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# Gum Springs School

paddled them just the same as the younger ones.

The school was a one room building with three windows on each side and a front and back door; exactly like all the others in the county. The building had been whitewashed; but time had faded the clapboard siding. Two rickety steps led into the shotgun building. Inside were rough, oiled floors with many splinters just waiting to hit bare feet.

In the center of the room sat a huge black pot belly stove and desks in rows along the sides of the room. Coat rooms were for hanging coats and tables held water for drinking and washing hands.

Outside were dirt red playgrounds where the kids played tag, hide-go-seek, marbles and softball. Most of the upper grades played softball and were actually exceptionally good players. Each year at the beginning of school they had two softballs that had to last all year. When the covers got torn off; they whipped out needles and thread and sewed the covers on again. Yes, softball was their game and Gum Springs had many good softball players.

They played softball nearly every day, choosing teams with their teacher, Tootsie playing on a team with them. She had played softball before and had a pretty good bat.

The kids liked nothing better than for her to play and she began forming a re-

lationship with them outside the classroom.

She won the kids over playing softball and gained their respect. Some of her students that I remember were: Patsy Gray, Elaine Gray, Lorene and Margie Proffitt, Wathena Smyth, Delmas Marcum, Jerry Abney, Harold Adams, Rudolph and Dallas Crowe, and Chester and Sanford Proffitt

I remember several boys coming to spend the night and we would have a big softball game. My sister lived next to us and we'd gather in a field across from the house and play. Harg School, where my other sister and I attended and their softball boys would play the Gum Springs boys. The only guys I remember on our team were Tommy King and William Brinegar. Some that played softball for Gum Springs were Delmas Marcum, Harold Adams, Jerry Abney, and Dallas Crowe to name a few.

In those days students would come spend the night with their teachers on occasion; girls and boys spent many nights with Mrs. Rison.

Today, that would not be allowed. My, how times change. Teachers can't discipline students by paddling today; nor can they give them a hug if they are hurting. Who would have thought the world would become such a difficult place.

After 1945 and the end of World War II, economic changes brought better roads, larger schools and

buses to take students to bigger schools. Many one-room schools were consolidated. By the end of the 1960s the era of one-room schools in Estill County was over.

Are students better off today than yesterday? Not according to many test scores. America is failing in many states in simple subjects like reading and math. It is sad;

parents blame teachers and teachers blame parents. I think children aren't given the help and discipline at home they need before they start to school.



## CHURCH NEWS

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### Friday & Saturday, May 16th & 17th

#### A Time of Refreshing At New Life

Sis. Melissa Conley and Sis. Lana Chandler invite the ladies of the community to join them in "A Time of Refreshing!!!!" on Friday and Saturday, May 16th & 17th at New Life Apostolic Church, 2502 Richmond Road in Irvine.

The event begins Friday night at 7:00 p.m. with a special time of singing with Sis. Tiffany Hampton and the Berea Praise Singers.

Following will be special speakers, Sis. Lana Chandler & Tiffany, and Lyndsey Chandler. The Chandlers travel all of the country,

singing and ministering to others. Come, expecting great things from God.

Saturday's "A Time of Refreshing!!!!" begins at 11:30 a.m., "loving God's abundant life" -- John 10:10.

Sis. Chandler and girls will be speaking after lunch. Come, bring your notebook and takes notes, expecting great things from God.

These events are hosted by Sis. Melissa Conley and the ladies of New Life Apostolic Church. Hope to see you there.

Rev. Ross Conley is the pastor.

### Sunday, May 25th @ 10am

#### RCG "Pastor Appreciation Day"

The Ravenna Church of God will be having Pastor Appreciation Day, honoring their Pastor, Willie Hargus and Lelia Gordon, on Sunday, May 25th.

There will be a special guest speaker and a potluck

meal will follow.

Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m., morning worship at 10:45 a.m. There will be NO evening service.

The congregation invites everyone to attend.

### Saturday, June 21st @ 4-8pm

#### Block Party at First Christian

First Christian Church. will be having a Block Party on Saturday, June 21, 2014, 4-8 p.m.

