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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A special Happy Birthday wish goes to Kay English Aldridge who celebrated the beginning of another fabulous year on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday and many, many more!

Love, Chris and Kerri

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Ross Point Saturday Morning "42" Gang - To help raise money to go toward the repair of the Ross Point Community Center Building, we will continue gathering for games through the winter months. If you are interested in playing either "42" or Chicken Foot, please join us on Saturday mornings at the Ross Point Community Center. We will meet at 9:30 AM, visit, drink coffee and play games. After the games, lunch will be served. Donations will be accepted for the lunch.

Sesquicentennial Fling - Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the Forestburg High School at 7 PM - 10 PM. Funds raised at this event will provide activities during the Forestburg Sesquicentennial Celebration. Gordy Lynch will be the Master of Ceremonies on stage with the local Forestburg band. The concession stand will be operated by the Sesquicentennial Committee. For additional information contact Gordy Lynch at 964-2362.

The Quarterly Community Singing - will be Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Forestburg Baptist Church. Come for the exciting music and fellowship. A reception will follow.

Forestburg Sesquicentennial Celebration - Work is in progress toward the celebration of the Forestburg Sesquicentennial June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Committees have been formed and the officers have been elected: President - Al Garza, Secretary - Wanda Green and Treasurer - Olita Lanier. The book committee is Jewell Dill, Norma Morby and Carolyn Hawk. If anyone has any suggestions, pictures or good information to contribute, please let us know. We will try to have a good museum. We need everyone's input. Contact Jewell Dill at (940) 964-2237. February 8<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting at the Community Center.

## The ABC's of Starting Over

Mark 10:46-52

Is your life predictable? Do you do the same thing, day after day? Do you feel as though 2007 will be just as dull and monotonous as 2006? There is a wonderful passage that gives you a practical example of how one man changed his life. It gives you the ABC's of how to change your life.

Mark 10:46-52 - Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. [47] When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [48] Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" [49] Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they

called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." [50] Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. [51] "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." [52] "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

From this passage, we can discover the ABC's to help us change our life.

## C - Clarify What It Is You Really Need

[51] - "What do you want me to do for you?"

Specific prayers get specific answers. How often do we pray, "God bless the missionaries overseas." Jesus already knew what the man needed. Jesus just wanted the man to say it.

How often do we play communication games with each other? A wife will tell me, "He doesn't meet my needs." "Well, does he know what you need?" "Sure, he loves me, he ought to know." " Maybe he ought to know, but that doesn't necessarily mean he really knows. You have to tell him what your needs are."

Another example: "I'm so mad at him." "Well, does he know why you're mad at him." "Of course, he does. He knows what he did!" "How does he know? Did you tell him?" "I don't have to tell him. He knows."

We do the same thing with God. We assume that since God knows everything, we don't have to tell him. But that's just exactly the opposite of the way God operates. He wants us to tell him what we need. Exactly what we need. Jesus will meet your needs when you tell him what your needs are. But sometimes He doesn't meet your needs because you never tell Him what you really want and how you really feel.

Notice his cry - "Have mercy on me." He was Beggar. Yet, notice, he didn't cry out for food, or clothing, or money or housing. He was given sight that day. He was healed that day - because he realized that his most basic need was for mercy and grace. He needed what only Jesus was offering - and because of that, he was healed.

To be continued...

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## Creamy Sweet Potato Soup

From 

2 cups (1/4-inch) cubed peeled sweet potato  
1 1/2 cups thinly sliced leek (about 1 medium)  
1 1/4 cups fat-free chicken broth, divided  
2/3 cup evaporated skim milk

1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Dash of white pepper  
Dash of ground nutmeg  
Chopped leek (optional)

Combine sweet potato, sliced leek, and 1/4 cup broth in a 1 1/2-quart casserole; stir well. Cover, and microwave at HIGH 10 minutes, stirring after 5 minutes. Place sweet potato mixture in a blender or food processor; process until smooth. Add remaining ingredients except chopped leek; process 30 seconds or until blended. Garnish with chopped leek, if desired. Serve warm.

Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 3/4 cup)

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