



# SHARING IS CARING

Kwang Ya Church (P.C.U.S.A.)

You may have met Rev. Hee-dong Yoo who has visited our church a few times in recent months. He is an ordained Presbyterian Korean Pastor, who has met with our session and requested the use of our facilities to plant a Korean Presbyterian Church named Kwang-Ya (Wilderness). The session has agreed, and under the guidance of Presbytery, has formed a council of people from our church and from the Kwang-Ya church to meet regularly as we **share** space. We plan to meet monthly and check in with each other so that we may build relationships between the Norcross Church and the Kwang-Ya Church, in order that we may work through whatever conflicts will inevitably arise, and so that we may together **share** the gospel of Jesus Christ with the community, and with the world.



As the council met together, we agreed on these meeting times for them. They will meet downstairs on Sunday mornings at 11:30 – 12:40 for Bible Study / Sunday School. At 1:00 they will meet in the sanctuary for Worship. They will meet from 2:00 – 3:00 (give or take) for fellowship in the covenant room. On Wednesday evenings they will have worship from 8:30 to 9:30. On Friday nights, they will have prayer meetings from 9:00 – 11:00 p.m. They have a small handful of interested folks, but the council together hopes and prays for their growth. They plan to start on Sunday, July 10.

The council has grown out of the desire of, and has begun the process of, working together in partnership and fellowship. Surely there will be issues that will take our effort to work together to get on the same page. But the good thing about having regular meetings is that it enables us to work these out together. If you have any questions, please know that you can talk to me, or to Johanne Valentine, Cynthia Correa, Duck Ae Karasek or Bob Norman who are members of the council. If you experience something that makes you anxious, please alert myself or another member of the council. Mostly, we ask you to join us as we welcome our brothers and sisters in to **share** our space and to glorify God.

## DRAMA



**Lionheart Theatre Company** has some exciting productions in store for all:

### ***You're A Good Man Charlie Brown***

will be performed:

July 15 and 16 here at NPC  
July 22 and 23 at the Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Children's Museum  
(There will be both a matinee and an evening performance on July 16th & 23rd.)

**"Lionheart in the Park"** will be performing at Thrasher Park in Norcross, as well as, The Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Children's Museum, located next door to the Gwinnett Civic Center.

Performance dates:

### ***You Are Special***

by Max Lucado

July 2 at the City of Norcross' 4th of July celebration at 6:30 pm and again at 7 pm

July 3 at 10:30 am here at NPC  
(This performance will take the place of the sermon)

July 9 at 11:00 am at the Hudgens Center

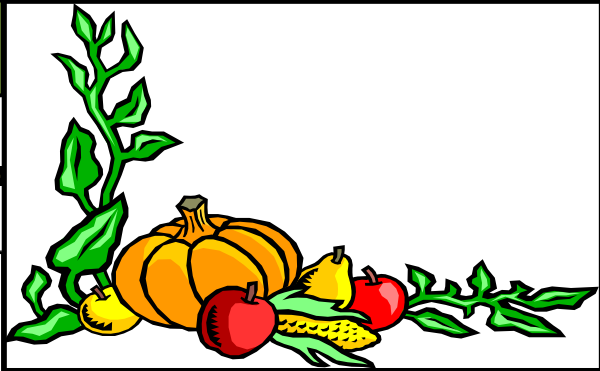
### ***Stone Soup***

by Ann McGovern

August 13 at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm at T Thrasher Park

August 20 at 11:00 am at the Hudgens Center

Check the website, [www.lionhearttheatre.org](http://www.lionhearttheatre.org) or call us at 770-806-0935, for any changes or added performances.



## Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkins are coming! The Pumpkins are coming! Delivery day this year is Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. (enough time to each lunch after church while awaiting the truck).

More details to come. Here is what you need to know now: there is a Pumpkin Patch Committee, headed by **Larry Fluehr** and **Diane Lewis**. The W&E committee will help with the preschool aspect of the Patch; contact **Johanne Valentine** if you would like to help in that area. **Norma Badeaux** is doing Pre-Patch publicity, which includes letter writing, flyers, blurbs in the newsletter and bulletins, community newspapers, businesses, and homeowners associations during the summer months. Contact Norma if you know of any of these publications that would be willing to help advertise the 2005 NPC Pumpkin Patch. As we near October, publicity help will be needed in distributing flyers and signs.

Be sure to look for any Pumpkin Patch meetings if you would like to be in on the decision-making process as we morph into our FOURTH year of pumpkins!

## Ranch House Round Up! - by Amanda Helmstetter

Knock knock.  
Whose there?  
Little old lady.  
Little old lady who?  
I didn't know you could yodel!

The good news is the jokes at Vacation Bible School didn't get much worse. The bad news is that, sadly, Ranch House Kids Circle G Ranch – the Adventure of the Open Door has come to an end.

