



Strait From The

Heart of Florida via de cristo

Mark your calendars!

**Mark your calendars for Our Official Start-up
Ultreya for HOF Via de Cristo Men And Ladies
Weekends No. 33! Read the following pages to
find out how you can participate!**



Saturday, September 16

Theme: Patience Is Love Waiting

7:00 p.m. at Northland Distribution Church Annex,
Longwood. Potluck at 6:00PM. Please bring your
favorite dish, salad or dessert! Drinks and eating ware are provided.

**Please join us for a fun time and participate in electing your Secretariat for the coming
year! Information on available positions is found in this Strait from the Heart issue on
page 2.**

Many Thanks to those who were able to attend/support our summer events on:

Peace is Love Resting on Saturday, June 17

A relaxed time was had at Jim and Diane DeMark's home. Thanks to Jim and Diane for their hospitality and friendliness!

Habitat for Humanity on Saturday July 15

It was a marvelous opportunity for our Via De Cristo community to come together for a most worthy community service project. We helped build a home at 1812 South Westmoreland St. in Orlando. Both men and women with and without skills participated for a most rewarding experience! We installed sheetrock, painted walls, and many other home building tasks with professional guidance from Habitat for Humanity personnel. The home was ahead of schedule and the dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, August 26th at 12 noon. (The August 19th work day was canceled due to the excellent progress on the home.) What a wonderful example of community helping community!

*Bob Blasberg
Post Via de Cristo*

Weekend #33 dates

Men: October 12-15 * Women: October 19-22**

September/October 2006

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How Much Palanca for the weekends:

- * Pillow Palanca = 20 pilgrims
- * Rollo Room Palanca = 34 total
- * Dining Room Palanca = 50 total

*See page 6 for more details on
what these numbers mean!*



Heart of Florida VdC News

Did you know that according to government calculators based on the consumer price index that something that once cost \$55 in 1990, would cost \$85.21 today? Yes! The cost of everything has increased. You know this yourself just with your weekly trips to the grocery. Not only the food is more expensive, but also the car and gas to drive you there. The cost to purchase a home has increased enormously and if you rent, your rent is far more than it was just a few years ago.

The cost of everything we do as a community has increased as well. Food, transportation, retreat facilities and supplies. Pilgrim fees have not been raised since 1988 and team fees were last changed in the early 1990's. Each of the previous 4 weekends has cost us more than the fees that have been collected. Only about 76% of fees have been paid on average with only 45% of pilgrims donating toward someone else's weekend. Our annual Easter Breakfast with matching funds from Thrivent has kept us afloat the last few years. But this year, our expenses are increasing dramatically. Our average weekend cost has been \$3600. The spring weekends netted a shortfall of \$800. Our new cost is now almost \$5100. Over and above the weekend expenses, we have \$2500 in annual operating expenses.

As a result, your Secretariat met in July and voted to increase team and pilgrim fees to \$85. Pilgrim applications must be accompanied by a non-

refundable deposit of \$25. The balance is due prior to the weekend. These fees go into effect immediately. This is reflected on the new version of the application which is posted on the website. Please destroy any old application copies you have. This new fee is in line with other VdC communities and in many cases lower (as high as \$150).

The Secretariat also voted to go forward with the fall weekends and beginning next year in 2007, we will have only one weekend per year in the fall. We hope by the fall of 2007, we will have full weekends. The last 4 weekends have averaged only 55% filled. This also adds to the shortfall. Perhaps in a future year we will have a waiting list and can return to two weekends a year. So don't delay in turning in applications! Look for the possibility of a deadline for applications next year.

You may ask, why the fall and not the spring. During the spring time there is so much going on. Our pastors have just shepherded us through a busy Lenten and Easter season, our synods have their annual assemblies, and our community members who are in the accounting fields have many extra hours of work trying to meet that dreaded April 15th tax day. The fall just made more sense. More team and pilgrims are available.

Send-offs and closings will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1515 South Semoran Blvd., Orlando. (Corner of Semoran and Curry Ford Road)

Change is never easy.

Other import things to remember: **Cooking Day.**

October date and place to be determined. Check your email and the website.

