

Crimson & White Connection

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Crimson & White? What's this?

... This letter is part of a ministry primarily to students and singles. It started with college students. Now about 60% of the mailing list are college students, 20% middle and high school, and 10% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 10% since, well, they're old.. Articles are on character, values, spiritual life, relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's Son, eternal, part of the single triune God, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified and risen, and is the *only* way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong.

This letter and post cards are sent about twice a month. We're trying to say that you are important enough for us to put this in your mailbox. We care about you and want to encourage your character growth and your spiritual walk.

A second part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for each person on our mailing list as the mail is prepared. When you get mail from us, you know someone prayed for you.

A college student reader chose the name **Crimson and White Connection** based on Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The cleansing of our nature and our sins is a universal need. If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way. If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. -- If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today.

John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

June 7, 2007

Pirates!!

Marie and I often snuggle up on the couch and watch a good movie on TV. And if nothing "good" is on TV, we resort to the DVD and VHS collection in the cabinet in the corner. At one time I had it all organized, alphabetized, catalogued... even the catalogue entered into the computer and sorted by title, rating, and general category. Our favorite kind of movies are "chick flicks, comedies, and general "feel good" movies. On occasion we go to the theater to see something.

Now the last movie we went to at the invitation of and so with friends - we'll go as much to spend time before and after with the friends, often having dinner together, or at least get a Chick-fil-A ice cream cone. Oh, finish the sentence... The last movie we went to was the 3rd in the Pirates of the Caribbean series. In the theater, in the semi-dark, Marie says, "What are you doing?" I was trying to write a line of the dialogue on a napkin. - Here are the two lines:

"Do you think he plans all this stuff out or does he make it up as he goes along?"

"Words spoken through prison bars lose their beauty."

Now. I need to make something spiritual out of that.


"Planning" or "make it up as you go." - Some people "make up the rules for their life as they go along. Whatever works at the moment. Whatever "feels good" at the moment. Whatever "seems right at the moment. That's what they do at that moment. Well, that often leads to disastrous results. Without a plan, without thinking ahead, you're never sure how it might turn out. It has been said that "you can choose your actions, but you can't choose your consequences.

Let's take a very REAL topic. I just happen to be reading some statistics on birth control pills. This is a way that some people choose to avoid the pregnancy consequences of having sex. IF you take the pill at the same time every day and never miss, the pregnancy rate is only about 1%. If you even fluctuate the time of day from one pill to the next, it rises to about 5%. And according to Planned Parenthood* (these are the people that encourage the distribution of pills and condoms to encourage "safe sex" among teens), the PREGNANCY rate for "under 18 year olds" is 11%, for 18-19 year olds is 9.6%, and 20-24 year olds is 7.2%. For those that choose condoms, the PREGNANCY rates are 18.4%, 16.3%, and 12.3%. They want to encourage "safe sex" because then when kids get pregnant, they are there to provide the "alternative solution to pregnancy," for a fee, and this is a multi-billion dollar business for them.

Sex definitely "feels good" and may even "feel right" at the time. But the consequences... well, besides pregnancy, there are all kinds of psychological consequences. And it means you more than double the probability of divorce when you do get married and actually reduce your sexual satisfaction in the marriage.**

I could go on about that, there are many studies that support that "experience" before marriage is detrimental. That's for another time. - People make up their own rules for sex as they go along. - NO! There is a guide book. An instruction book. You're not supposed to make it up for yourself. The designer gave a manual! Read it!

People "make up the rules for getting to heaven" as they go along, too. Arrrrgh! **No!** Someone already made up those rules. If you read the manual, He tells you how it works! It's simple. The instruction book is God's reaching to you. - Choice: Do you reach out to meet Him? In the Pirate movie, here comes the second line from the Pirate movie... Captive, without the freedom to accept or reject, or said another way, "Love spoken under duress isn't really love." It is tainted. It isn't voluntary. The only love that is genuine is love that is given voluntarily. - That same principle applies to your relationship with God. If you didn't have the free choice to accept or reject, the free will

 **From the mailbox** (Letters may be slightly edited. We also remove some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too.
Rich

I am excited by the stuff coming in my mailbox. I have letters from young people **all over!** Here's one from Australia!

Date: 31/2007

From: M_____@____.au

G'day Rich.

