

# Lessons from the Heart

## 'Jesus has risen indeed!'

By Pastor Andrew Paris

This Sunday, March 23, is Easter, the day we set apart to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus. This holy day pro-

claims loud and clear the joyous message of the angel at Christ's empty tomb: "He is not here; for He is risen, even as He said" (Matthew 28:6). Jesus has risen indeed. This

most wonderful of all events is no myth concocted by deceived or deceitful disciples to keep alive the religion of a dead Messiah. Our Easter faith is based on historical fact that rests on solid foundation. Jesus arose from the grave and showed Himself alive by "many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3). His resurrection is a certainty.



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If any fact, not merely of Christianity, but of history, stands on an unshakeable foundation, this does. Because Jesus arose from the dead, He is Lord and His religion is the only true faith. The entire Christian religion stands or falls on this grand event. The Apostle Paul proclaimed boldly that if the resurrection of Jesus is false, Christianity falls to the ground (1 Corinthians 15:14-19).

The evidence for Christ's resurrection is strong—stronger than any other historical event. It has convinced countless skeptics, atheists, and unbelievers throughout history.

Take just one example out of many. In the 18th century, Eu-

rope was immersed in unbelief. The universities in England, France, and Germany attacked the Bible with ferocious zeal. Many lost their faith. In 1745 two men of tremendous talents at Cambridge, history scholars, were persuaded the Bible was not the Book of God but instead a human book filled with errors. And so they set out to expose the Bible's lies. Their strategy was to attack what they considered the two foundations of Christianity: the resurrection of Jesus and the conversion of Paul. Lord George Lyttleton, graduate of Eton and Oxford and noted member of Parliament, chose the conversion of Paul. His friend, Sir Gilbert West, took the resurrection of Christ.

Both sat down to their tasks full of prejudice against the Bible. After a year spent in examining all the historical evidences, they were both converted by the sheer weight of the abundant proof for Christianity. They came together not as they expected, to destroy the Bible, but to lament over their own folly and to rejoice in their joint conviction that the Bible is truly the Word of God. Both men wrote of their journey to faith and the evidences that convinced them in two of the most valuable books proving Christ's resurrection: Lyttleton's "Ob-

servations on the Conversion of St. Paul" and West's "Observations on the Resurrection of Christ." Yes, the resurrection of Jesus is the best attested fact in the annals of the world.

Of all the leaders who established a new religion, only one has an empty tomb: Jesus Christ. Because He arose from the dead, our faith and hope ought to be in Him alone, our service ought to be to Him alone, and our praise ought to be for Him alone. This is logical.

During the years that followed the outbreak of the French Revolution and the revolt against Christianity that accompanied it (1789), some in French society attempted to invent a new religion that would replace Christianity. One such man was Larevelliere-Lepaux who had made up his own religion which he called "Man Is God." After reading a long paper that explained his new belief-system, he complained that very few had welcomed it.

He asked the audience what he should do to get more people to accept his new faith.

Charles Talleyrand, the former French prime-minister, arose from his seat and said with a fine smile: "My dear sir, I refer you to a historical fact which may give you some light as to the best

way to establish a new religion in the world. When Jesus undertook to establish a new religion, He was crucified, He lay in the grave three days, He rose again and ascended into heaven. At least you could do that much!"

Jesus is risen indeed!  
Andrew Paris is minister of Delphi Christian Church.

## Lay pastors to serve Cutler church

Comet staff report

The congregation at Cutler Presbyterian Church has hired two lay pastors. Ann Bingaman and Jeff Brown, who will share responsibilities leading worship and aiding in the church's various ministries.

Brown works full-time at Chrysler in Kokomo. He is married with three daughters. Bingaman is a retired teacher. She and her husband have two children and eight grandchildren.

Bingaman and Brown, who both reside west of Kokomo, have completed a two-year training offered by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.

# DIRECTORY OF AREA CHURCHES

SS=Sunday School

SW=Sunday Worship

**AMERICUS UNION NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Larry Williams, 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:** SS: 10:50 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m.

**BURNETTSVILLE FIRST BAPTIST:** Second & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.

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

**BURNETTSVILLE 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.

**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 Schnepp, 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:** Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. **DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN:** Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Herron, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: 9:15 a.m.

**DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** 315 E. Main St, Delphi. Rev. 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: 7:30 p.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. Dan Fisher, 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: 6:30pm, Adult & Youth Services Sun. Evenings 6pm.

**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. Bill McClean. 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. Sam Davenport, interim 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. 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. Guy Studebaker, pastor. 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. Floyd Smith, pastor. 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:** 869 N. 90 E., Burrows, Greg Britt, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. (574) 652-2280

**YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST:** Carl Davis, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

### Victims of domestic violence must move out, seek counseling

**QUESTION:** I have a friend who is a frequent victim of spousal abuse. How would she go about dealing with her husband's problem?

**DR. DOBSON:** The principles of "Love Must be Tough" offer the best response to an abusive husband. They begin with a recognition that behavior does not change when things are going smoothly. If change is to occur, it usually does so in a crisis situation. Thus, a crisis must be created and managed very carefully.

After moving out and making it clear that the woman has no intention of returning, the ball moves to her husband's court. If he never responds, she never returns. If it takes a year, or five years, then so be it. He has to want her badly enough to face his problem and to reach out to her. When (and if) her husband acknowledges that he has an abusive behavior pattern and promises to deal with it, negotiations can begin.

A plan can be agreed upon that involves intensive Christian counseling with a person of the wife's choosing. She should not return home until

the counselor concludes that she will be safe and that the husband is on the way to recovery. Gradually, they put their relationship back together.

**QUESTION:** Many of our friends have begun to home-school their children with seemingly positive results. My wife and I are considering this possibility as well but aren't quite sure. What are your views on this educational option? What would you do in my shoes?

**DR. DOBSON:** This is a subject on which my mind has changed dramatically over the years. There was a time when I subscribed wholeheartedly to the notion that early formal childhood education was vital to the child's intellectual well-being. That was widely believed in the sixties and seventies. I no longer accept that idea and favor keeping kids with their parents for a longer time. Dr. Raymond Moore, author of "School Can Wait" and an early leader of the home-schooling movement, had a great influence on me in this regard.

The research now validates

the wisdom of keeping boys and girls in a protected environment until they have achieved a greater degree of maturity. Not only do they benefit emotionally from that delay, but they typically make better progress academically. That's why home-schooled individuals often gain entrance to the most prestigious universities and colleges in the country. What parents can teach young children in informal one-on-one interactions surpasses what their little minds can absorb sitting among 25 age-mates in a classroom.

You asked what I would do in your shoes. If Shirley and I were raising our children again, we would home-school them at least for the first few years!

**QUESTION:** Would you speak to the impact of what has been called, "the absentee fa-

ther" — especially during the tougher years of adolescence?

**DR. DOBSON:** It is stating the obvious, I suppose, to say that fathers are desperately needed at home during the teen years. In their absence, mothers are left to handle disciplinary problems alone. This is occurring in millions of families headed by single mothers today, and heaven only knows how difficult their task has become. Not only are they doing a job that should have been shouldered by two, they must also deal with behavioral problems that fathers are more ideally suited to handle. It is generally understood that a man's larger size, deeper voice and masculine demeanor make it easier for him to deal with defiance in the younger generation. Many mothers raise their teenagers alone and do the job with excellence, but it is a challenging assignment.

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