

# Editorial page

## Nolia's Notes

Hey, it is in the Bible!

by NOLIA BIGGERSTAFF



"I want you to take all of those trinkets out of your pockets and I do not want to see them pulled out at the dinner table," I said to our grandson.

I had had a conversation with his mother recently. She wanted to clean out his room, ridding it of smaller action figures and such to make way for a more studious spot as he will soon prepare for college.

"Why?" I heard him say in a whisper.

In previous years he would not dare even whisper a "why" to his grandmother, but the teenage years are taking their toll and he is getting a bit braver around me.

Well, I took care of that in a skinny minute, like any grandma worth her salt, would do.

I said, "What did you say?" in my most stern teacher/grandmother/mama voice.

"Well, why do I need to put these things away?" Christian asked with a bit more confidence in his voice.

"Well, you are growing up. You are learning how to drive a car. You are actually closer to becoming a man than a child and you need to get rid of the action figures, trinkets and toys you had when you were younger to make way for more mature interests. And besides all that...it says so in the Bible!" I said, in a very authoritative voice.

I knew Christian had big doubts about that. He asked in a very skept-

tical tone, "In the Bible?" "Absolutely," I responded. I knew he thought that I was just making something up but I said, "Me and Jesus don't play."

As our grandson got interested in a cat in the backyard, I scooted upstairs and got our family Bible that had been left to me by my great Aunt Jean. It has a lot of family notes and clippings in it and I knew the age and size of that Bible, along with the ancestry obituary information, would be most impressive.

When Christian came back inside, I handed that Bible to him. "Look up first Corinthians, Chapter 13, verse 11," I said.

He found it and I said, "Now read that out loud!"

Yes, and friends, there it was. Right there in the good book, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

"Ha! So there!" I said, and there was no doubt in my mind that Jesus was well aware of the situation and I had his approval.

Christian had a total look of disbelief. That really made an impression.

Later I noticed his trinkets in a plastic bag, tucked away in his suitcase. I did not see them out again. Smart grandmothers know that it is always a good idea to quote God's word as a very strong backup! Just sayin'!



## The Pastor's Corner

A Weekly Column from Lincoln County Clergy

### Brothers, Pray For Us

Rev. Lanis Lewis, First Assembly of God



**1 Thess 5:17 pray without ceasing;**

There is enough to pray for to cause the above scripture to come to pass in all our lives. We are encouraged to pray for a variety of needs: for healing (James 5:15); for freedom from temptation (Matt 26:41); for boldness to witness (Eph 6:18-19); for forgiveness of sins (Lk 11:4; Acts 8:22); for deliverance from the evil one (Matt 6:13).

Jesus taught us to open prayer with praise "Our Father...Hallowed by Thy name" Luke 11:21. The persecuted disciples began their prayer with worship and praise "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM," Acts 4:24.

The leper who was cleansed (Mat 8:2,3), the ruler whose daughter was raised from the dead (Matt 9:18,25), and the demoniac who was delivered (Mk 5:6,8,13) all began their petitions with worship and praise (Each one bowed before Jesus as an act of worship).

Our prayers should be all inclusive. The Lord's Prayer speaks to this fact. "Our Father...Give Us...

Forgive Us...Lead Us". The prophet Samuel stated: "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you;" (1 Sam 12:23). We want to pray for the Community of Faith (our brothers and sisters in Christ). Pray that we all would prosper in Spirit and health.

We pray for our leaders, both civic and spiritual. Pray that God would guide them in His ways and His truths. We pray for an Awakening within our country and the world at large. From the highest echelons to the lowest vales, may God's glory be seen and experienced. We pray for our educational leaders as well. Indeed, it would be a sin for us to neglect this important command of continuous prayer for those within our world. The prophet Samuel saw it as a sin against God to cease to pray for the people of his day.

