

Announcements

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Lessons from the Heart

Make the choice

By Pastor Tim Pohlman



Pohlman

I saw a quote today that really made me think: "There is nothing more sad or glorious than generations changing hands."

In Judges 2:10-

13 we get a glimpse of this happening to the children of Israel: "After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel. ¹¹Then the Israelites did what was evil in the LORD'S sight and worshiped the images of Baal. ¹²They abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They chased after other gods, worshiping the gods of the people around them. And they angered the LORD. ¹³They abandoned the LORD to serve Baal and the images of Ash'toreth."

The children of Israel had been chosen by God. There was so much potential within them, but they chose to not acknowledge the Lord or remember all he had done for them. The names may be different, but these verses should spark within us the urgency and necessity of teaching our children about the Lord. I've heard all kinds of excuses from people: "there just isn't anything interesting at church for my kids" or "they should be free to make their own choice regarding church."

Christian, church is as exciting as we make it! Do you "drag" yourself to church each Sunday morning and then watch the clock expectantly, hoping for it all to end quickly? Do you sit your Bible next to you on the pew instead of opening God's Word to follow along with the message being presented? Do you contribute to the worship? If we as adults don't show any enthusiasm for our relationship with God, neither will our children - and they will grow up into a generation that

will abandon the Lord.

If we leave the "choice" of knowing God up to our children, they'll probably never pursue him. It is our responsibility to teach our children what we know to be true and right. As long as they are in our care, WE must decide what is best for them until they are old enough to make that choice for themselves. Do you let your children decide if they should obey the law? Do you let your children indulge in alcohol and drugs simply because it's their choice? If you do, it will hurt them - possibly even destroy their lives in the process. To give them a choice about God that they are not prepared to make, or that they don't see demonstrated positively in you, will hurt them - possibly even destroy their souls in the process.

Judges 21:25 says, "In those days Israel had no king, so the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes." In these days, if we have no King (Jesus Christ), we - and our children - will do whatever seems right in our own eyes. Look at the world around you to see proof of this.

Choose the King. Guide your children and show them the joy of living for Christ. Make the generation "changing hands" a glorious thing.

Tim Pohlman is pastor at Burlington Church of Christ.

Pray for our nation to seek God

So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. Matthew 4:24 Pd. Adv.

Women's Event
Women of all ages are welcome
 First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, presents
Jackie Weaver
"Encouraging Truth Ministry"
 Speaking from her heart, where God has placed His messages. Jackie Weaver's talks are always fresh and spirit-filled. Jackie is a licensed minister. She has recently launched Encouraging Word Ministries, which combines her gifts of speaking, prayer and art. Her award-winning artwork has been used in missions all over the world, and she has been exhibited in the Indiana Hoosier Salon. Born and raised in Wabash, Indiana, Jackie Weaver has been a resident of Roann, Indiana for nearly 25 years. She is a wife and the mother of four young men.

Saturday, October 28th - 8 to Noon
 8 a.m. Registration Begins - Continental Breakfast served from 8-8:45
 Child care will be provided (please pre-register - limited availability)
\$5 Per Person in advance - Day of Event \$7.50
 Call for Tickets 574-967-4246

First Christian Church
 Disciples of Christ
 Corner of Center & South St., Flora

Delphi UMC to sponsor Prayer Conference

Delphi United Methodist Church will sponsor a Prayer Conference on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"My Place of Prayer" is the theme. Karla Gillian will lead the Conference. She has led Bible studies in her home church, Bristol United Methodist. She also has been involved in many church camps and retreats over

the years. Gillian's specialty is prayer, and she will share where, how, and why to pray.

The \$10 cost of the Conference includes lunch and snacks. Call the church office at 765-564-3791 to register no later than Friday, October 6. Contact Connie Hughes at 765-564-8187 for more information.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Responsibility training best prepares children for life

QUESTION: I believe one of the primary tasks for parents is to prepare children for the independence and responsibility of adulthood. I have an infant son and want to teach him to be self-disciplined and responsible as the years unfold. But I don't know where to start. How can I instill these characteristics in my son and how early should I begin?



Dr. Dobson

This is not to say that the child should be required to work like an adult. It does mean that he can be encouraged to progress in an orderly timetable of events, carrying the level of responsibility that is appropriate for his age.

Shortly after birth, for example, the mother begins transferring responsibilities from her shoulders to those of her infant. Little by little he learns to sleep through the night, hold his own bottle and reach for what he wants. Later, he is potty-trained and learns to walk and talk. As each new skill is mastered, his mother "frees" herself that much more from his servitude.

Each year the child should make more of his own decisions, as the responsibilities of living shift from his parent's shoulders to his own. A 7-year-old, for example, is usually capable of selecting his own clothing for the day (within reason). He should keep his room straight and make his bed each morning. A 9- or 10-year-old may enjoy more freedom, such as choosing from approved television programs.

I am not suggesting that we abdicate parental leadership during these years; rather, I believe we should give conscious thought to the reasonable, orderly transfer of freedom and responsibility, so that we are preparing the child each year for that moment of full independence that must come.

Returning to your question about your infant son, let me cite two insightful phrases coined by Marguerite and Willard Beecher that will guide the instructional process I have described. They are: (1) the parent needs to gain his or her freedom from the child, so that the child can obtain his or her freedom from the parent; and (2) a parent should do nothing for a child that the child can profit from doing for himself or herself. If you apply those two recommendations, you'll get that boy ready to be a responsible man.

The question is how does little John or Nancy or Paul get from Position A to Position B? How does that magical transformation from babyhood to maturity take place? Some parents seem to believe it all will coalesce toward the latter end of adolescence, about 15 minutes before the individual leaves home. I reject that notion categorically. The best preparation for adulthood comes from training in responsibility during the childhood years.

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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BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST: Larry DeVos, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	FLORA FIRST BRETHREN: 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, 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.	FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ): S. Center Street, Flora. Pamela Ditson-McCall, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST: 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Joe Hornick, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 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.
BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN: 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.	FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 10:15 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.	FLORA UNITED METHODIST: 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Larry DeVos, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.
BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST: Rev. Chuck Rockey, pastor. SS: 10:50 a.m., SW 9:30 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.
BURNETTVILLE FIRST BAPTIST: Second & Main, Burnettville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.	GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
BURNETTVILLE CHRISTIAN: Sixth & Washington, Burnettville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.	HICKORY GROVE CHURCH: CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
BURNETTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: First & Main, Burnettville. 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.
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 Gottenchalk, 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, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drake, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.	LIVING STONE CHURCH: Meets at the Freedom Center in Delphi. Stan Williams, pastor. SS: 11 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m. contact (574) 589-3771
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 Zoolman, 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.
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.	OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N & 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Don Arterburn. SW: 10 a.m.
CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 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.
DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN: Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, interim pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: 9:15 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.
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.	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 CHURCH OF CHRIST: 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 6 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.	PLYMOUTH 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: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 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; Micah Hudson, youth pastor.	ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.
DELPHI WESLEYAN: North Union Street, Delphi. Rich & Carol Schneck, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: 16 Cason St., Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; 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.
FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.	ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST: Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 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.	SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST: St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH: U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC: 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. 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 Hoensman, 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.

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