.
Evening Worship	4:00p.m.
Wed Night Dinner	5:00p.m.
Prayer/Bible Study	6:00p.m.
Sign Language Class	6:30p.m.

**Singing Hands**—cont from page 1  
some old Deaf chatting.

Saturday morning was a little rainy; but everyone enjoyed the filling breakfast provided by the hotel. Some of us visited Market Street in the morning before meeting up at Hyman's Seafood for our Christmas Lunch. Delicious! Cheryl got a surprise birthday brownie with ice cream covered with whipped cream and chocolate. Everyone got a taste of her birthday treat.

We played a game where the first people picked a number for a gift card. The second person could swap with the first; the third with the first or second person and so on. Most people must have liked their cards because only one person swapped with another.

Then the Sun came out!! Everyone spent the afternoon browsing and doing more shopping. At 6:00pm, it was time to gather at the waterfront to get ready to watch the Christmas Boat Parade. In the beginning, six small canoes with Christmas lights paddled pass us. We wondered if that was all the boats and thought the parade was silly. But, we were wrong! About 30 minutes later, twenty boats, also decorated in big, bright Christmas lights, motored passed us for 15 minutes. We were lucky as they came right by the area we were standing. Afterward, we had a nice dinner at a restaurant called T-Bonz. Once again, the food was wonderful.

No surprise, but one thing we all did, what? We ate and ate and ate and ate... Plenty of restaurant and desert places to choose from!

Sunday, after some group pictures were taken by the Indigo Inn desk clerk, we boarded our vehicles and headed back to Atlanta. We were sorry to say "good-bye" and happy to be going home.

## Yes, Virginia, there are angels in Indiana...

from the Internet

In September 1960, I woke up one morning with six hungry babies and just 75 cents in my pocket. Their father was gone.

The boys ranged from three months to seven years; their sister was two. Their Dad had never been much more than a presence they feared. Whenever they heard his tires crunch on the gravel driveway they would scramble to hide under their beds.

He did manage to leave \$15 a week to buy groceries. Now that he had decided to leave, there would be no more beatings, but no food either.

If there was a welfare system in effect

in southern Indiana at that time, I certainly knew nothing about it.

I scrubbed the kids until they looked brand new and then put on my best homemade dress, loaded them into the rusty old 1951 Chevy and drove off to find a job.

The seven of us went to every factory, store and restaurant in our small town. No luck.

The kids stayed crammed into the car and tried to be quiet while I tried to convince who ever would listen that I was willing to learn or do anything. I had to have a job.

Still no luck. The last place we went to, just a few miles out of town, was an old Root Beer Barrel drive-in that had been converted to a truck stop. It was called the Big Wheel.

An old lady named Granny owned the place and she peeked out of the window from time to time at all those kids. She needed someone on the graveyard shift, 11 at night until seven in the morning. She paid 65 cents an hour, and I could start that night.

I raced home and called the teenager down the street that baby-sat for people. I bargained with her to come and sleep on my sofa for a dollar a night. She could arrive with her pajamas on and the kids would already be asleep. This seemed like a good arrangement to her, so we made a deal.

That night when the little ones and I knelt to say our prayers, we all thanked God for finding Mommy a job. And so I started at the Big Wheel.

When I got home in the mornings I woke the baby-sitter up and sent her home with one dollar of my tip money—fully half of what I averaged every night.

As the weeks went by, heating bills added a strain to my meager wage. The tires on the old Chevy had the

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### Crusselle Freeman is now offering on-site catering service

- *baby shower*
- *bridal shower*
- *wedding reception*
- *anniversary*
- *farewell party*
- *meeting*

Light refreshment,  
hors d'oeuvres, finger foods  
or full

Lunch or Dinner menu  
for a reasonable price.