I just wanted to send you an email to say I'm always encouraged by your emails and I appreciate very much you sending them.

Matt

5/7/07

Sorry about not informing you of the address change. My new address is: _____, _____, OH _____. I moved to Westerville to be closer to my now-fiancee as I will be getting married next March, so that's the biggest change. This email address is the best one.
Sincerely, T____

Congrat!!!

"Move closer" ... I looked on the map. That looked like about a 60 mile move. I used to drive about 55 miles each way, 2 to 3 times a week to see Marie. - But gas was like 30-40 cents a gallon.

Thanks for the address. I'll put it back in the mail. Share the C&WC with her. And I can put her on the mail list, too, until you combine addresses if she'd like.

Rich

Date: 5/23/2007 **From:** Meg_____@____.u

Hey Rich,

Well, the summer time for us is training. We get 3 weeks off at some point during the summer, but other than that we are training. Last year, I was stationed on a 378' cutter out of Alameda, CA for the summer. ... We just had graduation today. It's a big relief that it is over because we had President Bush as our speaker so things have been pretty hectic around here. I'll be in and out of the academy all summer. I believe the longest I'll be away is only a couple weeks.

About South Africa...it was absolutely amazing. God worked in ways I never imagined and taught me lessons that I thought I already knew (boy, was I wrong). There is a short video (URL below) that someone made up about the trip (I think I'm in there one time...I'm the one with really curly hair). We are working on a little better one to send around to the churches and boards that helped us to get over there. I would really love to tell you about it and certainly share with you how God revealed himself to me and my group. I'll certainly let you know when I get that new video up and working (hopefully soon).

Well, I've got quite a long night ahead of me so I better get going. I'll talk to you later and please know that I'm praying for you and your ministry.

Meg

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7tW4shGuIM>

Added: April 02, 2007

over spring break, new london collegiate ministry took a mission trip to durban, south africa. this video is to aid in the report process as the students share their experience [Meg is in the video at 2:14 and at 4:50.]

Pirates (continued)

to love in return, then your love for God would be "through prison bars." It wouldn't mean anything, it is coerced.

And God loves you just the way you are... But He also loves you enough that He wants you to become so much more, better, more than you can even imagine that you could be. Wouldn't you want to love someone who wants you to be better than you are? Not just to change you to what they want because they want it, that would be selfish. But wants and knows you can be so much more and it would be GOOD. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that God thinks about us, you and me, and has a plan. He's not just making it up as He goes along. And it says He has a plan for good things for you and me.

Know what it takes from you and me? That we freely love Him back. See? It's a "love relationship" He's after.

In Christ, Rich

Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? If not, and you want that, call me at 336-674-7564. Or call 1-888-NEED-HIM. - With God, even if you have gone the opposite direction, you have never gone too far to turn around.

* Family Planning Perspectives, V.18, n.5 the journal from Planned Parenthood

** Watson & DeMeo, "Premarital Cohabitation..." Family Relations April 87, pp193

ATTENTION ALL MEN (and they need you gals to help at the conferences, too)

Coach Bill McCartney—the Founder of Promise Keepers

— McCartney was the head football coach at the University of Colorado who turned around their program and led them to win the AP National Championship. He retired in 1995 to spend more time with his family and pursue a closer relationship with God. Since his retirement he has founded Promise Keepers among many other Christian endeavors. He has a heart for men and a passion for Christ.

PK does weekend conferences. This is the list posted at www.promisekeepers.org when I checked 6/4/07

I am attending the SC conference and will probably be at the volunteer registration table. - A lot of gals are needed as volunteers to pull off the conference. You can register to attend, or register as a volunteer at the PK web site.

June 29-30	Mobile, AL
July 13-14	San Antonio, TX
July 20-21	Nashville, TN
July 27-28	Orlando, FL
August 3-4	Columbia, SC
August 17-18	Cincinnati, OH
August 24-25	Fresno, CA

Schedule subject to change

Promise Keepers

~~ **A letter from Lindsey Veit about her work in a ministry in Romania, 05-06.** Lindsey graduated from

Davidson College '05 and is now at UNC-Chapel Hill ~~

Miracles of New Life

Lindsey Viet

from her year in Romania, 2005-06

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” John 3:17

While I was in Romania, I worked with a lot of teenagers living classic inner-city lives filled with despair and sin. When I first arrived in Hunedoara, I got to know a young man (Elvis, 24) and his girlfriend (Manuela, 17). She was very closed off and did not talk to me much, yet he was pretty open and asked a lot of questions. But she was the one on my heart from the moment I saw her sitting on the wall in front of the Bethlehem Christian Center (a very common gathering spot for young people).

