

**RICHARD RILEY**  
**FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**



Is coming to Cherry Log October 6, 2011, to observe CEP in action and meet with education leaders. This former two-term governor of South Carolina is currently a distinguished professor at Furman University and serves as advisory board chair of the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman. Riley was named one of the top 10 cabinet members of the 20th century by Time magazine. This highly respected leader will share his wisdom with local education leaders and the Children's Enrichment Program staff begins the ninth year providing early childhood enrichment with stories and songs. — TLS

**AS THE SCHOOL BELLS RING AGAIN**



The Craddock Center celebrates two new CEP Arts Specialists and one returning. We welcome Connie Chancey back to the staff as one of the storytellers. She is loved by all the children she teaches and is a great team player on the staff. Welcome back, Ms. Connie!

Lynda Parker is a retired media specialist from Douglas County, Georgia. She started telling stories when she was very young, but in 1982 she officially became a professional storyteller. She enjoys the expressions on the faces of children and adults as their imagination soars and they become part of the story. Lynda tells stories relating to different cultures around the world. Currently, she resides in Murphy, NC with her husband, after returning from the United Kingdom. They have two married sons and several grandchildren. Welcome, Ms. Lynda!



Michelle Pope a native Georgian, has a unique connection with children. She combines high energy and positivity with her love of music, movement, and theater to create outstanding educational opportunities for young children. At her 20 minute audition, the children were begging for more. She continued to provide "education" for about an hour. When we finally had to leave, the children asked for her autograph which she gladly took time to provide for each child. Some children even gave their autographs to her. What a special talent to be able to connect with children in such a unique way. Michelle has always valued education highly. She graduated as valedictorian and is currently a junior studying Education at North Georgia College and State University where she serves in several leadership roles. Welcome, Ms. Michelle!— TLS

**SEATS ARE GOING FAST**

For the Fall Preaching Workshop Monday, October 3, 2011. The Craddock Center is looking forward to welcoming Dr. Will Willimon, who is the United Methodist Bishop of Northern Alabama and former Dean of Duke University Chapel. The workshop will start with breakfast at 9 a.m. at Cherry Log Christian Church, 1149 Cherry Log Street, 706-632-1048. Come enjoy a relaxing day away with friends, stimulating conversation, and renewed passion for preaching. This "Preachers Day out" is free due to the generosity of the Cousins Foundation. Email Tammy at craddockcenter@tds.net or call 706-632-1772 to reserve one of the last seats. Looking forward to seeing you on October 3! \_\_ TLS



Thought you might like to see some of the folks on The Craddock Center Board:



Standing are Bobbie Cherry, Secretary, Wendell Fox, Vicki Hitt, Walt Broom, Vice President, Mark Musick, President, Doug Lemman, Karen Gramenz, Trisha Senterfitt, Executive Director, and seated is Dr. Fred Craddock, Director Emeritus.

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### I PUT NO STOCK

In the notion that whatever fragment of music or poetry is on the mind when one awakes in the morning is a harbinger of the kind of day it will be. I confess the experience is fairly common with me. I may be humming a hymn tune or a popular song, or I may be quoting to myself a line from Shakespeare or Milton or Sandburg. I may ask "where did that come from?" but I do not expect an answer. I do not go into the day with joy or dread dictated by this early humming or reciting. In fact, as the day wears on, the line or the tune will give way to matters of greater "pith and moment." It is over.



However, I must admit it isn't over if the humming or musing stops suddenly because I cannot recall the next line of the poem or the song. This failure to remember what comes next stalls the mind and gives to the fragment a longer life than it deserves. I give voice to my frustration and ask persons around me, "Do you remember the next line?"

That's what I'm doing now; I'm asking. I remember

A snap dragon never snaps  
 No matter how it feels,  
 Except to try to catch a fly  
 To brighten up its meals.

I also remember the next line

A dandelion never roars

and I'm stuck. My mind crashes at the end of the runway. Can you complete the stanza? I'm a proud man, but I'm begging for your help.

No, I'm not begging; I don't beg. I'm willing to bargain, so how about this? I've noticed over the years that generous people are also quite poetic, so if you recall those next three lines, just enclose them in the envelope with your gift and I have saved you 44 cents. Is that a deal or what? If you can't remember, just enclose a note to that effect along with your gift to the Center and you still save 44 cents. Same deal. If you can't remember but think you can write three lines just as good, enclose your poetry with your gift and you get the same deal: 44 cents saved. If you can't remember the three lines and can't compose your own, just send your gift without postage and we will rob our poor purse of 44 pennies to satisfy the postage due.

What a deal! Grace abounds! — FBC

### CITIZENSHIP CELEBRATION BENEFITS CHILDREN

When a whole wagonload of books were donated for the Story Express at a party last week. Neighbors and good friends, Nancy and Tom Zarle, hosted a party to celebrate Kay and Gordon Hewett's decision to become citizens of the U.S.A. The Hewetts have retired in North Georgia after living all over the world where Gordon's work took them. Having developed special interest in The Craddock Center's outreach to children, they requested that books be brought to the party for the Story Express. Susan Donaldson, a knitting friend, also donated 44 more kid's hats in celebration of the new citizens! Thanks to Gordon and Kay who are standing in the picture and to the hosts, Nancy and Tom Zarle in front of the donated books. Congratulations to Kay and Gordon who make this world a better place! — TLS



### GIFTS ABOUND



As friends of The Craddock Center have made donations of all descriptions. Stoves, refrigerators, dryers, beds, scholarships, matching funds, grants, books, toys, clothes and most recently beautiful choir robes. Barbara Collins, a member of National City Christian Church drove to Cherry Log from

Washington, D.C. with a donation of 40 beautiful choir robes. So now if you know of a church in need of robes, please let us know. It is thrilling to be able to match a need with a gift. Thank you, Barbara, and National City Christian Church! — TLS

#### Children's Enrichment Program of The Craddock Center

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