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# Our Alaska Cruise

By Sandra Evers

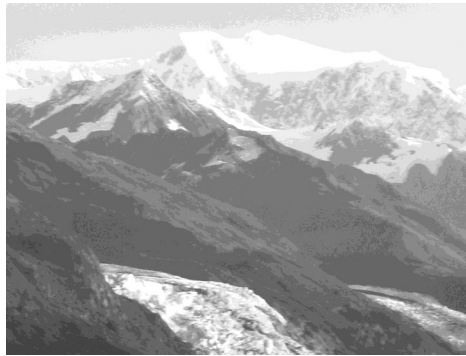
Billy and I celebrated our 61st birthdays and 31st wedding anniversary with a perfect gift! We took an Alaskan cruise on September 14, 2009. We gathered precious memories from different places. On the first day, we arrived at Anchorage, Alaska by air flight. We got on the charter bus that took us through the William Prince Sound area to Whittier. We saw dolphins by the side of the road in the water. After we paid for the toll, we stopped at front of the mountain to wait for the green light signal for us to go. There was a sign above saying to wait for the train tracks to be cleared before you depart and there was a big



hole in front of us at the mountain. The train came and the track cleared. Our bus was the first to go into the dark tunnel on train track to other side of the mountain. Beautiful sight at end of the tunnel, it was our cruise ship, The Coral Princess waiting for us!! We people clapped because we are last group to arrive at cruise port after long hours of air flight. Thrilling experience!

The first two days we sailed at sea, scenic cruising at the College Fjord and the Glacier Bay where we saw many mountains covered with snow and glaciers.. Amazed to see so blue ice. Yes, it was so cold outside from our balcony suite. From the TV in our room, we learned many things about Glacier history. Global warming that caused massive blocks of ice to break

loose and crash into the water. Bits of ice floated out on water. Glacier Bay is surrounded by 16 tidewater glaciers. Sad that we did not see any animals like the baleen whales, hump-back whales, toothed orca whales, seals on reefs or sea otters. But the



sight of the mountains, glaciers, etc was telling us that God created it. We had lunch on deck because they presented the Chili Chowder Cook-Off and Alaskan Fish BQ Buffet. Chili was made of Alaskan reindeer. On the deck, we were soaked from gloomy wet weather and chilly temperature



but with warm foods, we enjoyed it.

The next three days, we docked at different ports each day. Skagway was the first port we stopped at. Skag-

way is a small town with a population of only 800 and a little history. In 1898 they had the Klondike Gold Rush and the construction of this narrow gauge railroad. Tens of thousands of men and 450 tons of explosives overcame harsh climate conditions and geography to create the "railway built of gold". We took a tour called the White Pass Railway which took us for four hours. We saw beautiful mountains, waterfalls, creeks but still no animals like bears, goats, hawks, etc. We stopped at the Canada border and returned to town. We enjoyed that tour so much.

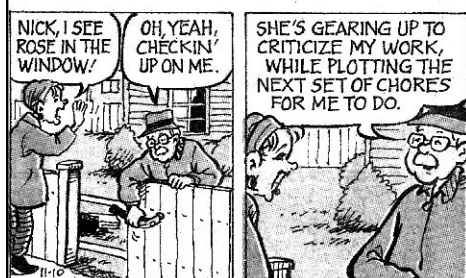
Second port we stopped at was Juneau, with a population of 30,000. The town looked nice and small. We decided to take a walk to the town and then took a ride on the Mount Roberts Tramway. The ride up the mountain was a little scary. I couldn't look down, sat down and looked at the people inside the tramway. Until we arrived at the top of the mountains, the view of Juneau was beautiful. We had a silly picture made at the gallery of the Grizzly Bear with Billy in its



