

Lessons from the Heart

Seize the moment!



Oliver

By Pastor Brent Oliver
Sixteen years ago I became a dad. What an incredible experience. Being there for the birth of our first child, then two years

later for our second child, is an experience I will never forget. Just saying the words, "I am a dad," brought joy to my heart. Then came the time when our baby mouthed the words "da." Even though others might not have known he was talking to me, I knew!

Throughout the years parenting has its ups and downs.

After the first few years there were times I felt inconvenienced by my two. At times, just wanting to come home, sit down, relax and read the newspaper, I got interrupted by one "kid" or another wanting this or that. Many dads know the feeling. I've been working all day and I just want to relax a minute (really, for the rest of the evening).

Yet, somewhere along the line something happened. I began to realize how quick the years were going by. I began to think about how soon they would be out of the house...in college...gone. At this point, while I cherish the time my wife and I have together (although somewhat limited at the moment), I do not look forward to when the kids are gone. I must confess, I love being a dad.

Two lives precious to God and full of potential. God has given me the awesome privilege of trying to show them His love and teaching them His ways. The day will come when ready or not they will fly out of the nest and move onto the things of adult life. All things in its time. But for now, I want to do all I can to make the most of the moment. I have such a long way to go to becoming the best parent I can be, but God willing, they will remember all the things we did together and that no matter what, dad loves them very much!

Dads, let me encourage you. Don't miss the moment with your children. They're precious. They're awesome! Give yourself to them. Go home tonight, look them straight in the eye and tell them how much you love them. Or maybe sit down and write them a letter telling them all the things about them that you love and appreciate. *You'll blow them away! Be a mentor to some of the most important people in the world—your kids!* You won't regret the outcome. God bless!

Brent Oliver is pastor at First Assembly of God in Delphi.

Reunions

Monroe Twp. Alumni

Monroe Township Alumni meeting will be held Aug. 19 at Pat's Country Barn, starting at 4 p.m. Dinner will follow.

Flora High School's Class of 1946 and 1946 state finals basketball team will be honored.

Notices will be mailed. For reservation information, contact Pat Wisler Meade at 574-967-3467.

Academy of Arts to perform at Lockport

The venerable Apostle Paul will step out of history and onto the platform of the Lockport Church on Sunday to relive the highlights from his journeys for Christ.

"Trials of Faith" will be performed by the Academy of Arts Christian Drama team in 35 churches in six states this summer.

Employing professional stage lights, sound, costumes and props, the drama team will present a chronological study of the life of the Apostle Paul. Utilizing a huge map of the Mediterranean Sea and bible lands, the 10-member cast will trace Paul's missionary journeys, acting out the most dramatic events of his life.

The Academy of Arts promotes the arts in churches, Christian schools and home school groups. Lockport Church is located at 2724W. 1040N, at the top of Lockport Hill. The service begins at 10 a.m. and the public is invited. All are invited to enjoy a carry-in meal after the service. For more information, call Pastor Nord Zootman at (574) 686-2913 or 686-2339.

Pet parade is July 3 in Flora

The Flora Library will have a pet parade on July 3 as part of its summer reading program.

Registration will be from 9:30-10 a.m. Judging will be at 10, followed by a short parade through downtown Flora.

Prize categories are (one each for Dogs, one each for Cats): Best Costume, Funniest, Prettiest, Biggest, Smallest Oldest, Youngest and Most Unusual (all pets other than Dogs and Cats.)

Caged pets (birds, hamsters, etc.) and "bowled" (fish) pets will be displayed in the library's Program Room. Water will be provided for the animals. Pets will need to be on a leash or confined. Pet owners will be responsible for controlling pets.

The pet parade will be held even if it is sprinkling, drizzling, looking like rain, etc., so be sure to wear a raincoat or bring an umbrella. If it is "raining cats and dogs," the parade will be cancelled. If in doubt, call the library after 9 a.m. on parade day (967-3912.)

Pray for our nation to seek God

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. Matthew 3:15 Pd. Adv.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Eight signs your child might be using drugs

QUESTION: I am suspicious that my 16-year-old son may be using some kind of illegal drugs. He's just not himself lately, and his friends are some of the weirdest guys you ever saw.



Dr. Dobson

Can you summarize the most common symptoms of drug abuse? What should I look for?

DR. DOBSON: A complete answer to that question would fill a book, because there are so many illegal substances on the market today and each has its own characteristic "fingerprint." But there are eight common physical and emotional symptoms you might look for in your son.

1. Inflammation of the eyelids and nose is common. The pupils of the eyes are either very wide or very small, depending on the kind of drugs internalized.

2. Extremes of energy may be evident. Either the individual is sluggish, gloomy and withdrawn, or he may be loud, hysterical and jumpy.

3. The appetite is extreme — either very great or very poor. Weight loss may occur.

4. The personality suddenly changes; the individual may become irritable, inattentive and confused, or aggressive, suspicious and explosive.

5. Body and breath odor are often bad. Cleanliness is generally ignored.

6. The digestive system may be upset — diarrhea, nausea and vomiting may occur. Headaches and double vision are also common. Other signs of physical deterioration may include change in skin tone and body stance.

7. Needle marks on the body, usually appearing on the arms, are an important symptom. These punctures sometimes get infected and appear as sores and boils.