One week God opened the door for several great discussions of the gospel with Elvis. I sent out a prayer letter to the 50+ people who were praying for my ministry. That Friday at prayer with the Center staff, I told our director that I felt certain God had His hand on Elvis. That night, after a great hour of large group youth Bible study followed by another hour long one on one discussion of forgiveness offered through Christ, Elvis prayed to receive Jesus into his life. He began growing slowly but steadily. Another friend, and previous partner in (real and metaphoric) crime, Tomita, also received Christ that same night, in another room while talking to a pastor. No male could be found to begin discipleship with these two young men, so despite the criticism from many in the church (but with the support of our pastor and Center director) I began a daily Bible study through the book of Ephesians with them. A couple weeks later Elvis told me that Manuela was a two months pregnant. I began praying for her, but did not have the opportunity to talk with her. Scandal broke out in the Christian community over her pregnancy primarily because the church was already extremely cynical that former criminals like Tomita and Elvis could really be transformed by the gospel. The fact that Manuela become pregnant before Elvis knew Jesus did not stop the rumors and gossip.

One night Manuela and Elvis had a bad fight and he was worried that she may be suicidal. I was worried that he might be as well. So I slept in the same room as Manuela and “babysat”. That was the beginning of our friendship. A month or so later, Manuela’s father passed away. I found out shortly thereafter the real miracle that God had done: Manuela had been trying to have an abortion since she first found out she was pregnant. First they couldn’t get together enough money. Then Elvis was finding ways to delay the abortion in hopes that he could keep his child. Ultimately, one of Manuela’s siblings sent her money from Germany. Her father was pressuring her to get an abortion,

despite the fact that he was a Christian. She was scheduled to have an abortion the Sunday that her father died! God took one life in order to spare another. Manuela decided to carry her baby to term, but the battle wasn’t over.

Manuela’s mother left for Germany. Manuela was left only with her older brother, who was physically and emotionally abusive. I almost got myself hurt one day trying to stick up for her. Thankfully I was in public where nothing could happen. She was abandoned by almost everyone in her family, except for an aunt gave her a safe place to stay. In her loneliness and desperation, Manuela’s entire demeanor changed. She was gentle and open to my friendship finally. I helped her through the pregnancy, visited regularly, bought baby clothes, and all the other things a sister would do. Before I left Romania, God gave me the honor of seeing baby Alex healthy and strong in his mother’s arms.

Since then, Manuela’s mother has returned to Romania. She now takes care of Alex so that Manuela can go back to school (she was only in the 10th grade). I don’t know if Manuela ever made a decision for Christ, but I know she saw the love of God in action throughout her pregnancy. I know that she and Elvis read the Bible together many times, and I was able to share with her the hope offered in Jesus. I continue to pray that those seeds will bear fruit in her life, so that Alex can be raised in a family with two loving, God-fearing parents.

In answer to the prayers of countless people God brought life, both spiritual and physical, into a situation that looked hopeless from every human perspective. Truly we serve an awesome God!



Krista and Eli are spending time "hands-on" learning what it is like to be on the mission field. They are doing a 6-month assignment exploring the possibility of a longer term commitment. Krista graduated from Bethel College in MN last year, married Eli, and their 1st anniversary occurred while they are in Cameroon.

Subject: Muslims, oragami ministry, and high-speed internet

Date: 4/11/2007 3:26:10 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

From: clakri@bethel.edu

Saanu yenyo yam e soobaa'en! Noi hande? Noi sombri? Useko.

Hello again,

We are continuing to learn Fulfulde and having a good time with Muusa, our friend who is tutoring us. I am catching on to the language much quicker than Eli, but it's predominantly because I've had more chances to interact with people at the clinic than he has. I also have a strong will to learn as much of the language as possible while we're here. I've had great motivation to speak Fulfulde because of some people I came to know at the clinic. I've never had such a great desire to learn a language before.