mouth while I screamed, pulling him out. We toured the Nature Center and

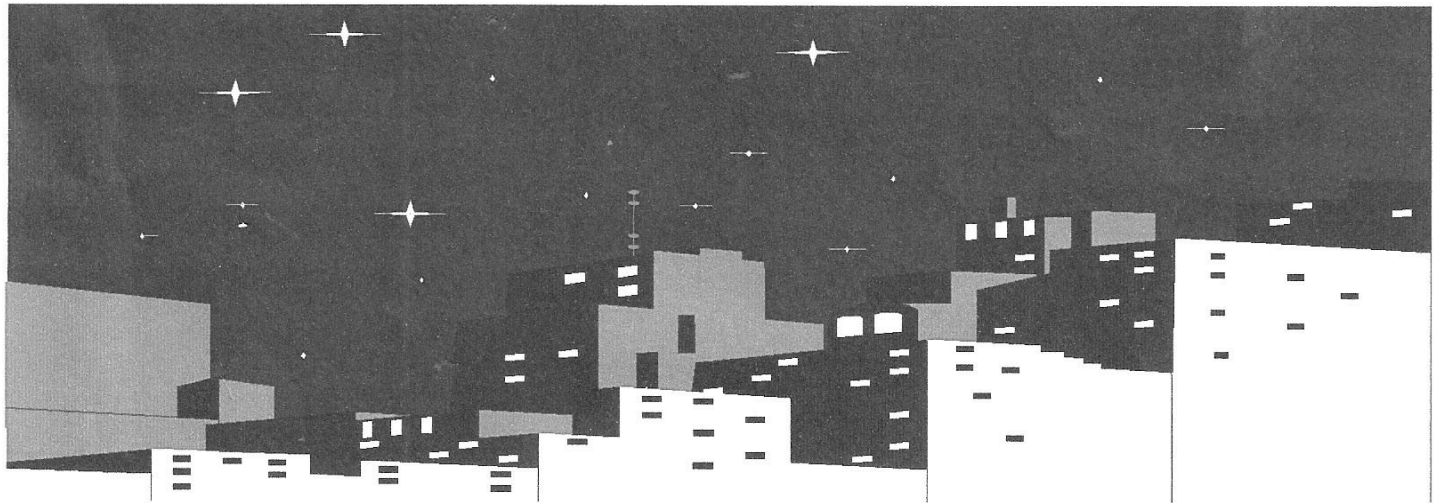
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### ONE BIG HAPPY RICK DETORIE



### Be careful what you think!





# "A Night at the Park"

38th Annual Valentine Dinner

hosted by

Crusselle-Freeman Church of the Deaf

Atlanta, GA

Saturday, February 13, 2010

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\$15.00 per person



## BISTRO CAFE STYLE

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

(Topped with lettuce, mozzarella cheese, bacon, roasted red pepper and mayo)

Tomato Basil Soup

Greek Pasta Salad

Strawberry Shortcake

Crystal Lite Fruit Punch

Reserve Ticket(s) \_\_\_\_\_ pp 

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Cash/Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deadline: February 10th



*SKITS*

*IMPERSONATOR SINGERS*

*CONCERT*

*PICTURE MEMOIR*

*DOOR PRIZES*

*FRUIT PUNCH IN*  
*WATER FOUNTAIN*

*POPCORN AND*  
*ICE CREAM VENDORS*

**Alaska Cruise**—cont from page 3

it was mostly about the grizzly bears. So far, we did not see one grizzly bear. Whew! We rode back down to town and walked around shopping.

The third port we stopped at was Ketchikan, a very colorful town with a population of 13,000. Ketchikan is well known as the capital of Salmon Industry and totems. We went shopping in the town after we missed two tours because of heavy rain. We had lunch at the Fish Market. Billy ordered fish and chips and I had clam chowder. The food was very good. We enjoyed looking at the town stores, waterfront with the action of sea boats, sea planes.

On the last day we cruised at the Inside Passages southbound.. From our balcony, we saw several baby Toothed Orca whales, we were so excited about it. We sailed all night southbound to Vancouver, Canada. We were amazed to see the early sunrise glowing on the beautiful city. We rode the charter bus to the airport and were glad that we rode through and viewed the beautiful city. Wish we could stay one more day to tour more of Vancouver.

We enjoyed our Alaska cruise so much and would love to go back again!!

**Angels**—cont from page 2

consistency of penny balloons and began to leak. I had to fill them with

air on the way to work and again every morning before I could go home. One bleak fall morning, I dragged myself to the car to go home and found four tires in the back seat. New tires! There was no note, no nothing, just those beautiful brand new tires.

Had angels taken up residence in Indiana? I wondered.

I made a deal with the local service station. In exchange for his mounting the new tires, I would clean up his office. I remember it took me a lot longer to scrub his floor than it did for him to do the tires.

I was now working six nights instead of five and it still wasn't enough.