Weekend #33 dates:
Men October 12-15.
Women October 19-22

Send off:
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Thursdays at 7:00 pm sharp.
Pilgrim check in at 6:45.
Closing followed by a short Sponsor Meeting.

Closings:
Sundays at 6:00 pm Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

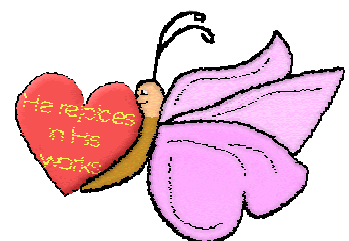
Pilgrim Reunion/Potluck Ultreya:
November 11th, 4:45 pm at St. John Lutheran Church

Don't forget the **September 16th** Potluck Ultreya and Election of Secretariat Members at Northland Annex! **Visit the website for open positions.** As soon as the Nominating Committee has presented their nominations to the Secretariat, that list will be posted on the website as well.

His servant,
Sandy Moore
Lay Director

The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship.

~Psalm 19:1



An Incredible experience

What an incredible experience, serving on God's team VDC #32! It was such a spirit-filled weekend. Pastor Bill and Pastor Carolyn were such an inspiration. We were so fortunate to have them both on the weekend. Pastor Bill was the "experienced" member of the team. And Pastor Carolyn brought a fresh perspective and newness that was so wonderful and special.

We had some very special pilgrims that weekend. I can't wait to see how their lives unfold in service to our Lord. We had laughs, we had tears, but most of all, we had the Holy Spirit with us from morning to night! We had some of the most awesome Rollos I have ever heard.

I can't begin to thank everyone who helped during the weekend. Thank you to everyone, especially Pam and Sheila, who helped in the Agape tent, to all of the ladies who came up during the weekend and helped serve in the kitchen so the team members could join the group for meals. Thank you to all of the men who came to tear down the site on Sunday, so that the team members could

be finished on time. Thank you to Ken, who was always there in the background. Thank you to all of the critiquer's, some who went above and beyond. Thank you to all of the team members, who came through despite some difficult situations in their personal lives. Thank you to my reunion sisters, who were with me in spirit and in love for the entire experience. Thank you to my husband, who was there for me through the thick and the thin!

Most especially, thank you to my Lord and Savior for giving me the opportunity to serve. I was going through a very difficult time at work during this time period. As many people have heard, I chose Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," as our team theme. After discussing the theme over breakfast one day last fall, my head servant Jan promptly gave me a plaque with the above scripture engraved. I hung that scripture in my office, and it was my inspiration during the months of preparation. I was working some incredible hours during that time, but thanks to the support of my best friends my Lord and my

husband, I felt energized and had lots of fun through the entire experience!

I have served on many teams. My husband and I have served on the Secretariat for the past 3 years. We have been richly blessed by the experiences we have had through the VDC. It is an awesome and loving group of Christians.

If you have not had the opportunity to serve on a weekend, then please go to the website and volunteer for one of the many *many* jobs that are necessary to make a weekend possible. I believe the teams have been called, but there are so many other things you can do to serve.

JUST DO IT!

*In Christ's Love,
Martha Harriman
Rectora Weekend #32*



Dear Rooster...

Dear Rooster:

I always mean to send a contribution to the ministry but with the overwhelming amount of things I have to remember on a daily basis, I forget! I know this is a layman ministry so I have to think that if people are contributing the gift of time to the ministry, there has to be gifts of stewardship of some other way. I read somewhere that the retreat center needs mattress pads, tarps for the chapel, storage racks, and maybe even need a new trailer. And I just heard that the cost of the retreat for attendees has gone up as well! I can't give much, but I think that



maybe if I can send something it might help towards an item or someone's weekend. What can I do?

Sincerely,
~ *Being led by the Spirit...*
Orlando, FL

Dear Servant Heart:

Thank you for your offer! YES, lay ministries always require help in some form or another! Please pray for the Spirit to lead you to contact either Ken Raue for specifics on items needed or Bill Pohlrad if you want to make a contribution.

And if time is what you can contribute, check out <http://www.hofvdc.org/> for a list of ways you can help Weekends # 33!

Thanks for your servant heart and for following the Spirit!
~The Rooster...