When we first came to Banyo there was a 10-year old girl here who was a burn victim. Her parents were here everyday to care for her (note: every patient is required to have a "carer" with them since the hospitals here do not take the responsibility of feeding, bathing, etc. for the patients). Soon I came to know this girl better as she was attracted to me, the white person. Her father is trying to learn English right now, so he enjoyed speaking to me and Eli since he knew we were trying to learn Fulfulde. This Muslim family is one of the most joyful families I have ever known. They smile and laugh all the time, even though they were sitting here at the clinic, day after day, just waiting for her burns to heal. I looked forward to seeing this girl everyday and talking with her. She kept insisting to visit my home so one day I invited her and her mother and baby sister to come. A friend came to translate and I enjoyed serving them ice cream, which they've never eaten before. They were thrilled to come see the house we are staying in. Back at the clinic I had the idea to show this girl how to make origami flowers (since I was doing this one day while bored in the nurse's station). She loved it! Of course no one here has seen anything like that before. Even the clinic staff were entranced to watch me fold paper and create a flower. So my new friend brought another girl (11 years old) to watch me. I started making flowers upon flowers for many people. Everyone was fascinated. Then I switched to paper airplanes, which also brought much delight. Spending time together also led to teaching these two girls how to write their own names. Neither of them could read or write, and of course they had no idea what their name looked like on paper. They were delighted! So then I had the idea to ask the carpenter to carve their names into a wooden name plate so they will always have something to remember what their name looks like.

My heart has broken time and again for these girls and their families because I have grown to love them so much, and because they are Muslim and do not know the truth and love

of Jesus Christ. After the girl with the burns was discharged from the clinic, I was able to spend more time with the other girl who was still caring for her sick sister. I was reading my Bible and she kept looking at it. So I asked someone to come translate. I explained that I was reading about Jesus because it was Easter week. When I asked if she knew who Jesus was, she said she'd never heard of Him before. My heart broke, and I took the chance to explain why we believe in Him and why we celebrate Easter. I can only pray that someday she will come to know Him as her Savior.

It has been so interesting for both Eli and I to experience another religion. We are both reading books about Islam to understand it better because there are so many Muslims in this area. They are calm, peaceful people, which we are grateful for, but they are utterly lost. They do not understand the freedom Christ offers, and they are ingrained in rituals and religion, not faith. But Islam is all they know. So we have been learning much and beginning to pray for the salvation of these people.

Work at the clinic is going well. We are trying to find various projects to help out more than simply helping during the normal shift. For instance, I spent a few days cleaning and organizing the OR supply room, which was a complete disaster beforehand. And Eli has spent a couple of weeks transferring the pharmacy and medical supply inventory onto a spreadsheet on a computer so ordering will be easier. He's also helped a ton with Jim and Ina's computer in the house, which, praise the Lord, has high-speed internet now! They had a satellite [dish] installed recently which has been a great, great blessing. The internet cafe was beginning to irritate us a bit, so now we are so grateful to email in peace and high speed :)

The one other thing we are forced to learn is the difficulty of being so far away when big things happen at home. This past weekend Eli's best friend/cousin got engaged to a great gal that we both love much! What a joyous occasion! It is thrilling that the Lord is continuing to work out His plan for their life. However, it really stinks to be on the other side of the world when something like this happens. Josh is truly our "best man" and one of the closest people in the world to us, and he played a great role in Eli and my own engagement, so to be away is proving to be a rather difficult thing. It's odd to think that while the rest of the family is celebrating together, we are sitting here in Cameroon, singing Disney songs to pass the time away, and eating fufu and jamma jamma. If we were home, we'd be celebrating along with everyone else and giving hugs like crazy. So it is hard. And yet, it is a great insight into yet another part of the missionary life.

Some prayer requests:

- Please continue to pray that we learn Fulfulde well and can communicate with people at the clinic.
- Thank God that the rainy season has begun and the cooler weather is on its way.
- Pray for the clinic as it is planning to expand soon, and hopes to become a full hospital in the near future.
- Pray that termites will not try to build another house in our bedroom (yes, it's pretty creepy).

Much love and blessings to you all!
Krista and Eli

I Should Write A Book!

Relationship Principles - Memories

Richard Dymmel, Ed.D., c.2007

Now I am a sort of a “incurable romantic” at heart. I mean I do try. And I’ve had women tell me, ‘Could you teach a class for husbands?’ and things like that.

