

## SURPRISE VALLEY YOUTH CAMP GROCERY LIST

### Cereal

- 1-Trix
- 1-Raisin Bran

### Pop-Case of 12

- 1-Diet Orange
- 1-Diet Grape

- 1-Apple Sauce (46 Oz)
- 1-Dawn Dish Detergent
- 1-Pancake Syrup (24oz)
- 1-Paper Towels
- 1-Large Can Cut Green beans
- 1-Large Can Whole Kernel Corn
- 1-Large Bag Plain potato Chips
- 1-Peanut Butter (16.3oz)

### Styrofoam Items

- 1-Package 8oz Cups
- 1-Package 12oz Cups
- 1-Package Dinner Plates
- 1-Package Dessert Plates
- 1-Package Cereal and Salad Bowls

## Surprise Valley Youth Camp Dates For 2011

[www.surprise-valley.net](http://www.surprise-valley.net)

First Junior Week June 19-25, 2011  
Second Junior Week June 26-July 02  
Director for both weeks Dewey Miller

Senior Week July 10-16, 2011  
Third Junior Week July 17-23, 2011  
Director for both weeks: George Erwin

For a registration form see Roger!

### Camp rates For 2011

This year it will cost \$60 for those who pre-register and \$70 for those who register on opening day.

Prayer List: **Cancer:** Kenneth Dunn; Al-len Mooney; Rhonda Bogus; Rick Campbell; Debbie Boggs; Johnnie Blaylock Lewis Blaylock & Barbara Hill. **Health Problems:** Virgil & Emma Steele; Donald Rife; Eugene Holdren; Patricia Rotenbury; Steve and Pam Poorman's-daughter; Glenna Dempsey; Marlin Harles; Hazel Farr & JR Farr; Roy & N. Compton; Jean Walden; Sonya Radford; Shirley Coburn; Kara Christian; Gary Durham; Arnold Dempsey; Ken McWilliams; Gene Booth and Wanda Rowe; Abby Myers. **Strokes:** Richard Clement; Amanda Lance. **Other:** All hospice patients; Debbie Jones family; Diane Haleston eye problem; Billy Myers-Depression; Zack Holland-profound brain damage; Rex "Jimmy" Backus heart and lung problem; Tony & Robin Hodges-personal problems; Mini Mills-Broken elbow and knee. Sue Anderson-therapy; Don Hill-cancer; Vanessa Yeager-Vehicle accident and she is in ICU at Charleston General Hospital; Tammy Hodges-cancer; Calvin O'Donnell- in the PCH-pneumonia; Dosie Branscome-Heart problems; Brooke Steele-surgery on her heart at Duke in 2 1/2 weeks; Mike Shrewsbury-head injury; Raymond Myers-breathing problem. Brandon Grove-back broken Katie Hensley arthritis; Larry Scott-health problems; Sandy Pennington-in PCH with Kidney problems; David Burton-ruptured blood vessel in his brain; Leon Crockett-leg surgery; Shelby Lindsey-fibromyalgia; Beth Kosinar-baby was born at 25 weeks—needs intestinal surgery. **Alzheimer's:** Zella England; Mary Lou Thomas, & Leo Hamby. **Nursing home:** Peggy Barie is in the Loving Hands Adult Care; Ethel Pitzer- Country View Assisted Living; **Military:** Zachary McConnell.



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*Sunday:*  
Bible Study: 9:30 AM  
Worship: 10:30 AM  
Bible Study: 6:PM  
Wednesday: 6:PM

*Serving Communion:*  
Don Hill  
James Asbury  
Darrell Fletcher

*TV Programs on Sunday*  
*In Search of the Lord's*  
*Way 7:30 am*  
*INSP Channel*

*The Gospel of Christ*  
*10:am CW Channel*  
[www.wvacofc.com](http://www.wvacofc.com)

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### WENT ON HIS WAY REJOICING By Dennis Curd

You may recognize the title as the words of Luke recording the aftermath of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:39). When he became a Christian after his baptism, this man was happy. He knew what he had done and he knew what God had done for him. The only reasonable reaction to that knowledge was to be happy and to go on one's way rejoicing.

Was his joy short-lived or did it last? If it lasted, what caused it to continue? What produces joy in Christians on a day to day basis? Too many times we don't know how to answer these questions. And, truly, they aren't always easy to answer. We may know the answers in a mental sort of way, but the practicality of those answers doesn't always present itself as clearly as we might wish.

Joy is not real if it is contrived but it can be personally enhanced.

In other words, just saying you feel good doesn't make you feel good, but isn't the opposite worth considering. If someone always says they feel bad or life is terrible they will probably be in poor shape. Christians have to live in the real world which is a place where there is plenty of trouble. But Christians are not only of this world. They have dual citizenship, the most important one in the heavenly realm (cf. Phil. 3:20). Paul says that it is from that perspective that we await the Lord's return. The waiting, by the way, is our present life. Is life going to look better if one perceives himself from a heavenly perspective? Of course!