One of the most powerful commands of Jesus was to pray for laborers in His harvest. "Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matt 9:37-38). The Apostle Paul request-

ed the Christians at Thessalonica pray for his ministry. 2 Thess 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; NASU

I grew up hearing people asking for prayer, followed by the statement, "I need the prayer, and you need the practice!" To my fellow

brothers and sisters in Christ let me close with this admonition. If we would spend as much energy in prayer to our God as we do in complaining about our current situation, then we would see more of His glory in our daily lives. Therefore, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! The people around you need the prayer, and you need the practice!



### Plant Diseases and Pests Abound

By Robyn Stewart  
Lincoln County Extension Service



A quick reminder - UGA Cooperative Extension is a free resource for getting scientific, research-based information and answers to questions, with support from experts and specialists from UGA and other institutions. On the agriculture and natural resources side, we handle everything from turfgrass, crops, forages, pasture management, fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, ornamental plants, insects, pesticides, forestry, wildlife, soil, water, livestock, etc. Essentially - you name it, and we have resources to help!

As July fades into August, Lincoln County Extension continues to get weekly questions about pest and disease identification in plants. The recent list includes: identification of woolly aphids in fruit trees, large patch disease in turfgrass, pecan weevils, early blight in tomatoes, squash stem borers, and more.

There are a huge variety of factors that impact the development of plant disease and pest problems. At best, these issues may be unattractive or a nuisance, but at worse, they can destroy crops, kill plants, and re-occur each year to cause more damage. Plant health problems can affect flowers, leaves, fruits, seeds, stems, branches, growing tips, and roots. There are three factors that contribute to plant disease and pest issues - a host plant, a cause of disease, and the environmental conditions that favor the host and disease-causing agent to interact. For example, tomato early blight is caused by the fungus *Alternaria solani*. Since this is a fungal pathogen, it requires hot, moist weather in order to infect the plant. This year, we expect to see a lot of fungal diseases, as we have had a ton of wet weather. In a sea-

son of drought, we would lose the "environment" piece of the triangle, and would not have as many issues with fungal disease.

In a prior article, we talked about abiotic and biotic factors that cause plant disease and pests. Most often, a plant will become stressed and weakened by abiotic factors, and then biotic problems become more prominent. Abiotic factors include environmental stress and cultural practices and typically do not spread from plant to plant. Environmental conditions include temperature fluctuations and rainfall patterns, while cultural practices include soil health, mechanical injuries, improper pruning, and others. Biotic factors are organisms that can spread from plant to plant, like larvae, insects, fungi, bacteria, and viruses.

Regardless of cause, we have a variety of tools by which to manage plant health problems. First, contact us for help identifying what disease or pest you are dealing with, and for advice on what control measures are appropriate. For many diseases and issues, we are so late in the growing season that it is not beneficial for us to try and treat them. Other tools to try include selecting resistant plants appropriate for our region, spacing and planting them correctly, rotating them, sanitation and removal of affected plants and debris, scouting, and following proper care guidelines to support overall plant health.

Finally, when appropriate, the Extension office can help provide herbicide, fungicide, and insecticide recommendations for the specific issue you have. Let us know how we can help you grow healthier plants at [uge3181@uga.edu](mailto:uge3181@uga.edu) or 706-359-3233.

## This weeks tips from the BBB

Whether you are remodeling your home, making needed repairs, or sprucing things up to put your house on the market, the following tips will help make your next home improvement project a success.

Come up with a budget and stick to it. Home improvement projects can get expensive, fast. If you don't want to break the bank, create a realistic budget to figure out how much you can spend ahead of time. Be upfront with contractors you hire about how much you can spend on a project as well.

Think about the pros and cons of DIY projects. If time and motivation is no problem for you, you may be able to tackle some basic home improvement projects on your own, but other projects may require further expertise. If you don't have a background in construction, it's usually best to hire a contractor to help with larger projects, such as plumbing, tiling, tree removal, exterior painting, and general remodels.

