

# Lessons from the Heart

## God and gardening

By Pastor Sandy Hutchens

I just got home from the Carroll County Flower and Garden Fair held at Flora. This is an event I look forward to every

year. I enjoy meeting and greeting friends and acquaintances I see as we peruse all the various items that are for sale. There is such a variety of wonderful plants, many of them

quite unique. My yard gets fuller every year with plants from this show.

My friend and I spent several hours trailing down the aisles, picking out this and that. I always end up spending more than I had budgeted, but to me this show is the start of my gardening journey for the year. I live to garden, as some would say. Unfortunately, other things, like a job, housework, etc. take up much of my time and energy.

With all this new life springing up around me, I am reminded of how God tends and cares for each element of his creation, including you and me. How many times have we told God, I live to praise and worship you? Unfortunately, other things, like a job, housework, gardening, etc. take up too much of our time, and leave little over for the One who created us in the first place.

That is why, as I garden, and even as I shop for new plants, I pause quietly and thank God for the gift of this new plant. I also thank God for this very special time of year when I am allowed the opportunity to share with Him in his creation, as I garden and tend this small part of his creation. I even take the time to thank and praise Him for the opportunity to mow (I love mowing), as it gives me precious relaxation time to just enjoy the sights and smells that are all around me.

As you get into your own gardening journey, or even just the mundane task of mowing the grass, take some precious time to thank God for his many and varied gifts. Take time to thank God that you are a part of this wonderful creation, and for the role you play in his ongoing creation. Finally, take the time to praise Him, no matter your circumstances, for the miracles of His creation that are all around you.

Sandy Hutchens is pastor at Faith Lutheran Church near Deer Creek.

## Pray for our nation to seek God

Thou dost keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee. Isaiah 26:3 Pd. Adv.



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## Human smuggling scams targeting Hispanic community

The Hispanic community across the border and is generally conducted with the consent of the person being smuggled. Scam artists are calling, claiming to have successfully smuggled a family member across the border and threatening to hold him/her in custody until they receive payment through wire transfer. Often the payment is several thousand dollars.

"One frightening element of this scam is that the con artists have detailed information about the family that makes them very believable and persuades people to give into their demands," Attorney General Steve Carter said. "These families are being bullied by believing that their family member might be in distress or detained if they don't help, and feel pressured to immediately go along with the demands of the person who called."

Human smuggling is the illegal transportation of a person

across the border and is generally conducted with the consent of the person being smuggled. Often individuals pay large sums of money to smugglers to reach their destination.

The attorney general's office has been contacted by several people who have fallen victim to the scam, sending thousands of dollars, only to learn that their family member was never in custody of a smuggler. The scam artists will know the names of the victim's family members as well as additional personal information such as the victim's native country, relative's names and addresses.

People who believe they have been contacted by someone involved in this scam should contact U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement at 1-866-347-2423, as well as the Western Union Scam hotline at 1-800-325-6000 (English), or 1-800-325-4045 (Spanish).

## Hickory Grove to host missionary

Davis Zachary, missionary to Haiti, will speak at the morning worship service at Hickory Grove Church on May 6 at 10 a.m. Zachary, along with his two daughters and their families, operate a Walk-in Clinic that sees over 200 patients per day. They also operate a Rescue Center that houses approximately 40 children who are cared for until they are able to leave the Center.

Hickory Grove Church has supported them for several years and is planning a trip there in February 2008.

A carry-in dinner will follow the service; everyone is invited to stay and enjoy fellowship with him. The church is located five miles south of Idaville or 7 miles north of Delphi on Carroll County Roads 9714 N. and 700 W.

## DIRECTORY OF AREA CHURCHES

SS=Sunday School

SW=Sunday Worship

**AMERICUS 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. Dwight Monical, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.

**BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN:** 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Rousakis, 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, Burnettsville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.

**BURNETTVILLE CHRISTIAN:** Sixth & Washington, Burnettsville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

**BURNETTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** First & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

**BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:** SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

**CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY:** Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 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.