Everything worth anything takes effort. A break in routine, a little more planning, and a little more patience yields a great dividend. The eunuch traveled all the way from Ethiopia to Jerusalem to serve God. Don't you imagine that was anything but a routine action? He put in tremendous effort because he believed in what he was doing. God apparently knew him to be a truthful and sincere man because he sent Philip to teach him about Jesus. While studying about the messiah from the book of Isaiah, Philip preached Jesus to him. Part of that message was how to become a Christian. When they came to water, the eunuch wanted to have his sins washed away in baptism. He believed that the blood of Christ thus applied would have that desire effect. All of his extra effort had been worth it. He went on his way rejoicing.

I don't know if his joy lasted. I hope and pray it did. I do the same for all Christians. The initial joy of becoming a Christian can give way to the dismal

state of the world, but with a heavenly perspective joy can and will remain. We ought to go all the way through life rejoicing because we know what Christ has done for us.



### Window to the Heart of God!

by Phil Ware

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home (John 20:25-27 NIV).

Jesus' sweetness to his mother in the horror of this moment holds us here just like Mary's love for her boy held her here so many years ago. Through the eyes of Mary and Jesus' beloved disciple, we see it all. The ascent up Golgotha, being nailed to the cross, and then lifted up between two criminals to die that agonizing and humiliating death of crucifixion. The sign placed above him, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Gambling over Jesus' clothes as he is exposed and naked, left to writhe in pain and face the jeers of barbaric and dehumanizing ridicule while on display. "I am thirsty," Jesus says, asking for a drink. The soldiers give him a sponge of wine vinegar. Then Jesus says, "It is finished." He bows his head, gives up his spirit, and dies.

Somehow our gaze is transfixed, dart-

ing between Mary and the soldier who has come to make sure that Jesus is dead. As the soldier plunges the spear into the Lord's side, a mixture of blood and water pours out as his body is pierced. And just as his mother knows, we too realize that he is gone. Jesus' body is dead!

We will never fully know what this meant in the life of God. We can try to imagine, but even our imaginations cannot fathom the hard impact Jesus' death had on the heart of God! We can know that Jesus did it to honor the Father's will and to demonstrate his great love for us, but we cannot begin to calculate the cost to God. We have no currency by which to understand such sacrifice.

Then our glance falls on Mary — Mary the mother of Jesus who had raised him, now followed him to the cross. Her body is worn and weary. Her face streaked with tears. Her face displays the agony of her soul. This was her boy ... her baby ... the one that she had swaddled ... the one that she carried in her womb ... the one about whom angels made such great promises.

Yet why were the angels silent now? Why silent in her confusion? Why silent in her anger? Why silent in her own suffering?

Then suddenly we realize the importance of Mary at this moment. In addition to demonstrating her loving faithfulness to her boy, Mary becomes our window into the heart of God. Through her pain, we can catch a glimpse of God's pain. Through her faithfulness, we are reminded of Jesus' confidence:

"A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me" (John 16:32).

And so we stand at this cross, this scene of horror, with Mary and the beloved disciple and realize, as much as Mary agonizes over the pain and humiliation of her son, God agonizes more and accepts upon himself the weight of the world's sin, hell's evil intent, and humankind's cruelty. And as he does, we are reminded once again of our Father's love and the basis of our hope:

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:9-10).

And the cost of this great love? And the pain of this great sacrifice? And the weight of the sin he bears, the evil he defeats, and the cruelty he endures? It is etched in the lines of Mary's face, the tremble in her hands that once held him, and the tracks of the tears as they roll down her cheeks and drop silently on the same dirt on which her little boy's blood is spilled.

Mary is our window to the heart of God. So we pause ... and wonder ... and give thanks ... and remember the words of the distant hymn that echoes in our soul:

Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.\*

# Bulletin Insert for May 22, 2011



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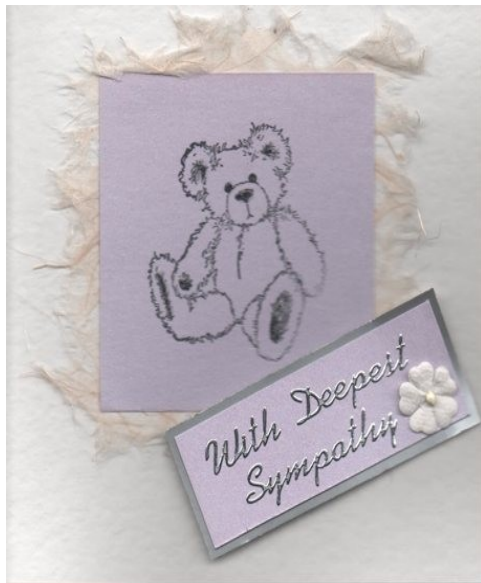


We want to congratulate all of our 2011 graduates. We wish them all a successful and bright future as they enter college.

\*Justin Reed will graduate on May 27, 2011 from Coffee County Central High School.

\*Kayla Hazelwood will graduate on June 3, 2011 from Bluefield High School.

\*Amanda Biter will graduate on June 5, 2011 from Blacksburg High School.



Please keep Kristin Morris and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Kristin went to the doctor on Thursday for her six month check up and her baby had no heart beat. She was put in the hospital to deliver the baby. Please keep the family in your prayers. This is a difficult time for the family.



Men's Business Meeting at 5 pm this evening downstairs.



There will be a graduation celebration luncheon for Kayla Hazelwood after morning services on June 5, 2011. Everyone is invited to attend. We will have hot dogs and chicken salad sandwiches. Please join us to congratulate Kayla.