

### July Wedding announcement

Christy and Brandon will be married July 18th at Freedom Baptist Church. Christy is a graduate of Central Davidson High School and Catawba College.

Brandon is a graduate of Central Davidson High School and GTCC.

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### The Touch of the Master's Hand

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer

Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But he held it up with a smile;

"What am I bid, good folk?" he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"

A dollar-one dollar-then two, only two-  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?  
Going for threes"- but no—

From the room far back a gray haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;

Then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the joined strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet  
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer

With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said, "Now what am I bid for the old violin?"

And he held it up with the bow;  
"A thousand dollars and who'll make it two?  
Three thousand once-three thousand twice  
And going-and gone," cried he;

The people cheered, but some of them cried  
"We do not understand;  
What changed its worth?" Quick came the reply,  
"The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,

And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin,

A mess of pottage a glass of wine,  
A game and he travels on;

He's going once and going twice  
He's going and almost gone!

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand

The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.

**By Myra Brooks Welch**

### God grants salvation to those who come according to His plan.

Dr. Walter L. Wilson tells of using John 3:16 to help a boy receive Christ. He quoted the verse and stressed the word "gave." Showing the lad that Christ was God's gift, he asked, "Does the giving of a gift make it yours?"

The boy replied, "You must take it if it is to become yours."

"True," said the doctor, "And so Christ must be taken as God's gift, if He is to become yours. I am a doctor," he went on, "but I am not your doctor," am I?"

"No," said the lad.

"Why not," asked the doctor.

"Because we never ask you to be our doctor," replied the boy.

"Very well, then, Jesus Christ is a Saviour, but He is not your Saviour until you ask Him to be, and take Him as your Saviour. Will you do so now?"

With bowed head, the boy told the Lord Jesus that he would take Him as his Saviour then and there.

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A little country boy was visiting a neighbor and stayed until overtaken by night. As he went out on the porch intending to go home, he became frightened at the darkness and began to cry. There was no one to escort him home and the little fellow was in great distress. After a while, as he peered out of the window in the direction of home, his face brightened and he exclaimed, "Now I am not afraid to go home." "And why?" asked the neighbor. "Because I see a lantern shining and that means that my big brother is coming for me and I will not be afraid when I hold his hand." As a normal man faces the mysteries and the darkness of life's pathways, it is natural for him to be fearful. But God has sent Jesus, our Elder Brother, the Light of the world, and our fears wash when we walk home with him.

**By Paul E Holdcraft**

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### COOKING CORNER PINEAPPLE GOOEY BUTTER CAKE By Susan Holland

#### Crust:

1 box Duncan Hine Pineapple Cake mix  
1 egg 1 stick butter, melted Stir ingredients together. Butter a 13x9 inch pan. Pat mixture into pan; set aside.

#### Cake Batter:

1 (8 ounce) creamed cheese softened  
1 stick butter, melted 2 eggs 1 (16 ounce) box powdered sugar  
1/2 c. crushed pineapple, drained  
1 t. vanilla extract

Blend together with mixer till smooth. Pour over crust. Bake 40 to 50 minutes @ 350 degree. Do not overcook. Center will still be a little gooey. Let partially cool before cutting into pieces. Enjoy!

**Submitted by Debbie Hewett**

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