September Elections

Our September Ultreya at Northland will include our Annual Meeting to elect your Secretariat members. According to our bylaws, each Secretariat member will serve a term of two years unless filling a vacant position. Following is a list of positions open this September. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact anyone on the Secretariat or visit the website.



Extended Palanca	2 years
Off Site Physical Arrangements	2 years
Communications	2 years
Music	2 years
Local Palanca	1 year



Lay Director	2 years
Post Via de Cristo	2 years

Please note, these elections are for the community! Your vote is very important!

TREASURER'S REPORT

It's the dog days of summer and funds flow has slowed considerably. Weekends #32 are complete with expenses totaling \$4,243.22 and income totaling \$3,435.00 for a net expense of \$808.22. Needless to say, funds from our Easter Breakfast including Thrivent matching funding is important to help pay for the weekend and other expenses like newsletters, storage, NLS dues, etc. With the increase in retreat center fees, expenses would have increasingly exceeded income if team and pilgrim fees were not increased by the Secretariat (article elsewhere). With minimal expenditures prior to the fall weekends, our balance of \$4,942.58, team fees and pilgrim deposits will gracefully see us through the weekend.

When you attend Ultreyas, don't forget the Green Palanca basket. Checks are accepted also, even though they aren't green. J

God loves you and also loves a cheerful giver,
Bill Pohlad
Treasurer



VDC Celebrates the Blessings of our Pastors!

What: Saturday, September 23rd at 12 noon
Where: *Jim & Diane DeMark's lovely home!*
Theme: Bring your Pastor to Lunch!

Let us thank God by celebrating our Pastors! Invite your Pastors to this luncheon in their honor. If your pastor is already attending or been invited, then invite another pastor to be your guest. A Pastor is your ticket into this event and we hope to fill the Hightower's home so much that we'll have to knock on neighbors doors for chairs! OK, just kidding but we'd like to see as many Pastors so that we can share stories and experiences, and maybe gain more support for the ministry. Please R.S.V.P. with your Pastor's name to me, Tanny Bryan by calling me at 407-658-8505 or emailing me at helenbryan@bellsouth.net. See you there!

*Jesus loves You and so do I,
~Tanny Bryan*

An Autumn in Via de Cristo's Life



Weather reports may still be projecting high temperatures as I write, but before I know it, our fall weekend will be upon us with new pilgrims relishing their first Via de Cristo weekend and Heart of Florida rejoicing with them! With its colorful leaves and crisp sounds, fall always arrives with an abundance of invitations: come and see, come and dance, come take a sip, come - and bring someone with you because this is too exciting to miss! As it unfolds, fall also speaks to us of change.

The Heart of Florida community is undergoing some significant changes this fall. You read about them in our Lay Director's article, where she detailed the reasons for new guidelines that are being implemented. Most significant is a change in our application process and how the cost for the weekend is being presented. When you're speaking with potential pilgrims in the next few days, you'll want to have our new application with you, which you can download at www.hofvdc.org, pick up in our mailbox at St. John, or find enclosed in this newsletter. Please destroy any old applications you have. There is now a \$25 deposit required with each application, with a balance of \$60 due before the applicant arrives at send-off, completing the new weekend cost of \$85. Another change of note is our fall send-off location and time. Pilgrims and team members will leave from Prince of

Peace, not St. John. Check-in time is 6:45 P.M. with send-off beginning promptly at 7:00 P.M., assuming all pilgrims are present. Please mark these changes on your calendars now so you'll be up-to-date. Some traditions die hard, but new guidelines can bring exciting growth and life to our community, so let's join together in anticipation of what the Lord will do when we are united. I can see us all now, gathering up the colorful but dying leaves that signify autumn, raking them together in a great big pile of harmony, and jumping in with our whole being, to lift high to the sky the leafy remains of tradition in exchange for what lies ahead - like joyful children fully surrendered to the Spirit.

As a born and bred New Englander, I savor autumn as a time of wonder. Breath-taking scenery, crunchy leaves to play in, nippy weather, picking apples off the tree to eat in the orchard, changing of seasons, the passing of what I was once comfortable with, wearing a more appropriate coat, the hope of newness to come. All of this and more blend together to make autumn what it is. For the Heart of Florida community, it's autumn - a time to let go of some ways we function and welcome appropriate new guidelines. But the essence of Via de Cristo remains.

