

# Lessons from the Heart

## Directions

By Pastor Dan Butcher

It is said that most men will refuse to ask for directions but will instead wander about for hours believing that they can figure it out.

With the price of gas we may not be so stubborn. We may have to breakdown and ask for assistance to save time and energy. In the long run, this will of course be what is best for us.

Many of us are facing situations in our lives that we need direction. Our communities and our country have

had some very hard choices to make and many of our civic leaders have had to seek direction. Our nation is at a crossroad and is in desperate need of direction.

Some are calling for change. Others are afraid of change. Some are condemning the society that we have lived in and have enjoyed freedoms from. Some are calling to stay the course even if the course appears headed into immediate disaster.

In it all the American people continue to go about

their daily grind hoping against hope that someone figures it all out so that they can hold onto jobs and provide for families.

The truth is that if we seek change for change's sake, we will fail. And if we stay the course in a direction that is headed for peril then we are going to crash.

The Bible is clear. In our individual lives "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be



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added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

The call for a godly nation is to repent from evil and godless ways and to ask for forgiveness of sin so that God will heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

As individuals we need to relent and ask for God's direction for our personal wellbeing.

As a community we need to stop seeking our own personal agendas and pray for what God's will is for

our communities.

As a nation we need to ask what direction God desires for us to go...what changes must be made...what of our sacred

values must be held onto.

We need to ask for direction. It is for our own good. (Dan Butcher is pastor at Crossroads Community Christian Church, Bringham).

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

### Parents must confront outside forces influencing kids

**QUESTION:** Everyone talks about how rebellious teens are today. I don't believe my parents went through this kind of anxiety when my sisters and I were young. We were all relatively happy and none of us rebelled. Am I right in assuming that good family life was easier to achieve in those days?

**DR. DOBSON:** I'm sure your memory is generally correct despite the exceptions we can all recall. The majority of parents in earlier years spent less energy worrying about their children. They had other things on their minds. I remember talking to my dad about this subject a few years before his death. Our children were young at the time and I, like you, was feeling the heavy responsibility of raising them properly.

I turned to my father and asked, "Do you remember worrying about me when I was a kid? Did you think about all the things that could go wrong as I came through the adolescent years? How did you feel about these pressures associated with being a father?"

Dad was rather embarrassed by my question. He smiled sheepishly

and said, "Honestly, Bo," (his pet name for me) "I never really gave that a thought."

How do we explain his lack of concern? Was it because he didn't love me or because he was an uninvolved parent? No. He was a wonderful father throughout my childhood. Instead, his answer reflected the time in which I grew up. People worried about the Depression that was just ending, and the war with Germany and Japan, and later the Cold War with Russia. They did not invest much effort in hand-wringing over their children—at least not until some kind of problem developed. Trouble was not anticipated.

And why not? Because there were fewer land mines for kids in that era. I attended high school during the "Happy Days" of the 1950s, and I never saw or even heard of anyone taking an illegal drug. It happened, I suppose, but it was certainly no threat to me. Some students liked to get drunk, but alcohol was not a big deal in my social environment. Others played around with sex, but the



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girls who did were considered "loose" and were not respected. Virginity was still in style for males and females. Occasionally a girl came up pregnant, but she was packed off in a hurry and I never knew where she went. As for homosexuals and lesbians, a few students were open about their lifestyle, but I didn't know them personally. There were certainly no posters on our bulletin boards advertising Gay Pride Month or Condom Week.

Most of my friends respected their parents, went to church on Sunday, studied hard enough to get by and lived a fairly clean life. There were exceptions, of course, but this was the norm.

Today's kids, by contrast, are walking through the Valley of the Shadow! Drugs, sex, alcohol, rebellion and alternative lifestyles are everywhere. Those dangers have never been so evident as they are

### Pray for our nation to seek God

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you. Matthew 6:14 Pd. Adv.

now, and the worst may be yet to come.

**QUESTION:** Do you think children between five and ten should be allowed to listen to rock music on the radio, TV or CDs?

**DR. DOBSON:** Not if it can be avoided. Today's contemporary music is an expression of an increasingly unsavory adolescent culture. The lyrics often deal with drug use, sex, and violence. This is just what you don't want your seven-year-old thinking about. Instead, his or her entertainment should consist of adventure books, children's productions, Bible stories and other Christian literature, and family activities — camping, fishing, sporting events, games, etc.

On the other hand, it is unwise to appear dictatorial and oppressive in such matters. I would suggest that you keep your preteen so involved with wholesome activities that he does not need to dream of the days to come.

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## Vacation Bible School

Deer Creek Presbyterian

Vacation Bible School at Deer Creek Presbyterian Church will be held July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's theme is "God's Big Backyard!" All children ages three through sixth grade

are welcome to attend.

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. that day. Please bring a sleeping bag or blanket with the child's name on it. Lunch will be provided.

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<b>BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:</b> SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	<b>JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP:</b> CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.
<b>CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY:</b> Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.	<b>LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
<b>CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST:</b> Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.	<b>LIVING STONE CHURCH:</b> 54 Main St., Rossville. Sunday Services: 8:50-9:20 Coffee and Fellowship, 9:30 worship. Children's church available
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<b>CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN:</b> 3570 E 200S, Bringham, 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.	<b>OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN:</b> 11810 N 900W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.
<b>CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN:</b> Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	<b>PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH:</b> Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. Justin Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
<b>DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN:</b> Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Herron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. SS: Children & Adult	<b>PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST:</b> John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m
<b>DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH:</b> 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.	<b>PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:</b> 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.
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<b>DELPHI COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD:</b> 321 W. Main Street, Delphi. Rev. Virgil Moss. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> Pastor. Howard Hendrickson. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
<b>DELPHI PENTECOSTAL:</b> Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. Thurs. night Bible Study: 7:30p.m., SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.	<b>RADNOR CHURCH:</b> Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
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<b>DELPHI WESLEYAN:</b> North Union Street, Delphi. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN:</b> SW: 9:30 a.m.
<b>EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST:</b> SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Mark Gaylor, pastor. SS: 9 a.m.	<b>ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP:</b> 16 Cason St.. Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; SW 10:00 a.m.
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<b>FAITH LUTHERAN:</b> CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.	<b>ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:</b> 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. Bob McAulay, interim pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.
<b>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:</b> Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST:</b> Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
<b>FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH:</b> U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST:</b> St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
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<b>FIRST BAPTIST:</b> Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN:</b> Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. SW: 8:30 a.m., SS: Same as Worship.
<b>FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:</b> 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.	<b>WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES:</b> 869 N. 90 E., Burrows, Greg Britt, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. (574) 652-2280
	<b>YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST:</b> Carl Davis, pastor, SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.