Give high priority to projects that keep your home clean and safe. If your home is in need of repairs, take care of those projects first. For example, fix that leaky roof before you give your home's walls a fresh coat of paint. In addition, don't forget to stay on top of regular home maintenance tasks to maximize the cleanliness and safety of your home.

Up the value of your home with a bathroom or kitchen remodel. Remodeling your bathroom or kitchen can completely change the look and feel of your home, creating a space you enjoy being in - not to mention it can add quite a bit of value to your home. For large scale remodels, hire a contractor that specializes in construction and remodeling services.

Improve energy efficiency. Save

money (and the environment) by improving the energy efficiency of your home. Energy saving projects that are worth taking on include checking and replacing the seals on all windows and ducts in your home, or installing new windows.

Get multiple quotes from contractors. When you are ready to start your home improvement project, be sure to get multiple quotes from several different companies. Never be pressured into hiring the first person you speak with. Comparing pricing and services is a critical step in choosing a skilled contractor you can trust.

Properly vet contractors before you hire. Even if the price is right, don't hire a contractor before doing some research. Check them out or obtain a list of trustworthy contractors at BBB.org. Ask the contractor to provide references. Pay close attention to any reviews or complaints from previous customers. Remember, complaints are normal in the construction industry so pay attention to how the company handled the complaint. Verify that the contractor is licensed and insured and get an estimate and contract in writing. Read contracts carefully before you sign them.

Don't get scammed. Stay alert to any suspicious behavior on the part of "home improvement specialists." Red flags include not putting things into writing, demanding upfront payment, unexpected price changes, high-pressure sales tactics, unsolicited free inspections (that usually reveal the need for an urgent repair), and cash-only deals.

You can always search BBB.org for more tips or to find reputable roofers, painters, plumbers, and lawn maintenance specialists in your area.

### Ty Cobb exhibit

The Thomson-McDuffie Museum, for a short time only, has a special exhibit featuring baseball legend, Ty Cobb; the rare exhibits change often. The museum is free to the public and is located at 121 Main Street. It is open Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum is also open by appointment to groups of ten or more by calling (706) 990-8784. Come, bring the kids, and enjoy the rich history of the Thomson-Wrightsboro-Lincolnton area.

### Super Crossword

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## Fishing This Week

by Albert Moody



This time of year fish are looking for three very important things: cooler water, oxygen and food. The good news is that there is a place on the lake with all three.

Stripers and Catfish: Located in the main river channel in front of the Modoc boat ramp is the oxygenation system. Huge tanks pump oxygen into 9 diffusers at four elevations across the main lake channel. Their depth ranges from approximately 50-90 feet. To find these lines simply ride around in front of the ramp in the main channel until you see long lines of color change in the water. When on top of the lines your depth finder screen will go completely blank. Use only a trolling motor to keep yourself in place, due to the deep water but also because an anchor will likely snag a diffuser line, damaging the line or causing you to lose the anchor or both.

Your depth/fish finder will be blacked out, so it will take a trial and error approach to find the depth of the fish. I like to drop live herring down 28, 35, 40 and 50 feet deep. If I get a bite at say 40 feet, I adjust my depth on all rods closer to the 40 foot range.

Another good bit of news about fishing the oxygen lines is your bait herring will live longer and remain more active due to higher oxygen levels. Also while over



Slab crappie caught with Kevin Jackson's jigs in Long Cane Creek

the oxygen lines you may be surprised if while your boat is in 100 foot deep water you catch a catfish while fishing 30 feet down, since catfish normally don't bite while suspended that far off the bottom.

Crappie: Kevin Jackson owner of Jackson Hair Jigs has been fishing coves in Long Cane Creek catching slab crappie in large numbers. He is slow trolling red-headed jigs with white hair bodies and black-headed jigs with green hair bodies in the backs of coves that are 18-20 feet deep. Fishing joke of the week: The proof that fish are so gullible is that they fall for things hook line and sinker.

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