8. Moral values often crumble and are replaced by new, avant-garde ideas and values.

Let me caution you that some kids are able to hide their drug use better than others. You might stop by to see the officer in charge of narcotics enforcement for your local police department. He or she may be able to give you more specific information applicable to your son.

QUESTION: What about snooping through my son's room to see what he might be doing? Do you think parents should do that?

DR. DOBSON: There are definitely times when mothers and fathers need to conduct their own quiet investigation, even though it might invade the privacy of the teenager. This issue was discussed wide-

ly in the media some years ago when comedian Carol Burnett discovered her teenage daughter was a drug user. When the problem finally came to light, Carol was regretful that she hadn't taken steps to inform herself of what was going on. She appeared on many talk shows to say, in effect, that kids desperately need their parents to "catch them" in a moment like that. Don't let your respect for their privacy cause you to stick your head in the sand and fail to notice what is going on right in front of you. I strongly agree.

Of course, parents have to "know" their children, too. There are some who would never do anything illegal or harmful. It's just not in them. In those cases, I would not recommend snooping through their room. But in situations where a secretive boy or girl is doing suspicious things, running with the wrong crowd, and then demanding utter privacy at home, I would gather whatever information I needed in order to know how to respond.

QUESTION: My 14-year-old boy is flighty, mischievous, irresponsible and lazy. If I don't watch him very carefully, he'll find ways to get into trouble — not really bad stuff, just stupid kid behavior. But I'm afraid I could lose him right at this time. What can I do to keep him on track?

DR. DOBSON: It is most important to keep your rambunctious youngster moving. If you let him get bored, he'll find destructive ways to use unstructured and unsupervised time. My advice is to get him involved in the very best church youth program you can find. If your local congregation has only four bored kids in its junior high department and seven sleepy high-schoolers, I would consider changing churches. I know doing that could be disruptive to the rest of your family, but it might help save your volatile kid.

This can be done not only through church activities but also by involvement with athletics, music, horses or other animals, and part-time jobs. The hope is that one of those options will grab his fancy at some point, and his boundless energy will be channeled into something constructive. Until then, you must keep that energetic kid's legs churning!

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. 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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SS=Sunday School SW=Sunday Worship

- AMERICAN UNION NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Vernon Stingley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.
- BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST:** Larry DeVos, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- BROOKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 206 N. Prairie Street, Brookston. Ron Guzman, minister. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST:** 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Joe Hornick, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
- BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN:** 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.
- BURLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Tim Pohlman, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Children's Church: 10 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m., Youth Groups: 6 p.m.
- BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST:** Rev. Chuck Rockey, pastor. SS: 10:50 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m.
- BURNETTVILLE FIRST BAPTIST:** Second & Main, Burnettville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.
- BURNETTVILLE CHRISTIAN:** Sixth & Washington, Burnettville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- BURNETTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** First & Main, Burnettville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:** SS: 10:30 a.m., SW: 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!
- CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST:** Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. Sun. Nite Praise 6:02 p.m.
- CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.
- COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST:** Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- COLBURN UNITED METHODIST:** Kasey Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN:** Pastor Jim Long SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.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.
- 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.
- 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.
- DELPHI PENTECOSTAL:** Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 6 p.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.
- DELPHI WESLEYAN:** North Union Street, Delphi. Rich & Carol Scheneck, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST:** SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Ernie D. Elder, Jr., Pastor. SW: 10 a.m., SS: 9 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.
- FAITH LUTHERAN:** CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.
- FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:** Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH:** U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD:** US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. Wed. Family Night: 7pm
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN:** Chad Hoesman, 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.
- FIRST BAPTIST:** Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Louis Sandos. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:** 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
- FLORA FIRST BRETHREN:** 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora.** Pamela Ditson-McCall, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- FLORA GRACE BRETHREN:** 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.
- FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 10:15 a.m.
- FLORA UNITED METHODIST:** 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Larry DeVos, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.
- FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST:** Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:** 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Danny Jewell, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- HICKORY GROVE CHURCH:** CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 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.
- HISPANIC CHRISTIAN CENTER:** 108 W. Main. Delphi. Dimas Palacio, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW 12noon, Tue. & Wed. 7 p.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.
- JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP:** CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.
- LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, interim pastor SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
- LIVING STONE CHURCH:** Meets at the Freedom Center in Delphi. SS: 11 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m. contact (765) 589-3507
- LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATION-AL CHURCH:** East of Patton. Nord Zootman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
- LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** CR 300 N, SE of Camden. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.
- MT. ZION INDEPENDENT BAPTIST:** 102 N. Connelly Street, Delphi. Alfred Smith, pastor. SS: 10:15 a.m., SW: 9 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
- OKA GROVE CHRISTIAN:** 11810 N & 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Don Arterburn. SW: 10 a.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.
- PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST:** John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.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.
- PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** Pastor. Howard Hendrickson SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
- RADNOR CHURCH:** Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
- ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN:** Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
- ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN:** SW: 9:30 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP:** PO Box 581, 16 Cason St., Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Schedule: Corporate Prayer 8:30 a.m.; Fellowship 9:40 a.m.; SW 10:00 a.m.; SS 8:45 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Pastor. Bob Pfeifer. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. Rev. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST:** Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST:** St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC:** 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. Dale Larson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.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.
- WHIRLWIND MINITRIES:** meet at Burrows Fire Department, Greg & Michelle Britt, pastors. SW: 9 a.m. (574) 652-2280
- YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST:** Dave Inskip, pastor, SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

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