Christmas was coming and I knew there would be no money for toys for the kids. I found a can of red paint and started repairing and painting some old toys. Then I hid them in the basement so there would be something for Santa to deliver on Christmas morning. Clothes were a worry too. I was sewing patches on top of patches on the boys pants and soon they would be too far gone to repair.

On Christmas Eve the usual customers were drinking coffee in the Big Wheel. There were the truckers, Les, Frank, and Jim, and a state trooper named Joe. A few musicians were hanging around after a gig at the Legion and were dropping nickels in the pinball machine. The regulars all just sat around and talked through the wee

hours of the morning and then left to get home before the sun came up.

When it was time for me to go home at seven o'clock on Christmas morning, to my amazement, my old battered Chevy was filled full to the top with boxes of all shapes and sizes. I quickly opened the driver's side door, crawled inside and kneeled in the front facing the back seat.

Reaching back, I pulled off the lid of the top box. Inside was whole case of little blue jeans, sizes 2-10! I looked inside another box: It was full of shirts to go with the jeans.

Then I peeked inside some of the other boxes. There was candy and nuts and bananas and bags of groceries. There was an enormous ham for baking, and canned vegetables and potatoes. There was pudding and Jell-O and cookies, pie filling and flour. There was whole bag of laundry supplies and cleaning items.

And there were five toy trucks and one beautiful little doll.

As I drove back through empty streets as the sun slowly rose on the most amazing Christmas Day of my life, I was sobbing with gratitude.

And I will never forget the joy on the faces of my little ones that precious morning.

Yes, there were angels in Indiana that long-ago December. And they all hung out at the Big Wheel truck stop....

## We Need Your E-Mail Address!

Many of you may not know that CFCD has its own Yahoo Group for various church-related announcements. We use CFNEWSFLASH to send out information about guest speakers, workshops, revival information, banquets, sick list, etc. etc.

We are very thankful to E-Peachy for posting lots of news about the Deaf Community; but sometimes you will receive news about CFCD faster if you are a member of CFNEWSFLASH.

To join, simply email us at [crussellefreeman@gmail.com](mailto:crussellefreeman@gmail.com) with your email address requesting to be added

-or-

You can logon to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cfnewsflash/>

Understand we will not give your address out to anyone or any organization.  
Just to join CFNEWSFLASH only.

**CHURCH FINANCES  
FUNDS SUMMARY  
as of November 30, 2009**

• BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS .....	\$ 5,396
• CHOIR: ADULT .....	\$10,842
• MISCELLANOUS FUNDS (Combined) .....	\$20,518
• MISSIONS (Combined) .....	\$ 6,612
• WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION .....	\$ 1,241
• GENERAL FUND .....	\$ 6,408
• BROTHERHOOD .....	\$ 420

*NOTE:* None of our fund-raising activities are for our general expenses. These day-to-day expenses are paid for by church member's tithe and the generous donations of other individuals.

Fundraisers are used for special projects such as building renovations.

**The Church Officers & Department Leaders**

**General Administration**

- **Pastor:** Felix Love
- **Choir Director:** Jay Sanders
- **Deacons:** Ralph Benson, Jim Kelley, John Golden,  
Sandra Dukes, Richard Riley, Frances Sanders,  
Letha Smith, Charles Watson, Clarene Brooks
- **Treasurer:** Cheryl Shaver
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Sandra Evers
- **Financial Secretary:** Clarene Brooks
- **Asst. Financial Secretary:** Frances Sanders
- **Trustees:** Jim Kelley, Charles Watson, Jay Sanders,  
Richard Riley,
- **Alternate Trustees:** Frances Sanders, Clarene Brooks

**Sunday School Department**

- **Superintendent:** Rosalyn Petersdorf
- **Asst. Superintendent:** Clarene Brooks
- **Adult Sunday School:** Sandra Evers
- **Adult Sunday School Assistants:** Du Dukes,  
Sylvia Hatrich
- **Children (4-8):** Loisteen Mann
- **Preteens (9-11):** Loisteen Mann
- **Worship Nursery:** Sheila Love

