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Cross Creek Weekly Update

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Dear Family,

George was born without arms. His Romanian parents could not provide the care he needed and so they gave him to an orphanage. It was there that George's adoptive parents, Mike and Sharon, first saw him. Instead of seeing a baby with deformities, they saw a baby who was created in the image of God, "fearfully and wonderfully made," with a marvelous future that God the Father had planned for him.



Mike and Sharon brought him home to the states when he was one, where they have loved and raised him in the Lord. When he was eight, Sharon asked a Christian teacher to train him in playing a classical instrument. Naturally he had to learn how to play with his feet. The time came for his first recital and George's parents wondered if this was wise.

They put him in the recital and in the words of his father: "There was a feeling of wonder and tension, and our thoughts were, 'Please Lord, let him just get through this.' As George began to play, the very first note he struck was as sour as it could be. He stopped playing, got red in the face, shrugged his shoulders, broke into a huge grin and looked up at his teacher...(who) nodded for him to try again. George proceeded to play the entire song without a flaw, it sounded fantastic. When he finished there was a moment of quiet and then a standing ovation. George's parents were caught up in the joy of the Lord - seeing the marvelous wonder of God displayed in their precious son.

Why do I share this story? It is a prelude to Sunday's message, "**Recapture the Wonder**" (I'll be teaching this Sunday). We live at a frantic pace - pushed by work, unpaid bills, after school programs, relationships left untended, unexpected illnesses and other critical issues. It is hard to see the wonder of God in the midst of everyday life.

Do we take time out of our busyness to consider how awesome, marvelous, stupendous, infinite and immense God is? He brings wonder to all of life and yet I rarely acknowledge God's wonder in my life. Maybe this resonates with you. This Sunday let's recapture the wonder of God together as we study Psalm 8.

Prayer: please note prayer requests on the Fellowship Pad as it passed each Sunday - the elders pray for these each week. Also, send Debbie Koerner (debbie@crosscreekchurch.us) your email address so she can add you to our email prayer chain.

Two upcoming events to attend:

1. Men's Prayer Breakfast and Church Workday this Saturday at 8:00 and 9:00 am respectively.
2. Biblical Encouragement Seminar on Saturday, Aug 6 at 9:00 am - Noon