We’ve been writing for several years now to young people about building relationships that build to lasting, strong marriages. Now nothing is a guarantee. And trying to “nail down” some of these ideas, well, that’s sometimes like trying to nail Jello to a wall.

Like I could say “conversation.” But Uncle Al, I know he would go out fishing in the boat to get away by himself, away from his wife, just away. I really don’t think he was fishing, because he would be gone for 6 or 8 hours on the lake and maybe, maybe have 2 fish at the end of the day.

But there are some underlying principles that generally apply to stable relationships. And I’ve written about them. I subscribe to a couple “romantic” web sites - if you want to keep a fire burning in the fireplace, or campfire, you can’t put fuel on the fire once or twice a year. So it takes an ongoing effort. Even the gas logs in our fireplace now require that the gas pipe be connected and the valve open to let the fuel in to burn to create the fire. It doesn’t “just happen.”

As I was reading some back emails and storing them, two relationship suggestions were just SO similar to what I write, it was almost like maybe they had read my stuff and were plagiarizing! But my stuff doesn’t have that big a circulation... not yet... so he probably hadn’t see my articles. This web site has 90,000 subscribers and he SELLS his books online and in book stores... For \$\$\$\$. I’ve been GIVING my stuff away for FREE. I should write a book, and sell my stuff!

So, let me make two points on building relationships.

*** History.** -- Do you have one? By that I mean a negative history? Is there something in your past you aren’t proud of?

If you have a criminal record... but hopefully you’ve changed... someone that you are “getting serious” about needs to know. They may not need to know ALL about it, but they need to know there are things in your past that you’ve dealt with. Do you have 3 ex-wives? There are some ties to your life that people may have that will have to be dealt with.

If you have an STD, like the TV commercials for some drug that reduces outbreaks and makes their life “wonderful” now, but if you catch the small print at the bottom of the screen, it tells you that it is incurable, you may still pass it on to your partner. They have a right to know you may probably infect them with an incurable disease!

*** and memories** - Previous lovers. -- Here’s where the articles I just read match with what I have said in many ways many times. Some people, at the time they’re having casual sex, don’t think it’s a “big deal.” - I don’t speak from personal experience about past sexual experience, you can read about us in the article “Thirsty Camels and Prince Charming.” - But the literature, research, and the principles apply and back up the position of purity. - If you have past sexual experiences, they are STRONG imbedded (a little pun there) memories. These memories are

permanent and strong! Sex is like that. It builds ties whether we want to or not. It IS an emotional “glue.” That’s part of why it is important as a “glue” between married partners. It does “glue” people together. And if you pull apart, like glued paper, pieces go with the other person. Part of you goes with them. Part of them sticks with you.

After soldiers come back from wars and have vivid memories of what they saw and participated in. Coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan, soldiers are committing suicide, and other disasters from the memories that are recorded in their brain. Memories of things flash up ... uncontrolled ... triggered by almost anything. Seeing a flower or smelling fresh baked apple pie might retrieve a memory from 10, 30, 50 years ago. I had a dark green car flash up a memory of when I was about 12 years old and was out on a Saturday afternoon drive with my parents. Report cards always bring back a memory of being in the 6th grade and getting all A’s and my teacher writing “Richard refuses to do extra work” and my thinking “I got all A’s. What more do you want?!” I was really upset with her. And 50 years later I still remember that.

If you have a “history,” it will “pop up” on you, either just in your mind, or depending on what it is, it may pop up in other more tangible ways. Your special person needs to know at least some about it. They don’t need to know so much that it now also becomes a problem for their memory bank also. Be careful.

And some memories are good. But what if your memory didn’t have ANY thing in it that might cause a problem later on? What if there were no arrests by the police? What if there were no sexual memories that would interfere with your spouse being cherished and being the ONE most special person in your head and heart? What if YOU were the ONLY sexual thoughts in their head? What if your spouse had kept themselves just for you and cherished just YOU? - Cherish is a great word for marriage ceremonies. ... In our vows we promised to cherish each other. ... It’s easier when you don’t have a bunch of other memories to deal with. ... Cherished even before you met. ... Think about that.