**Others Departments**

- **Computer/Web Site:** Vacant
- **Custodians:** Franklin Dubberly, Phillip Brooks
- **CF Joyous News Editor:** Du Dukes
- **Assistant CF Joyous News Editor:** Felix Love
- **Male Baptism Committee:** Philip Brooks
- **Female Baptism Committee:** Clarene Brooks
- **Nomination Committee:** Sandra Evers, Debra Barnick
- **WMU President:** Frances Sanders
- **WMU Vice President:** Debra Barnick
- **Brotherhood President:** John Golden
- **Brotherhood Vice President:** Danny Golden
- **Moderator:** Philip Brooks
- **Asst. Moderator:** Felix Love
- **Kitchen Custodian:** Debra Barnick
- **Asst. Kitchen Custodian:** John Golden
- **Lord's Supper:** Yong Kelley, Stella Warthen, Faye Byrd
- **Building & Grounds:** Jim Kelley, Vince Torres
- **History Department:** John Golden
- **Head Usher:** Charles Watson
- **Greeter:** Jerry Sanders
- **Church Clerk:** Sandra Evers
- **Church Clerk Assistant:** Frances Sanders
- **Hostesses:** Frances Sanders, Lucy Parker
- **Security Dept.:** James Vickers, Victor Torres

**SPECIAL NEEDS:**

- **Volunteers for the church offices**
- **Computer/Web Site Expert**



*Volunteers to organize a youth group (Adult Youths and Youths Ages 12-17) continues to be priority. Our WMU always, always has wonderful events scheduled and our Brotherhood is now very active! Remember, we always have special projects going on around the church. **GET INVOLVED!***