There will be entertainment for people of all ages! There will be a dunking booth and large inflatables for children to play on as well as other fun and games for the entire family! Starting at 5 p.m., there will be live music.

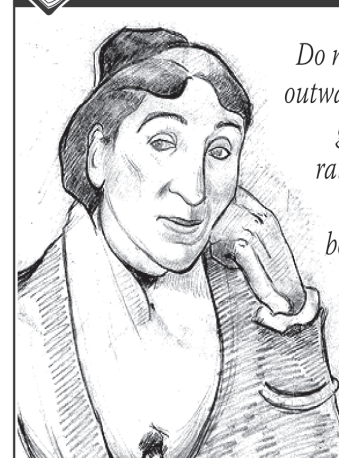
Christian Hip Hop artist Jeremiah Dean, who goes by the name, "Gone," will

be performing songs off his new CD, "In Good Faith," between 6 and 7 p.m.

From 7 until 8 p.m., "64 to Grayson" will be performing. They are a nationally renowned Christian group.

The church is really interested in getting a large crowd of all ages, as there will be a large variety of music . . . a little something for everyone. As in everything we do, the most important thing is to give the glory to God.

## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*

Madame Ghinoux by Paul Gauguin (1888)

1 PETER 3: 3-4

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ruth in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. "Praise ye the Lord" begins and ends which five consecutive Psalms? 1-5, 63-67, 75-79, 146-150
3. Which of these plants is not mentioned in the

- Bible (KJV)? Bulrush, Rose, Daisy, Lily
4. How many days did the children of Israel weep for Moses' death? 2, 30, 50, 100
  5. From 2 Kings 8, where did Elisha visit a sick king? Damascus, Nazareth, Salamis, Neapolis
  6. In Acts 4:36, who was the "son of consolation"? Immanuel, Peter, Paul, Barnabas
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### Sunday, May 18th @ 2pm

#### Fish Fry At Beaver Pond

Beaver Pond Christian Church will be having a Community Fish Fry on Sunday, May 18th after church, around 2:00 p.m.

Gospel singing groups will be present.

Bro. David Bingham and congregation invite everyone to attend.

### Wednesday-Friday, May 21-23 @ 7pm

#### Special Services At White Oak

White Oak Church of God will be having "Special Services," May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, starting at 7:00 p.m., nightly.

The speaker will be Bro. Bush Stevenson.

Pastor Glendon Woosley and congregation welcome everyone to attend.

### Estill County Adult Learning Center

Have you had difficulty finding a job because you do not have a high school diploma? Let us help you.

The Estill County Adult Learning Center at 200 Wallace Circle offers regularly scheduled classes on Monday through Thursday in English, math, science, and social studies. These classes are designed to help those individuals preparing to take the GED test. To receive a copy of our class schedule, come by the center or call 723-7323.

Upcoming test dates for the GED are May 14, and May 22. We can provide you with all the information necessary to prepare for one of these dates. Earning your GED diploma may be easier and less time consuming than you think.

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We are all grateful for our "first responders." They save lives, bind wounds, bring food, give clothing, provide shelter and restore power. They have become our "rescuers." And, indeed, they fulfill a critical role.

But as Christians, when we face a time of trial or tragedy, we have One who has been waiting for us to call upon Him when we need help. He is always waiting for an opportunity to prove His power whenever we face a difficult situation.

One morning, about four o'clock, Peter was in serious trouble. He and a few of his friends were in a small boat far from shore when a fierce storm arose out of nowhere. Fearing for their lives they became even more

frightened when they saw what they thought was a ghost. They screamed in terror. And over the howling wind came a stern voice that said, "Stop being afraid." It was Jesus assuring them that there was no reason for them to fear for their lives because He was there to save them when they needed Him the most.

"If it is really you," said Peter, "tell me to come to You - let me walk on the water!" "Certainly," said Jesus, "come on. You've nothing to fear!" He got out of the boat, felt the wind and the waves, lost His faith and began to sink. He shouted, "Save me, Lord," and He did.

It is never the eloquence or length of our prayer that counts, but our simplicity and sincerity. It is never a formula but our faith. He will always come to our rescue if we call on Him in a faith that believes in Him.

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