

Literacy Council Hosts Tutor Workshop Oct. 18

Hoke Reading/Literacy Council has scheduled a 12-hour Laubach tutor workshop to be held on October 18, 20, 25 and 27.

The workshop will be held in Hoke Education Center, across from the Post Office, from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

To become a successful Laubach tutor one must care about people, read and write well and be willing to give three hours a week.

The workshop will provide the training needed to teach an adult to read.

This is the "Each One Teach

One" method.

A time and place convenient for tutor and student will be arranged.

Many adult non and low-level readers can or will only benefit from a one to one tutorial method.

Students are always encouraged to later transfer into one of the Adult Basic Education Classes offered by Sandhills Community College.

This is why the literacy council is sometimes referred to as the "readiness" stage.

The adult non and low-level reader differs from the child in that

the adult is often more acutely aware of his lack of skills.

The Laubach tutor not only help to build these skills but often has the added pride of helping the adult build confidence in his ability to learn.

Nearly one-third of Hoke County's adult population is in need of basic reading and writing skills.

Please call 875-2145 and register for this workshop and help just one of them.

Hoke Reading/Literacy Council is a non-profit volunteer organization.



PREPARING FOR CAMP -- Fourteen Fourth Graders of South Hoke School were preparing last week for their outing at Camp Rockfish October 20-21. They'll be accompanied by South Hoke Principal Hank Richards, resource teacher Mrs. Frances Davis, Mrs. Lee Hust, Steve McNeill, and Miss Martha Warren. Here they are in Mrs. Davis's room with some of the things they made to take on the trip. At camp, they'll go rafting, take nature hikes and cook out. Generally, they'll just play and have a good time. Bob Pryor is the camp director.

Classical Guitarist Returning To College

Gordon Fox Kreplin is returning to Sandhills Community College for his second year as the visiting artist.

Kreplin is a classical guitarist and is available to present free programs for civic groups.

During his first year, Kreplin presented 112 programs for more than 6,000 people. He played for schools and community groups

throughout the area, as well as making appearances on local radio stations.

Kreplin is known for his lively and interesting programs. As well as playing musical selections, he will talk about the instrument and music and is always ready to answer questions.

Gordon Kreplin is a graduate of American University and studied

for two years in Spain. He has been on the music faculties of Virginia Commonwealth University, George Washington University, and Meredith College. He was the visiting artist at Haywood Technical College before coming to Sandhills.

Frances Wilson of the SCC music faculty is the coordinator for the visiting artist program. To schedule an appearance, please contact her or Gordon Kreplin at 692-6185.

SCHOOL'S OPEN Drive Carefully

Sunday School

Background Scripture

Exodus 32:1 through 34:10

Devotional Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Those who insist that the words in our Bible are the literal words of our God should have some grave difficulties with the story of Moses and his encounters with God on the mountaintop. For the picture we get of the Lord in this story is a picture that is obviously somewhat distorted by very human perceptions.

For example, according to this story in Exodus, God speaks and behaves in a very human fashion when he learns that the people of Israel have been worshipping a golden calf. God is so angry that he says, according to Exodus, "Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them" (32:10). This is not the God revealed to us by Jesus in the New Testament. What we are witnessing here are very human reactions to the sins of others.

As Exodus portrays this encounter, it is only the arguments of Moses that persuade God to give up his anger and forgive the people of Israel. A man is persuading God to rise above human anger!

And, according to Exodus, Moses was successful in causing God to change his mind! "And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people" (32:14). The writer of Exodus would have us believe, not only that God changed his mind, but that he was sorry for the way he had felt toward them.

How ironic that, immediately after Moses persuaded God to forgive the people of Israel, he himself must be persuaded to cool his anger and forgive his people. This time it is Aaron who does the reasoning with Moses: "Let not the anger of my Lord burn hot" (32:22). These are virtually the same words which Moses was said to have spoken to God. (The writer of Exodus seems to be suggesting that it was man who taught God to forgive, rather than the other way around.)

Yet, despite this, the story tells us something very important about forgiveness: it is one thing to talk about it in the rarefied atmosphere of a mountaintop. It is something quite else to bring that lofty concept down to the foot of the mountain where people are. That's where it really matters, for that's where sin is. That's where it really matters, for that's where sin is. That's where failure is, rebellion - you name it.

Sometimes it seems to me that we Christians have a hard time bringing forgiveness down the mountain. We proclaim it from our pulpits, we teach it in our Sunday schools, we pray it in the Lord's Prayer, but,

often at the foot of the mountain it seems as if we have left it on the upper slopes. We come to worship services and go home with our angers and resentments basically undisturbed. We pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," knowing full well that there are certain "debtors" whom our grudges have never let go.

Of course Moses didn't teach God to forgive! It was the other way around. Up on Mt. Sinai, it was revealed to Moses by God, but it wasn't until he came down to the foot of the mountain that he came to understand.

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