## 2010 SCHEDULE (subject to change)

<b>JANUARY</b>			Sun	06/20/10	Father's Day
Fri	01/01/10	Happy New Year	Mon	06/21/10	Summer Begins
Sun	01/03/10	Lord's Supper	Sat	06/26/10	Church-wide Picnic
		WMU and Brotherhood Meetings	<b>JULY</b>		
Sat	01/09/10	Barken Wedding Reception	Sun	07/04/10	4 <sup>th</sup> July – Independence Day
Fri-Sat	01/15-16/10	Fellowship Hall Painting Party			Lord's Supper
Sun	01/17/10	Council/Deacons Meeting			Luncheon
Tue	01/18/10	MLK Day			WMU and Brotherhood Meetings
Wed	01/20/10	Business Meeting	Sat	07/17/10	Choir Practice
Sat	01/23/10	Choir Practice	Sun	07/18/10	Council/Deacon Meeting
Sat	01/30/10	DSG Winter Meeting	Wed	07/21/10	Business Meeting
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			<b>AUGUST</b>		
Tue	02/02/10	Ground Hog Day	Sun	08/01/10	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings
Sun	02/07/10	Luncheon	Sun	08/15/10	Council/Deacon Meeting
		WMU and Brotherhood Meetings	Wed	08/18/10	Business Meeting
Sun	02/13/10	Valentine Banquet	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Sun	02/14/10	Valentine's Day	Fri-Sat	09/03-04/10	Flea Market
Mon	02/15/10	President's Day	Sun	09/05/10	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings
Wed	02/17/10	Ash Wednesday	Mon	09/06/10	Labor Day
Sat	02/20/10	Choir Practice	Sun	09/12/10	Salem Baptist Church
Sun	02/21/10	Council/Deacons Meeting			Grandparent's Day
Wed	02/24/10	Business Meeting	Sat	09/18/10	Choir Practice
<b>MARCH</b>			Sun	09/19/10	Council/Deacon Meeting
Fri-Sat	03/05-6/10	Flea Market	Wed	09/22/10	Business Meeting
Sun	03/07/08	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings	Thur	09/23/10	First Day of Autumn
Sun	03/14/10	Daylight Saving Time	Sun	09/26/10	Church-wide Meeting
Wed	03/17/10	St Patrick's Day	<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Sat	03/20/10	Choir Practice	Sun	10/03/10	Women's Day
		First Day of Spring			WMU and Brotherhood Meetings
Sun	03/21/10	Council/Deacons Meeting			WMU Covered Dish Luncheon
Wed	03/24/10	Business Meeting	Sun	10/10/10	Lord's Supper
Sun	03/28/10	Churchwide Meeting	Mon	10/11/10	Columbus Day
<b>APRIL</b>			Sat	10/16/10	Choir Practice
Thu	04/01/10	April Fool's Day	Sun	10/17/10	Council/Deacon Meeting
Fri	04/02/10	Good Friday	Wed	10/20/10	Business Meeting
Sun	04/04/10	Easter	Sat	10/23/10	Fall Retreat
		Hat Day	Sun	10/24/10	United Nations Day
		Lord's Supper	Sun	10/31/10	Halloween
Mon	04/05/10	Earth Day	<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Sun	04/11/10	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings	Mon	11/01/10	All Saints Day
Sat	04/17/10	Choir Practice	Sun	11/07/10	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings
Sun	04/18/10	Council/Deacon Meeting			Shoe Box Deadline
Wed	04/21/10	Business Meeting			Daylight Saving Time Ends
Thu	04/22/10	Revival Starts	Thu	11/11/10	Veterans Day
Fri	04/23/10	Revival Continues	Sun	11/14/10	Men's Day
Sat	04/24/10	Revival Continues			Council/Deacon Meeting
Sun	04/25/10	Revival Homecoming	Wed	11/17/10	Business Meeting
		Covered Dish Luncheon	Sat	11/20/10	Choir Practice
<b>MAY</b>			Sun	11/21/10	Luncheon
Sun	05/02/10	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings	Thu	11/25/10	Thanksgiving Day Luncheon
		Covered Dish Luncheon	Sun	11/28/10	Greening Service/Advent Begins
Wed	05/05/10	Cinco De Mayo	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Sun	05/09/10	Mother's Day	Sat	12/04/10	Choir Christmas Dinner
Sat	05/15/10	Choir Practice	Sun	12/05/10	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings
		Armed Forces Day	Sun	12/12/10	Council/Deacon Meeting
Sun	05/16/10	Council/Deacon Meeting	Wed	12/15/10	Business Meeting
Wed	05/19/10	Business Meeting	Sat	12/18/10	Choir Practice
Mon	05/31/10	Memorial Day	Sun	12/19/10	Christmas Program and Luncheon
<b>JUNE</b>			Tue	12/21/10	First Day of Winter
Fri-Sat	06/04-05/10	Flea Market	Wed	12/22/10	CLOSED
Sat	06/05/10	Choir Practice	Sat	12/25/10	Christmas
Sun	06/06/10	WMU and Brotherhood Meetings	Fri	12/31/10	Watch Night Service
Sat	06/12/10	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Singing Hands Choir Concert			New Year's Eve
Sun	06/13/10	Council/Deacon Meeting			
Mon	06/14/10	Flag Day			
Wed	06/16/10	Business Meeting			

## What does the Crusselle-Freeman Church of the Deaf do?

A few weeks ago, someone asked a church member, "what does CF do?". They wanted to know what things CFCD supports. So, we've put together a list for those of you who might be interested:

### GENERAL MISSIONS:

- *Weekly bread/food donations to neighborhood homeless;*
- *Monthly, Crusselle-Freeman Church supports 5 deaf children in Honduras;*
- *Annually awards a \$250 Scholarship to a student at Atlanta Area School for the Deaf;*
- *Annually awards a \$250 Scholarship to a student at Georgia State School for the Deaf;*
- *Annual Winter Coat Drive (given to homeless shelters);*
- *Christmas Season Lottie Moon Mission Fund (Southern Baptist Missionary Fund);*
- *Actively supports Camp DOVE with requested donations;*
- *Actively supports Georgia Association of Deaf-Blind with requested donations and free meeting space;*
- *Actively supports Deaf Seniors of Georgia by providing free meeting space;*
- *Actively supports RID and other interpreting organizations by support their conventions;*

### BROTHERHOOD:

- *Visits Deaf prisoners at the State Prison in Hardwick, GA (near Milledgeville). Each month, they carry the Word of God and gives encouragement to the Deaf inmates there.*