The joyful discovery of how Jesus Christ reveals his love to each pilgrim through their weekend at camp continues to be an opportunity we are privileged to mention. We still get to be God's instrument wher-

ever we are, with whomever we meet. Are you noticing fall as it unfolds around you? The autumn of people's lives? Someone in your daily life is waiting to discard what they've known for so long and just doesn't work for them anymore. They're waiting for someone to invite them to a raking time, so they can jump in and be free to discover more deeply God's purpose for their lives.

Wouldn't you like to be part of bringing someone into such a place? Talk to God about your friends and the leaders you meet with each day. He'll lead you in inviting them to a new season in their spiritual journey. We won't be having a spring weekend next year, so now's the time to tell them this is too exciting to miss! Men's weekend is October 12-15. Women's weekend is October 19-22. Mail applications and deposits promptly, as time is short. Your encouragement could lead your friend to a fresh perspective of their relationship with Christ. Jump in with your whole being - and let the Spirit surprise you.

With you in the Unfolding,
Karen Hanson
Pre-Via de Cristo



YES! Van Drivers Needed Again!

We are in need of van drivers for both the upcoming weekends. We need 2 people for each sendoff and 2 people for each closing to drive the St. John vans. In addition, we need someone to take the luggage in a closed van for each sendoff and closing. We also need people with vans or large SUV's to transport pilgrims for each sendoff and each closing, if

we have a lot of pilgrims (which we plan on having!)

Men's sendoff is **October 12** and closing is **October 15**. Women's sendoff is **October 19** and closing is **October 22**.

Please email at mharriman@cfl.rr.com or call at

407-876-0121 if you can serve in any capacity noted above. Even if you can help only one way for one weekend, it will help a lot!

Blessings,
Del and Martha Harriman
Offsite Physical Arrangements

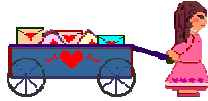


HOW DO I PREPARE PALANCA FOR THE WEEKEND?

The numbers provided for total Palanca needed is based on a full weekend: 20 Pilgrims, 28 Team members and 2 Spiritual Directors = Total 50.

If you are planning on sending Palanca to the Rollo room, remember to make enough for the whole table, pilgrims and professor. Rollo room for a full weekend: 20 pilgrims and 14-team members/professors/Spiritual Directors = Total 34.

Dinning Room (Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner) would be the whole team plus pilgrims. Total = 50.



Pillow Palanca = 20 pilgrims

Rollo Room Palanca = 34 total

Dining Room Palanca = 50 total

Please bag/box and label all Palanca as “Pillow Palanca”, “Rollo Room”, or “Dining Room” (specify the meal time) and write the number of items on the bag. This is very important for counting and for routing purposes. We have forms for Palanca, pick one up at any of the Ultreyas, VdC Mailbox at St John or send-offs.

As you bag and label letter Palanca for the weekend, please separate the pilgrims from the team and place all letters in alphabetical order. This really speeds up the sorting process!



Drop off all Palanca at Prince of Peace the night of send off. If you need more time, there will be a box at the back entrance of St. John for the remainder of each weekend. **The last pick up is 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning.** The mailbox is located at St John, back parking lot near the stairs at the back entrance. We will make sure to get the Palanca to the right area.

About Professor Palanca: it is wonderful to write a short note of encouragement to any or all of the professors or spiritual directors. The mailroom servant will distribute all those notes to each Rollista before her or his Rollo. So please get all those notes to the mailroom servant on Thursday or before the weekend begins!

People often like to send special Palanca to team members that they would like delivered on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night. There will be a box labeled for team Palanca. Place any special team pillow Palanca into the box for delivery. Make sure it is labeled. Remember though, the weekends are about the pilgrims.

Another word about “special” Palanca: while you may want to give a cherished pilgrim-friend a personal piece of Palanca (a book, picture, t-shirt, etc), we cannot give one person something that no one else at another table or in her dorm room is getting. If you would like to give something special to a pilgrim, please do so after the weekend, or indicate that it is to be delivered to the Rollista’s bed before his or her rollo.