This year, through the help of many of the gifted and talented people at NPC, an average of 27 children were herded all the way from Norcross, GA to the Circle G Ranch. The Ranch, complete with “Dusty” and his trusty (rusty, musty – you pick!) sidekick Sunny, was the meeting place for great songs (“God’s in the house”), creative crafts (didn’t know you could do so much with pie plates), Tony-award deserving dramas, and a mission project that really resonated with the young buck-a-roos that were in attendance.

An effort of this size doesn't happen without many hands, many hours and much love. So, *my hat's off* to the following folks who turned the Circle G Ranch from a cute idea into a real place (at least for a week) that had real meaning to many Jr. Ranchers.

**Jason Bernardo** for his role as “Dusty” and **Tanya Carroll** for her star performance as Sunny! **Laura Lankford** and **Melissa Fry** for teaching a room full of children the words and the motions to the songs for the week.

**Matt Fry, Mark Karasek, Duck Ae Karasek, Maryann Peterson, Tanya Carroll, Diane Lewis,** and **Melissa Plyler** for being the Directors of all of the activity stations. Matt brought the lessons to life each evening using a “mini-play” to act out the Bible lesson for the night. A ranch-sized thank you goes out to the NPC players - **Alan Lankford, Pam Fox, Ken Birmingham, Mike Carroll, Jessica Lankford, Dot Reilley, Tim Rado,** and **German Correa.**

**Maryann, Melissa, Mark** and **Duck Ae** worked magic with foam squares, pie tins and lanyard to make lesson-significant crafts. In between her duties as Sunny, **Tanya** got the kids all riled up with lots of recreation in the front yard.

**Diane Lewis** made the mission project relevant to the children as she collected items for Operation Christmas Child. She completed 17 gift boxes for children the same age as our ranchers. The boxes will be sent to a local collection center in August.

**Melissa Plyler** got creative with food as she presented a snack for the children each night that was tied in to our theme and lesson. **Sandy Plyler** did an awesome job preparing a feast each night for Jr. Ranchers and volunteers.

**Kerrie Bernardo, Mitchell Bernardo** and **Jake Grubb** were tireless as they handled the Pee Wee Ranchers all week long. Thank you to **Laura Harris, Mundy Rado, Tim Rado, Becca Rado, Paula Smith, Lynn Ferraiolo, Katie Steele** and **Katie Badeaux** for being really GOOD SHEP-HERDs for their teams of children – the Cow Pokes, Ranch Hands, and Horse Shoes. **Norma Badeaux** for taking special care of the littlest ranchers in the nursery and **Kelly Bartlett** for her excellent Circle G Ranch “doors”. And a very special thank you to the “floaters” – those folks that came in each night and just asked where we needed the help. **Charlene Villalobos, Julia Villalobos, Pam Bartlett, Jeremy Wirth, George Tatro, Daniel Karasek** and his faithful side-kick **Noah.**

So with a final hats off, we'll see you all next year at Vacation Bible School!

Larry Fluehr submitted this as food for thought:

## MEMORANDUM

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph,  
The Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop  
Nazareth 25922

From: Jordan Management Consultants,  
Jerusalem 26544

Re: Personnel Evaluations

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests and we have not only run the results through our computers, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocation aptitude consultant.

It is the opinion of the staff that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capacity. We have summarized the findings of our study below:

- Simon Peter is emotional, unstable and given to fits of temper.
- Andrew has absolutely no quality of leadership.
- The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interests above Company loyalty.
- Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.
- We believe it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau.
- James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus, definitely have radical leanings. Additionally, they both registered high scores on the manic-depressive scale.
- However, one of the candidates shows great potential. He's a man of ability and resourcefulness, is a great networker, has a keen business mind, and has strong contacts in influential circles. He's highly motivated, very ambitious and adept with financial matters. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your Controller and Chief Operating Officer.

All the other profiles are self-explanatory. We wish you the utmost success in your new venture.

*What if Jesus had chosen the twelve based on the modern methods of leadership selection? Most of them would have never had a chance to participate. Jesus chooses people not for who they are, but for what they can become in Him. Aren't you glad that when Jesus looked at us, He didn't take us for what we were (sinners), but He took us for what we could be? Jesus sees the potential in all of us, and has called us to be disciples. Jesus is still saying, "Follow Me!"*

**BEST WISHES TO OUR  
JULY  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 1 Leonia Langley—100th
- 2 Audrey Bernardo
- 5 John Ward
- 8 Jessie Brown
- 9 Stan Moses
- 12 Jason Bernardo
- 12 Carol MacGregor
- 16 Bob Norman
- 17 Nora Correa
- 21 Anna Ward
- 24 German Correa
- 25 Heather Reilley
- 30 Heather Peterson
- 30 Jerrod Lowry
- 31 Claude Murphy