

State health officials warn of West Nile Virus threat

Comet staff report

State health officials are urging Hoosiers again this year to take steps to protect themselves from West Nile virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes.

"We definitely expect to have the West Nile virus back again this year," said James Howell, DVM, veterinary epidemiologist at the Indiana State Department of Health. "There is no human vaccine and no cure for West Nile virus, but it can be prevented."

So far in Indiana this year, one group of mosquitoes has

tested positive for West Nile virus in Marion County. There have been no reported positive cases in birds or humans. There were 23 cases of West Nile virus in Indiana in 2005.

"There are many factors that can affect mosquito populations, including weather patterns," said Dr. Howell. "These factors are impossible to predict ahead of time, so we must be prepared."

Health officials recommend that Hoosiers avoid being outdoors during prime mosquito biting times, dusk to dawn, when possible. Individuals are

also advised to take the following protective steps when they are outdoors:

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus to clothes and exposed skin; and
- long-sleeved shirts and pants.

State health officials are also asking Hoosiers to take steps to rid their properties of potential mosquito breeding grounds by:

- Repairing failed septic systems;
- Drilling holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors;
- Keeping grass cut short and

shrubby trimmed;

- Disposing of old tires, tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other unused containers that can hold water;
- Cleaning clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains; and
- Aerating ornamental pools, or stock them with predatory fish.

Health officials report that although individuals over age 50 are at greatest risk for serious illness and even death from West Nile virus, people of all ages have been infected with the virus and have had severe reactions.

Bible course offered

Delphi Pentecostal Church is offering a free, 10-week Bible study course for ages 12 and above. The "Search for Truth" series covers main topics from Genesis through Revelation.

Marlene Martin will be teaching the course on consecutive Sundays beginning June 18 from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Those who complete the study will receive a certificate and be honored at a special dinner. To accommodate those with children, the study is being held during the church's scheduled Sunday School time.

Registration is appreciated but not required by calling the church at (765) 564-6682 or 564-6579.

DIRECTORY OF AREA CHURCHES

SS=Sunday School	SW=Sunday Worship
AMERICUS UNION NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Vernon Stingley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.	FLORA FIRST BRETHREN: 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
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BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST: Rev. Chuck Rockey, pastor. SS: 10:50 a.m., SW 9:30 a.m.	GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Danny Jewell, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
BURNETTVILLE FIRST BAPTIST: Second & Main, Burnettville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.	HICKORY GROVE CHURCH: CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
BURNETTVILLE CHRISTIAN: Sixth & Washington, Burnettville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.	HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
BURNETTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: First & Main, Burnettville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.	HISPANIC CHRISTIAN CENTER: 108 W. Main. Delphi. Dimas Palacio, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW 12noon, Tue. & Wed. 7 p.m.
BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN: SS: 10:30 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m.	IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD: 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Keith Raderstorf, pastor. SW 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.
CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY: Will be meeting at the Delphi Middle School gym on Monroe Street. The worship service begins at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!	JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP: CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.
CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST: Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. Sun. Nite Praise 6:02 p.m.	LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, interim pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.	LIVING STONE CHURCH: Meets at the Freedom Center in Delphi. SS: 11 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m. contact (765) 589-3507
COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST: Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH: East of Patton. Nord Zootman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
COLBURN UNITED METHODIST: Kasey Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.	LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CR 300 N, SE of Camden. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.
COMMUNITY BIBLE MINISTRIES: 1/2 mile north of SR 22 on CR 1150W. Patrick Kamm, pastor. SS: 9 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.	MT. ZION INDEPENDENT BAPTIST: 102 N. Connelly Street, Delphi. Alfred Smith, pastor. SS: 10:15 a.m., SW: 9 a.m., & 6 p.m.
DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST: 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Lowell Kibler, minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 6 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.	OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N & 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Don Arterburn. SW: 10 a.m.
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN: 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.	PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. Justin Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: Pastor Jim Long SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST: John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN: Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, interim pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: 9:15 a.m.	PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.
DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 315 E. Main St, Delphi. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.	PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: Pastor. Howard Hendrickson SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
DELPHI COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD: 321 W. Main Street, Delphi. Rev. Virgil Moss. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	RADNOR CHURCH: Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
DELPHI PENTECOSTAL: Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 6 p.m.	ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN: Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
DELPHI UNITED METHODIST: Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor; Sheila Wilimitis, youth pastor.	ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.
DELPHI WESLEYAN: North Union Street, Delphi. Rich & Carol Scheneck, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: 16 Cason St., S. Corporate Prayer 9:00 a.m., S. Fellowship 9:30 a.m., SW 10:00 a.m.
EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Ernie D. Elder, Jr., Pastor. SW: 10 a.m., SS: 9 a.m.	ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Pastor. Bob Pfeifer. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST: SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.	ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. Rev. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.
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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 7pm	ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. Dale Larson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN: Chad Hoeman, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Sun. Youth Service 5:30 p.m. Sun. Bible study: 7:30 p.m.	ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN: Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. Dale Larson, pastor. SW: 8:30 a.m., SS: Same as Worship.
FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES: meet at Burrows Fire Department, Greg & Michelle Britt, pastors. SW: 9 a.m. (574) 652-2280
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Louis Sandos. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.	YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST: Dave Inskip, pastor, SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons from the Heart

The Four Dimensions of God's Love

By Pastor Eric J. Haley



Haley

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians we find an outline of the Church's position in Christ, sort of a list of the great benefits that come with the love relationship that Christ has established with us. Paul then prays in Chapter 3 that the Church would be "rooted and grounded" in that love and would be able to comprehend what is the "breadth, and length, and depth, and height" of the love of Christ.