If you are sponsoring a pilgrim or know someone who is, please remember that the most important piece of Palanca in their bag comes from their husband, wife, or significant other. We absolutely must have those letters by Saturday night!

Remember that you need to write and label special letters for all pilgrims you are sponsoring. These letters are almost as important as spouse letters.

Other ways to give Palanca:

- True Palanca: 24 hours Prayer Chain
- Food Palanca: Prepared at home
- Time Spent in the Agape Tent
- Help with Set up and Tear Down
- Serenade on both Sunday mornings

If you have any further questions about Palanca, please contact any of the Secretariat members found on page 11 of this issue, or visit our website at <http://hofvdc.org>.

Thank you for your contributions to the success of Weekends #33!

Someone Help, The House is on Fire!

The Bible has left us 2000 years later with a frame work in which to live our life here on earth. Figuring out all the details is what makes our journey with Christ so very interesting! But clearly we were not intended to make this journey alone. That simple fact often gets lost in the busy world we live in today. Our priorities for what gets our motor running seem to focus on the unimportant and forgettable moments in lives while what God has created for us seems to become a “when I can get to it” item.

A rather startling figure among American Christians is that 95% have never led another person to Christ. It truly is the best kept secret in town. We see that problem often reflected in our struggle for Pilgrims for Via de Cristo. With basically forty beds to fill at Paisley, we have 80 people (assuming two weekends: men and women) to invite. I believe that we have had about 800 people attend the weekends over the years. That means to fill all the beds we only need 10% of those that have attended to invite someone. Yikes! That double the national average—but we can do it.

Here are some thoughts for you to find yourself in a position to make more invitations to people:

1st: Spend time in Prayer, especially for that person that really needs to attend Via de Cristo weekend.

2nd: Make certain that your walk is with Jesus and not the Princes and Principalities. This means going to your home church, staying in communion with God and allowing him to take control. Without God in control, you don't have a chance. I can't even find good parking spaces, so how would I hope to find a Pilgrim without God's help?

3rd: Get to know others and become familiar with their problems and concerns. Ask God to give you the love and compassion for others. When Jesus looked at the crowd gathered around him he had “compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd”.

4th: Take your calling seriously. God can't text message, He doesn't have a phone home nor a web page!!!—He has only you to count on. But you have the power and the authority of the message of peace, grace, mercy and salvation.

5th: Recognize the urgency.

If you were walking down a street and saw a house on fire with people in it what would be your reaction? “I should wait for the professional fire fighters; they went to school to train for this stuff.” Or what about “I don't know those people what if they don't go to my church or to my kids school, or they may not even look like me??” “Or I am certain that someone else has already gone to help them, I'll just keep walking!!!” “Absurd comparison” some may howl, “it's not the same!!” Yes it is look around you, the house is on fire and we have over 120 million Americans (roughly the number that have no connection to a church of any kind) trapped inside. Don't keep walking by, stop and give someone directions to the front door and lead them to safety.

Next time—How to “Make a Friend and Be a Friend” in 8 easy steps.

Steven L. Beumer



The Ghost Squad Returns

Summer is slipping into Autumn and the preparations for the Fall Weekends have begun. Even through we are only in the planning stages for the weekends, I would like to encourage everyone to consider how you might “serve” during the weekends. To “Serve” during the weekends does not mean you have to be a member of either weekend team. It does mean that you are willing to sacrifice some of your time, maybe some money, to share God’s Love with the pilgrims. How? By participating in the cooking day. Attending the send-offs and closings. Driving out to the retreat center on the Tuesdays before the weekends to help set up or on Sundays for the serenades and take down. Volunteering to shop for supplies. Or making Palanca for the weekends.

Prior to the Spring Weekends I invited the community to join the “Ghost Squad” to work behind the scene to make the weekends a true “mountain top” experience for

the pilgrims. Again, I am calling on your support to ensure another great pair of weekends for this Fall.