### SINGING HANDS CHOIR:

- *Pet project is the "Clark's Kids" fund. This project raises money for Christmas gift for foster kids in the State of Georgia. Many times, these kids will not get any gifts because the State only pays foster parent just enough for food, clothes, etc.*

### WOMEN'S MISSION UNION:

- *Actively supports the Christian Evangelistic Association (Job Ayantol, Deaf Evangelist)*
- *Actively supports the Ronald McDonald House*
- *Collects coke cans tabs for the Ronald McDonald House*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive*
- *Thanksgiving Fruit Basket (for shut-ins)*
- *Christmas Food Drive*
- *Christmas Fruit Basket (for shut-ins)*
- *Operation Shoebox (collects shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for needy kids over the world).*

We here at Crusselle-Freeman Church of the Deaf are Christians who happen to be Deaf; not Deaf who happen to be Christians. Therefore, we will minister to all in need; Deaf or Hearing. Our love of people is not limited. No matter where they are. No matter who they are. No matter what they are.

Through Clark's Kids and Operation Shoebox, we to minister needy children. *"But when Jesus saw [it], he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."* Matthews 19:14, Mark 10:14 and Luke 18:16]

## Pastor's Business Card

sent by Jay Sanders

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

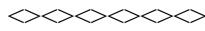
When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and

knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are!

"A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Prov. 17:22)



## Interesting Geography...

Alaska—More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

Canada—Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village."

Damascus, Syria—Damascus, Syria

was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul, Turkey—Istanbul (AKA Constantinople), Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

Ohio—There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is man made.

Sahara Desert—In the Sahara Desert there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

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*Appreciate your help!*

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CFCD encourages other groups to let us know about their future events. We will be happy to include these events in our newsletter calendar. Interested organizations wanting to include calendar information and/or flyers in our newsletter, please contact us by mail to CFCD Newsletter Editor, or by e-mail to: [crussellefreeman@gmail.com](mailto:crussellefreeman@gmail.com).

The remaining deadline for 2010 is March 5 (April-May-June).

We may have included your event. If you object, please call or email the editor and ask that we don't. We apologize if you object.

Birthdays are still available at our website: [www.crusselle-freeman.com](http://www.crusselle-freeman.com).



Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to the families of:

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Danny Parton           | Gartnell Graham              |
| Ronald Baker           | (Don Otwell's Mother)        |
| (Sandra Dukes' Cousin) | Thelma Quinn                 |
| Geoff Elliott          | (Louise Osborne's Mother)    |
| Leroy Prestley         | Landon Steele Sr.            |
| Cathy Friedman         | (David Steele's Father)      |
| Dana Byers             | Jasmine Zachery              |
| Joe Winkles            | Allan Avant                  |
|                        | Jerald Johnson               |
|                        | (Franklin Dubberly's Nephew) |

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 Jim Kelley, Letha Smith, Clarene Brooks,  
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**OUR KNOWN SICK**

The following friends and members need your prayers:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Judy Ann Ayers        | Tim Ethridge          | Philip Royston          |
| Tim Bader Family      | Kaye & Michael Ford   | Milton Saunders         |
| Janie & Raymond Baker | Rosalyn Heath         | Margene Senn            |
| Russell Baker         | Mary Hinson           | Kermit & Mazelle        |
| Florrie Mae Bates     | Barbara Hulsey        | Shadix                  |
| Margaret Brown        | Martha & Bobby Garmon | Eula Singleton          |
| Carmel Bryant         | Jean & J.L Ison       | Betty Smith             |
| Elmer Bryant          | Lonnie Mann           | Brinkley & Glenda Smith |
| Dwayne Carroll        | Anthony McClarin      | James Steverson         |
| Hazel Cataldo         | Julian Mincey         | Jackie Twilley          |
| John Coleman          | Velma Pages           | Tommy Warthen           |
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| Bobby Dukes           | Weldon Pope           |                         |
|                       | Stephen Richardson    |                         |

**IN NURSING HOMES**

Nell Boynton (Carroll Rehab Center), Evelyn Brooks (Bryan Center), Lucille Cox, Avis Kelly, Margene (Bruner) Senn (Pine Knoll Nursing Home, Carrollton), Sheryl Sherifit (Warner Robins Nursing).



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