



# News From Holland

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## Chris' Corner

### Living is *for*Giving

<sup>10</sup> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 4:10-11** (NRSV)

**My Father-in-law, Charles Roberts is one of the shrewdest investors I know.**

**Thirty years ago** he bought a piece of property on English Mountain, a planned resort area near Sevierville, Tennessee. Over the last thirty years, he has faithfully paid property taxes. A few years ago, when our family was traveling through Tennessee, Becky, the girls, and I stopped to see this property, which will be part of Becky's inheritance.

**We stopped in Sevierville**, the county seat, to get the plat map for the property, and the county clerk came back with a map showing a series of roads. She placed a large red X showing the property that belonged to Becky's dad. We drove out of town and found the entrance road to English Mountain without any problem. We drove up the long winding road that led to the top of the mountain and towards what appeared to be the main road of the development.

**It took several trips** across the mountain before we were able to find the turnoff – a grown-over set of tire tracks. No roads had ever been paved in this development, no houses ever built. Dad Roberts owns a piece of worthless and inaccessible property.

**Let me tell you of some of Dad Roberts other investments:** Strangers were so often visitors at the Roberts, they always set an extra dinner place for whoever Brother Roberts might bring home. He gave away almost everything he earned. If he had money in his pocket and someone else had need, Brother Roberts gave. He raised three daughters who also learned how to give. His daughter is teaching that to my children.

**Charles Roberts' investments will continue to pay dividends for years**, because he truly is one of the shrewdest investors I know in this life, and in the life to come. **Thank you, Brother Roberts.**

During February, we'll be looking at several different investment theories offered up for examination in the Bible. Don't be afraid – this is not a series on why you ought to be giving more to the church – it is simply several messages examining how we can receive the biggest blessings through the gifts God has already given. I hope you'll join us each Sunday – and bring a friend!

**Blessed to be your pastor,**

*Chris*

## February Worship Service

Date	Scripture	Sermon
Feb 5 <b>Communion Day</b> <b>CTLC Collection</b>	Luke 12:13-21	Bigger Barns Theory
Feb 12	Matthew 19:16-26	Tight-fitting Camel Theory
Feb 19	Luke 16:1-15	Weak Back Theory
Feb 26	Genesis 27:10-28	Living is <i>for</i> Giving Theory

## Cowboy Church

The Cowboy Council met on Sunday to discuss and plan Cowboy Church. The following dates have been set for the Spring/Summer Season.

March 19

May 21

April 30

June 25

Please put these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. Go ahead and share these dates with your friends and family so that they can make plans to attend as well. Also if anyone feels led to purchase water for those events, we can probably store them in the kitchen. We would like to ask that each of you continue to bring cookies to cowboy church. That addition has been a sweet hit. Thanks for all you who came to the meeting. We also ask for prayers concerning our vision of what we believe Cowboy church should and the direction God wants us to take in this outreach endeavor. If ever you can think of a way that we can improve cowboy church, please see either Big Mike or Melany.

## Judy's News

### Adult Sunday School

I just read in the Book of Discipline the nature of our Theological Task. Here is an excerpt from it. "Our theological task is both individual and communal. It is a feature in the ministry of individual Christians. It requires the participation of all who are in our Church, lay and ordained, because the mission of the Church is to be carried out by everyone who is called to discipleship. **To be persons of faith is to hunger to understand the truth given to us in Jesus Christ.**" Yet our Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings is small. Please reconsider being a part of this group who is hungering to understand the truth. Once you try it we know you will like it.

### Prayer Circle

We are going to start up again in February. We will meet with the quilters on Wednesday night at 6:00 P.M. on Feb. 22nd. Bring your prayer requests. Right now please be in prayer for Hannah Hughes as she may be facing another surgery. By the time this newsletter is out, we should know. Pray for all the family as this has been a very stressful time.

### Luncheon

Time to meet for lunch again. Mark your calendars for February 23, Thursday, at 11:30 A.M. at Dynasty. The buffet is wonderful and includes American as well as a wide variety of Chinese. Everyone is welcome - male or female - everyone goes Dutch. I would appreciate a count by Sunday the 19th so we will have a table big enough for all of us.

### Laity Banquet - February 28th - Mayborn Center

It is the time of the year again and being we have new members, the Laity Banquet is a District wide gathering of all the Methodist Churches. The cost is \$10.00 to cover the cost of the meal. We all bring staples to decorate our table and all these staples go to the Open Arms Ministry in Temple. There is entertainment and a main speaker as well as hearing from our some of our District leaders. It is well worth the money, the singing is wonderful, the fellowship is fantastic, and God's glory fills the room. Plan to attend. I will have the tickets to sell so let me know how many you want. All ages are encouraged to come.

## Prayer Concerns

**Hannah Hughes will have surgery to “untether” her spinal cord on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am in Ft Worth at Children’s Hospital. She will be in the hospital several days and then will recover at home for several weeks. Please be in prayer for her and her family during this difficult time.**

**Others to keep in our prayers are James Cooper, Ellen Cooper Truesdale, Gertrude Weiss, Ann Latham, Coleman Benner, Doris Lange and Florence Lane.**

## Recipe Corner

Here is my recipe for the Goey Butter Cake I made for the St. Paul and Holland Open House. I have had MANY request and told people we would put it in the next newsletter.

### Goey Butter Cake

Step 1 - Blend together and pour into greased pan:

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick melted butter

Step 2 - Blend together:

- 1 – 8 oz. cream cheese
- 2 eggs

Add 1 lb. box powdered sugar to Step 2 mixture and blend together. Then pour over Step 1 mixture.

Bake at 350° for 40 minutes.

Thanks!

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