



The Crusade

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Upcoming Events:

- **LA County Fair (1st-6th Grade)**
Friday, September 14
- **GBCS Open House**
Tuesday, September 25 7:00 P.M.
- **School Pictures**
Friday, September 28

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Staff Spotlight: *Pastor David Murphy*

David Alan Murphy was born and raised in Fairland, a small town in Indiana. He has two brothers and one sister. Growing up he attended a school named Triton where he had some very memorable times. He and his twin brother sometimes switched seats just for the fun of it. David had his moments at school. He was involved in several fights growing up which often landed him in principal's office.

In David's junior high years, he joined a small town gang, chewed tobacco, and continued to get into fights. Around these times, things were very tough for him because he lost his father and they had to move to a different house. In the summer of 1982 at an amusement park, David trusted Christ as his Savior, and immediately, he began making decisions

that changed his life forever. He made a decision to give up his old friends and get ones that loved God. He also made a decision to give up his rock music. These decisions were important in David's life because he was deciding to follow God and to do what God wanted him to do. He attended Bible college in Indiana. After he graduated, he moved to Long Beach and worked at First Baptist Church for some time.

In the year 2000, Bro. Murphy came to Gethsemane Baptist Church for some counseling. Also during this time, Pastor Smith was praying for people to fill certain positions. Pastor Smith asked Bro. Murphy to pray about coming to Gethsemane. A couple of months later, he was on staff here. In 2009, Bro. Murphy became Pastor of the church. Pastor



Murphy's favorite hobby is playing sports, basketball in particular. He won the Christian character award in high school and was also on the Dean's List in college. The people that have influenced Pastor the most are Doug Fisher, his favorite preacher; Les Rawle, his youth pastor; and David Smith, the former pastor of Gethsemane. Pastor's advice to those attending school is "Put God first, and you will never regret it."

— Joshua Okeke

Inspiring People: *Jessica Cox*

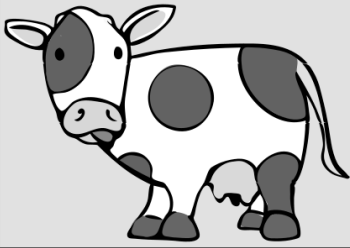


Jessica Cox was born in Sierra Vista, Arizona, in 1983. If you take a quick look at her life, you would think that she was just like everyone else. She drives a car, is very active, and even has a double black belt in

Tae Kwon-Do (well, I guess that part isn't too normal). After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Arizona, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology. After college, Cox took three years of flying lessons before earning her aircraft license, but she is currently a motivational speaker. Why? Because she was born without arms. Cox uses her feet to do almost everything— write, type,

drive, brush her hair, and, yes, fly planes. Her plane is called the Ercoupe, one of few planes constructed without pedals; therefore, she is free to use her feet to steer. Cox received the Guinness World Record for being the first person to fly an airplane without arms. As a motivational speaker, she has traveled to seventeen countries with the theme "Think outside the Shoe."

—Grace Campbell



Random Facts:

- An eagle can kill a young deer and fly away with it.
- The youngest pope was 11 years old.
- The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year.
- Armadillos can be housebroken.
- If you have 3 quarters, 4 dimes, and 4 pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
- Odontophobia is the fear of teeth.



Story Time with Josh: Jenn

One day there was a cow named Jenn. For many years, Jenn the old cow was due to be slaughtered, but old farmer Brown prolonged this because he was very fond of Jenn. Farmer Brown had been in business for thirty-five years, but Jenn had been with Farmer Brown for thirty-three of those years. So over time, this bond became something extremely special.

Old farmer Brown was starting to have some financial problems and food was becoming scarce. So farmer Brown thought to himself, "Maybe I could sell Jenn so I

don't have to be the one to send her to the slaughterhouse, or perhaps, I could sell another cow that is younger than Jenn." Farmer Brown wrestled with these thoughts day and night; but he knew if he sold Jenn, the new owner would send her straight to the slaughterhouse, and he couldn't sell a younger cow because they still give good milk. Thus, farmer Brown still did not know what to do.

In the barn, all the other animals were talking about how Jenn might be slaughtered and how they were going to miss her. They all

talked as if she was already dead. There were many theories as to why Jenn might be slaughtered. Christopher chicken said, "I think she will be killed because she rebelled just like Cubby the cow." Cubby was a rebellious cow so farmer Brown had him slaughtered. As all the other animals discussed why they thought Jenn would be slaughtered, the door suddenly flew open. There stood farmer Brown, and he was looking for Jenn. Find out next time what happened to Jenn the old cow.