*** Mixing Faith and Family** I have written about this, too, and MW put this in his book and web site.

Mixing of religions in a marriage... Have you seen the movie “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”? We like it. It is a funny movie, we think. - At the scene where he tells his parents, he says ‘We’re going to get married in her church. Her family is very religious and our family isn’t.’ (Single quotes because that’s not an *exact* quote, but essentially what he says.) And he gets baptized into the Greek orthodox church. He doesn’t really care. He’s just buying into the format and form to get what he wants, the girl.

A radio commentator and author has said that a mixed relationship (mixed religions) eventually has to convert to both being one or the other or there will be ongoing conflict, and they often both become nothing. Converting, often will mean the one just wasn’t very strong, changes to the form, like in the movie. - If you have a real, personal relationship with Jesus, how can you choose to spend the rest of your life with someone who thinks the most important thing in your life is not important? If strong in their beliefs, you will be under constant attack. If they are weak, they may resent you, or at best ignore and resist you. If they aren’t “on the same page” with you, and they don’t move over to your “page,” there is conflict ahead.

Why not try for the ideal? Two the same, both committed Christians. Worship together. Live and everything together.

Fraternities, Sororities & Christianity

Does that strike you as a non-obvious combination?

In general, my contact and experiences with the Greek organizations on campuses were that they were excuses for alcohol. In contrast, I also know that on the Wake Forest University campus, a pair of Poteat Scholarship students, started a chapter of a Christian, substance-free sorority.

One of the C&WC readers is combining Christianity and Greek life at Purdue University. Kristen Swayze graduated from Elon University in May 2005, had been involved in both a sorority and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. She was in one of my math classes in the Winter of 02. She got married after graduating. In September of 06 Kristen wrote me:

"...During my Junior year, I helped begin a new branch of ministry called Greek InterVarsity (GreekIV). The purpose of Greek IV is to reach fraternity and sorority students for Jesus Christ. I finally built up the courage and initiated a Bible study within my sorority. I led it for the remainder of my time at Elon.

As graduation approached, I was not sure what God was calling me to do. Through much prayer, I decided to apply for InterVarsity staff. The Lord answered my prayer and I am now working in full time ministry with Greek IV on the campus of Purdue University in Indiana!"

Kristen told me I could reprint anything from her newsletter "The Burt Bulletin." Here's the report of the Easter outreach they did on the Purdue University Campus in her "Spring 2007" newsletter.

OUTREACH: Passion of the Christ

The week before Easter, Christians celebrate "Passion Week." Greek IV partnered with the undergrad chapter of InterVarsity in an outreach, April 2nd-4th, 2007. The theme of the week was PASSION. Our week began with an evangelism training session for students from both chapters on April 1st. We provided tips for sharing faith and discussed their fears for the week. Students on the outreach planning committee created a questionnaire to guide students in conversations. During the training, they had an opportunity to practice in pairs. We were on Purdue's central campus, Monday and Tuesday for most of the day. We handed out eggs to students. Inside the eggs were a piece of candy and a folded piece of paper. As they unfolded the flyer it read: "This egg is full, but the tomb was empty, so what does this mean to you?" As they opened the flyer completely, it was an invitation to the showing of the "Passion of the Christ" movie on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Throughout our time on campus, students were handing out eggs, others were paired up to initiate conversations with students about PASSION. After the movie, Brian, who is on staff with the undergrad chapter, gave a short talk about Jesus' passion for us, and why Easter is so meaningful to Christians. Toward the end of his talk, he gave students an opportunity to make a decision for Christ. Four students accepted Christ and two others recommitted their life to Christ! In completing a response card, one student from Greek IV wrote, "I have gone to Greek IV for a month now after a friend urged me to find Christ. I did that tonight!"

6/4/07 Alcohol is glamorous

"I want to be an example to young people"... so said Paris Hilton.

On "The Morning Show" and on the Fox 8 local news this morning, in the words of the newscaster, 'Paris Hilton, hotel heiress and actress, has changed from having her picture taken in front of bars to being behind bars. She has turned herself in to start serving her 45 day jail sentence on breaking probation on alcohol related reckless driving charges.'