On Tuesday, October 10th, I need help shopping for the weekend supplies at BJ’s, Sam’s, Costco, the Bread Store, and the Farmer’s Market. There is a need for people to help at the retreat center to move the storage trailer, unload the supplies, set up the chapel, the kitchen, Rollo Room, and mail/ banner room.

The send-offs and closings will be at Prince of Peace and there is a need for transportation for the team and the pilgrims along with their luggage. Additional hands are needed to setup for each send-off and closing as well as the clean-up.

During the weekends there is a need for servers at each meal. Runners are also

needed to pickup Palanca at St John and deliver it to the retreat center over the weekend. At the close of the Women’s Weekend there is a need for many hands to “take down” the chapel, the kitchen, rollo room and mail/banner room, pack the trailer and move it to its storage location. Part of the “take down” includes cleaning the retreat center to leave it better than we found it.

There is a lot of “non-team” work needed for the weekends so if you are not called to the team, consider joining the “Ghost Squad” for a weekend experience that may not be “mountain top” but will definitely be a blessing in serving others.



On-Site Physical Arrangements

Ken Raue

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Anyway...

People are unreasonable, illogical and self centered;

Love Them Anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Do Good Anyway.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies;

Succeed Anyway.

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow;

Do Good Anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable;

Be Honest and Frank Anyway.

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight;

Build Anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them;

Help People Anyway

Give the world the best you have and you'll get licked in the teeth;

Give The World the Best You've Got Anyway.

Poem by Mother Teresa

Sisters and Brothers,

I have a close friend who says “Anyway” when she avoids praise given to her. As I reflect on this statement, I realize that she, along with Mother Teresa are the only two individuals I know of to use the statement in a positive way. In a sense, my friend is saying what Mother Teresa wrote in her poem.

“Don’t praise me, it is what I was called to do so just enjoy and don’t give me the credit.” Mother Teresa is urging us to do what we are called to do without any expectations, or rather, with negative expectations that will leave a powerful impact.

My friend said this to me when she paid for a pedicure that was long overdue but unaffordable for me at the time. She also said it to me when she picked up my daughter from school for a few months to give me a break from my routine when I was still in

school. And when she prayed for me during my down time. If only we could use it in the same selfless way and follow God’s purpose for us of serving His children however He equips us to do so. We use the word “Anyway” to say “Anyway...I don’t have time or money” or “Anyway...I am not qualified nor is it any of my business”, but imagine how much better our world would be if we instead did things as God instructs us? Perhaps we would learn that ANYWAY we do it, we should do it for others. Isn’t this what Jesus meant by “love thy neighbor as thyself...?” Perhaps we would learn how to serve and love others the way that Christ did for us. And *that is not ANY (old) WAY.*

Anyway... I have to go read a story to my daughter...

*Blessings & God’s love,
Tanny Ortiz
Communications*

Team Lists, rollo times & pilgrim lists

The Team rosters and rollo times will be posted on the website once the teams begin to meet and the lists are finalized.

The Pilgrim list is a "live" document, subject to change until send-off. Please visit the website at:

<http://www.hofvdc.org>
and click on the *Pre Via De Cristo* link to email Karen Hanson for the latest list.

The list will also be available at send-off.

Susan...

Our hearts and prayers go out to you and the Breeding family. Please know that you are not alone and that God loves you so very much. Your Via De Cristo family is mourning with you, and we are here for you, all you need to do is call on us. We love you...

If anyone would like to contact Susan, please contact Sandy Moore. Sandy's contact information can be found on the bottom of this page.

Examination of Conscience

In my work or place of employment, am I just, hardworking, honest? Do I work with a spirit of love and care?

WHAT CAN I DO TODAY TO SHOW GOD THAT I AM MIRRORING CHRIST'S ACTIONS TO THOSE AROUND ME?



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Local Palanca

Extended Palanca

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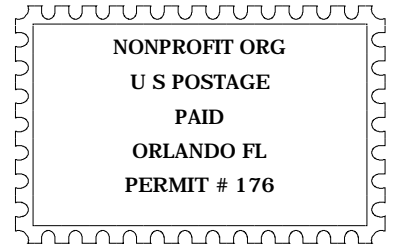
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The Hair cut

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you

didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...."

To which his father replied, "Yes, and they walked everywhere they went!"