— Joshua Okeke

The Riddler

Welcome to the world of riddles. I, the Riddler, will be coming to you every month with some challenging riddles and puzzles.

First, we will start off easy...

Answer me this:
I am not alive, but I grow
I do not have lungs, but need air
I do not have a mouth, but water kills me
What am I?

You break it; even when you name it.
What is it?

Answer me this:
Two bodies have I, though joined in one.
The more I stand still, the quicker I run.
What am I?

Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister? Why?

Answer me this:
I run though I have no legs to be seen.
I possess no heat yet I do have steam.
I have no voice to let words out,
But from far away You can still hear me shout.
What am I?

Which President wears the biggest hat?

What happens when you throw a yellow rock into a purple river?

Answer me this:
If you have got it, you want to share it.
If you share it, you have not got it.
What is it?

Answer me this:
If you break me, I do not stop working.
If you touch me, I may be snared.
If you lose me, nothing will matter.
What am I?

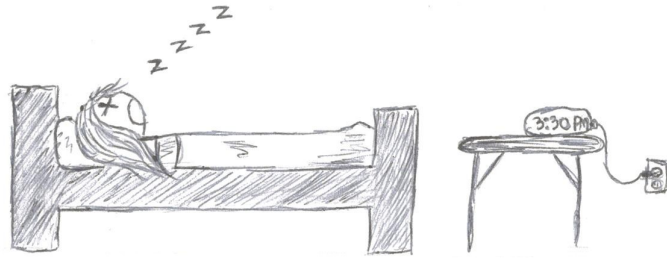
If you have any good jokes, please send them in to the journalism class and you might see your joke in the next issue of *The Crusade*.

Until next time — the Riddler

School's out!



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Josh and Alysa's Wedding



Youth Conference



Teen Camp



Watching the Olympics



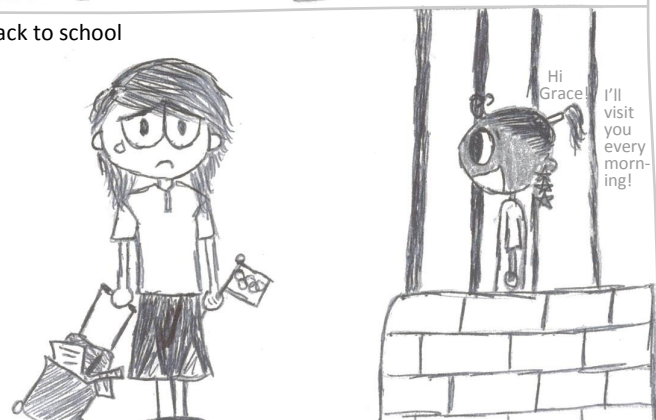
The Fab Five have won the gold!



Usain Bolt is officially the greatest sprinter in the world!



Back to school



Survey Says :

M&Ms or Skittles?

M&Ms 58%

Skittles 42%

Would you rather be blind or deaf?

Blind 16%

Deaf 84%

Taco Bell or Del Taco?

Taco Bell 68%

Del Taco 32%

Would you rather have toes of licorice or fingers of cotton candy?

Licorice Toes 34%

Candy Fingers 66%

The Hulk or Captain America?

Hulk 53%

Captain America 47%

Disneyland or Knott's Berry Farm?

Disneyland 56%

Knott's 44%

More afraid of spiders or scorpions?

Spiders 39%

Scorpions 61%

Josh's Jokes

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| ◇ Why are there gates on the cemetery? | ⇒ because people are dying to get in |
| ◇ Why do seagulls only fly around the sea? | ⇒ because if they flew around bays they be called bagels |
| ◇ What did the stoplight say when it turned red? | ⇒ you would be red to if u had to change in front of everybody |
| ◇ What do you call a depressed polar bear? | ⇒ a bipolar bear |
| ◇ What did the lawyer name his daughter? | ⇒ Sue |
| ◇ How did the pirate quit smoking? | ⇒ he used the patch |

So a panda walks into a restaurant and orders a sandwich. He eats the sandwich, then pulls out a gun, shoots the waiter dead, and stands up to go. The manager says "Hey! Where are you going? You just shot my waiter and didn't pay for the sandwich!" The panda says to the manager "I'm a Panda look it up." So the manager looked it up in his dictionary and the definition for panda was a tree dwelling marsupial, characterized by a black and white coloring. Eats shoots and leaves.

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Heart
A secret
It makes a splash
The one with the biggest head
Waterfall
No. A dead man can't marry
A River
Sound
Fire