**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.

**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:** SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

**DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN:** Highway 29 in Deer Creek. 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 CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 5 p.m., Wed. Night 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. Thurs. night Bible Study: 7:30p.m., SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.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.

**DELPHI WESLEYAN:** North Union Street, Delphi. Rich & Carol Schneck, 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 am, Wed. Family Night: 7pm

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN:** Paul Marcellino, interim pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, Wed. 6:30 p.m. WW, 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. Joe Whitehead, 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.

**IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD:** 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Chris Murphy, pastor. Mearl Hodges, asst. 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, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.

**LIVING STONE CHURCH:** Meets at the Freedom Center in Delphi. Stan Williams, pastor. SS: 11 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m. contact (765) 589-3771

**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.

**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., & 6 p.m.

**OAK 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:** 16 Cason St. Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; SW 10:00 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. Bob McAulay, interim pastor. 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 MINISTRIES:** meet at Burrows Fire Department. Greg & Michelle Britt, pastors. SW: 9 a.m. (574) 652-2280

**YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST:** Dave Inskeep, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

### Quantity and quality both vital when spending time with kids

**QUESTION:** I have very little time to spend with my children these days, but I make sure the hours we do get to spend together are meaningful. Do you agree that the quality of time you spend with your kids is more important than the quantity?

**DR. DOBSON:** I'm afraid the logic of that concept is flawed to me. The question is, Why do we have to choose between the virtues of quantity vs. quality? We won't accept that forced choice in any other area of our lives. So why is it relevant only to our children?

Let me illustrate my point. Let's suppose you've looked forward all day to eating at one of the finest restaurants in town. The waiter brings you a menu and you order the most expensive steak in the house. But when the meal arrives, you see a tiny piece of meat about 1 inch square in the center of the plate. When you complain about the size of the steak, the waiter says: "Sir, I recognize that the portion is small, but that's the finest corn-fed beef money can buy. You'll never find a better bite of meat than we've served you tonight. As to the portion, I hope you understand that it's not the quantity that matters, it's the quality that counts."

You would object, and for good reason. Why? Because both quality and quantity are important in many areas of our lives, including how we relate to children. They need our time

and the best we have to give them.

My concern is that the quantity vs. quality argument might be a poorly disguised rationalization for giving our children neither.

**QUESTION:** How do you feel about corporal punishment as a deterrent to school misbehavior? Do you believe in spanking our students?

**DR. DOBSON:** Corporal punishment is not effective at the junior and senior high school levels, and I do not recommend its application. It can be useful for elementary students, especially with amateur clowns (as opposed to hard-core troublemakers). For this reason, I am opposed to abolishing spanking in elementary schools, because we have systematically eliminated the tools teachers have used to traditionally back up their word. We're down now to a precious few. Let's not go any further in that direction.

**QUESTION:** My marriage seems beyond repair to me. My husband is running around with other women and threatening to divorce me. Is there really any hope for us?

**DR. DOBSON:** It's difficult to say without knowing the details, but I can tell you this: I've seen dozens of families who were in your fix but are now happy and whole.

I taught a class for young married couples for a number of years, and right there under my nose, infidelity was a surpris-

ingly common event. There was one period of time during which I dealt with 19 divorcing couples where extramarital affairs had either occurred or were seriously threatening. These families are still known to me, and nine of them are apparently happily married today.

Though this percentage may seem low, remember that these were families on the verge of divorce that have now survived many years. Loving toughness played a definite role in working through their difficulties. So yes, hope springs eternal, as well it should.

Let me give you another word of encouragement. Nothing can seem so fixed but change so rapidly as human emotions. When it comes to romantic endeavors, feelings can turn upside down in a day or two. I've seen husbands or wives who expressed hatred for their spouses, saying, "I never want to see you again," only to fall weeping into the other person's arms some hours later.

I hope there are better days ahead for you and your husband. So hang tough. You may yet be able to preserve what is precious to you.

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