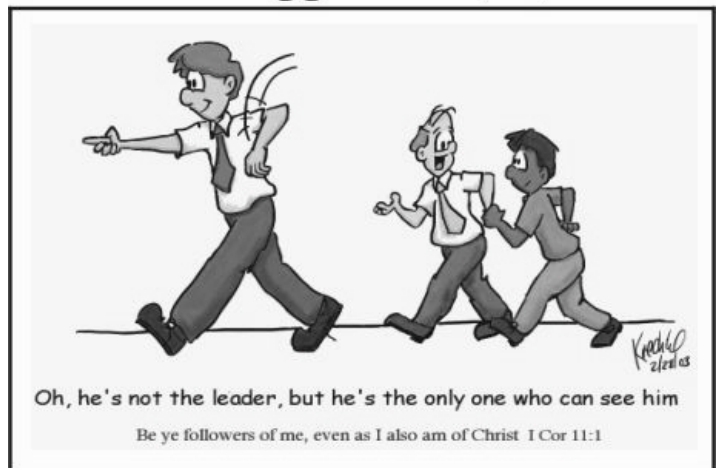
Oh, they said she was crying when she got out of the car in front of the jail. ... It apparently isn't that much fun when the consequence arrives.

We can chose the action

We can't choose the consequences

Kartoon Knuggets

By Troy Knechtel



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Headed home for the Summer for Mom's cooking? With the campus cafeterias closed for the Summer, are you having to cook for yourself?

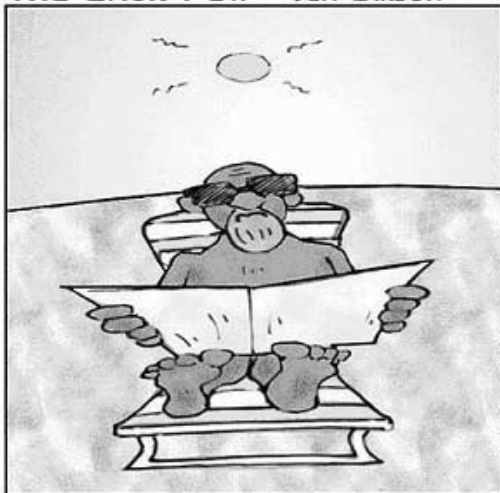
You Are A Bad Cook If...

- You Are A Bad Cook If... - The last time you tried to make toast the kitchen caught on fire
- Your apple pie bubbled over and ate the enamel off the bottom of the oven.
- Your homemade bread can be used as a door stop.
- The leftover crumbs make a great replacement for kitty litter.
- Those annoying pest control companies keep pestering you, wanting to buy and patent your recipe for candy Christmas cookies.
- You forget and leave a gallon of your homemade ice cream on the porch overnight during a record busting heat- and the next afternoon, not only is it still solid, but it tastes better.
- The EPA requires that all your garbage cans be marked with large bright red 'biohazard' symbols.
- You use the smoke alarm as a cooking timer.
- You consider it a culinary success if the pop-tart stays in one piece.
- Your dog goes to the neighbors' to eat.
- Your family buys Alka Seltzer and Kaopectate in bulk.
- Your family automatically heads for the dinner table every time they hear a fire truck siren.
- Your two best recipes are meatloaf and apple pie, but your dinner guests can't tell which is which.
- You've used three boxes of scouring pads and a bottle of Drano and a crowbar, and that macaroni and cheese still won't let go of the pan.
- You make tuna noodle surprise and the surprise is that it glows in the dark and melts the silverware.
- Your family prays AFTER they eat!

Exposure to the SON may prevent burning



THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



Simon the Tanner Acts 9:43

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Becoming a Christian: A-B-C's

A - Admit that you're a sinner. You just can't meet God's standard. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (also see 1 John 1:8).

B - Believe that Jesus was the Son of God and died in your place, took the punishment for you. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave His only begotten son (that's Jesus) that whosoever (that's you again) believes in Him should not perish (that's saved from eternal death, Hell) but have eternal life (given eternal life with God, that's "salvation" or to "be saved")." John 3:16

C - Confess your sin to God. - The Bible says, "If we confess (own up to) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us..." 1John 1:9.

S - Submit yourself to His commands and control.

Want Jesus in your life? Pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I confess to You my sin and need to be saved. I turn away from my old sin and place my trust and faith in You as the only way to be saved." Now contact your pastor, or contact us at 1-336-674-7564, or call 1-888-NEED-HIM, and say, "I just asked Jesus to be my Lord."

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