To the modern reader this sounds more like the measurements of a building, or some other tangible item, and we only think of love as being one dimensional. God either loves us or He doesn't. But what Paul describes is a four dimensional love. Let's look closer at these dimensions.

Breadth (sometimes translated "width") = spacious, room for everybody. This includes Jews and Gentiles, male and female, bond and free. There are no space limitations, no overbooking.

Length (from the Greek word makros) = reaching into eternity. God's love is not temporal, it is not something that is bound by our understanding of time. God's love is not only timeless for us but

timeless for past and future generations. God's love takes into consideration all of mankind for all eternity. Depth = penetration. God's love can soften the hardest of hearts, can work in the heart of the atheist, the wayward husband, and the rebellious child. Knowing this we should never assume that anyone is beyond redemption.

Height = in the Greek a word meaning "a summit top". Love at its peak is the standard, constant height of God's love. God didn't grow to love you. He doesn't love you more today than yesterday. His love is full and constant.

When God's Word says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," this is the kind of love it's talking about. It's a love that requires sacrifice. But read on! In Chapter Five of Ephesians, we are encouraged to "Be followers (imitators) of God, as dear children." God wants us to imitate His love. Can you imagine that? How are we supposed to imitate this four dimensional love that is beyond our knowledge or understanding?

The truth is, we can't. Not unless we have experienced the fullness of God's love within our own lives. Only then can we understand what it means to have Christ living in us. And only then will His love flow out of us to the world around us.

For contact information for this God of Love and information about becoming His child, see the Book of John in your Bible. It's not too late for a heart change!

Eric Haley is pastor at Calvary Chapel.

Announcement

Men of all ages (birth-???) are invited to join the men of Hickory Grove Church for a **MEN'S BREAKFAST** on June 17. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. and will be followed by a special guest speaker, Zach Rainy. Door Prizes will be given away. Hickory Grove Church is located between Idaville and Delphi at 9714 N 700 W. Contact Pastor Ken Smith at (574) 965-2731 for more information.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Disadvantaged children can overcome early hardship (Part II)

QUESTION: Last week you talked about why some kids with every advantage and opportunity seem to turn out bad, while others raised in terrible homes become pillars in the community. You cited the life of David Hernandez as an example. What happened to him?



Dr. Dobson

DR. DOBSON: Given his beginning, how can we explain the man that Dave Hernandez became? He graduated near the top of his class in high school and was granted a scholarship to college. Again, he earned high marks and four years later entered Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Once more, he scored in the top 10 percent of his class and continued in a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. Eventually, he served as a professor of OB/GYN at both Loma Linda University and the University of Southern California medical schools. Then, at the peak of his career, his life began to unravel.

I'll never forget the day Dr. Hernandez called me. He had just been released from the hospital following a battery of laboratory tests. The diagnosis? Sclerosing cholangitis, a liver disorder that was invariably fatal at that time. We lost this fine husband, father and friend six years later at the age of 43. I loved him like a brother, and I still miss him today.

Again, I ask, how could such discipline and genius come from these infertile circumstances? Who would have thought that this deprived Mexican boy sitting out there in the dirt would someday become one the most loved and respected surgeons of his era? Where did the motivation originate? From what bubbling spring did his ambition and thirst for knowledge flow? He had no books, took no educational trips, knew no scholars. Yet he reached for the sky. Why did it happen to David Hernandez and not the youngster with every advantage and opportunity?

Why have so many children of prominent and loving parents grown up in ideal circumstances, only to reject it all for the streets

of Atlanta, San Francisco or New York? Good answers are simply not available. It apparently comes down to this: God chooses to use individuals in unique ways. Beyond that mysterious relationship, we must simply conclude that some kids seem born to make it and others are determined to fail. Someone reminded me recently that the same boiling water that softens the carrot also hardens the egg. Likewise, some individuals react positively to certain circumstances and others negatively. We don't know why.

Two things are clear to me from this understanding. First, parents have been far too quick to take the credit or blame for the way their children turn out. Those with bright, young superstars stick out their chests and say, "Look what we accomplished." Those with twisted and irresponsible kids wonder, "Where did we go wrong?" Well, neither is entirely accurate. No one would deny that parents play an important role in the development and training of their children, but they are only part of the formula from which a young adult is assembled.

Second, behavioral scientists have been far too simplistic in their explanation of human behavior. We are more than the aggregate of our experiences. We are more than the quality of our nutrition. We are more than our genetic heritage. We are more than our biochemistry. And certainly, we are more than our parents' influence. God has created us as unique individuals, capable of independent and rational thought that is not attributable to any source. That is what makes the task of parenting so challenging and rewarding. Just when you think you have your kids figured out, you had better brace yourself! Something new is coming your way.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, PO Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, or to his Web site at www.focus.org. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the founder and chairman of the board of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home and Judeo-Christian values. Copyright 1997 James Dobson, Inc. All rights reserved. International copy secured.

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