

# Lessons from the Heart

## Tell those Methodists to quit praying

By Bonnie Shoaf

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. "Colossians 4:2

The confirmation class assignment at First United Methodist Church in Bourbon, Indiana, was to walk through town stopping at points of interest and praying for that particular establishment. We stopped at the library, the post office, the drug store, hardware store, bank and a couple of restaurants. Then we went to the tavern and stood in front of the door and prayed for the customers, for the staff and owners.

Back at the church, we sat in a circle on the floor and lit a

candle. We talked about our experience and I ask the kids how they felt about what we did. One of the youth said, "It was really weird praying at the tavern."

As we talked about the different businesses and what they meant to our community, we heard a colossal boom and the electricity went off all over town. We walked around town to see if we could find out what happened and learned that the transformer at the tavern blew up. WOW! The kids said. That's awesome.

The electricity was off for most of the night, and at the



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Coffee Cup restaurant the next morning, it was rumored that the Methodist kids had prayed at the tavern door.

When one of the town leaders saw me, he said, "Bonnie, people have called to ask me to tell you Methodists to quit praying." I smiled. I don't know why it happened when it did, but somehow God was in that moment and the people of Bourbon knew it.

In World War II, there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour

for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America.

They are asking us to pray each evening at 9 p.m. If you are so inclined, stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens and for peace in the world.

Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.

Bonnie Shoaf is pastor at Burlington United Methodist Church.

## Buck Creek church to hold celebration

Buck Creek United Methodist Church will host a centenary celebration of its church building with special services Oct. 12. The message will be given by District Superintendent Kate Walker. Many past pastors will be in attendance, along with current pastor Dwight L. Monical. Longstanding members and the congregation's oldest member will be honored. Following services a cake and punch reception will be held. The church was organized in 1832 and met in a log building built by a farmer named Henry Stair. In 1863, the building was moved into Buck Creek, known then as Transitville, and became the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1908 the old building was beyond repair, and a new one was built in its place, using parts of the old church in the process. Money was raised for stained glass windows, with many families and organizations in the community paying for the windows. Some of the 13 names on the windows can be traced to descendants who still attend Buck Creek United Methodist today, a hundred years later. Photo provided



## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

### Not being accepted at school is a kid's biggest fear

**QUESTION:** Why are kids so vulnerable? How do you explain this paralyzing social fear at an age when they are notoriously gutsy? There is very little else that scares them. Teenagers drive their cars like maniacs and the boys make great combat soldiers. Why is it that an eighteen-year-old can be trained to attack an enemy gun emplacement or run through a minefield, and yet he panics in the noisy company of his peers? Why are they so frightened of each other?

**DR. DOBSON:** I believe the answer is related to the nature of power and how it influences human behavior. Adolescent society is based on the exercise of raw force. That is the heart and soul of its value system. It comes in various forms.

For girls, there is no greater social dominance than physical beauty. A truly gorgeous young woman is so powerful that even the boys are often terrified of her. She rules in a high school like a queen on her throne, and in fact, she is usually given some honor with references to royalty in its name (Homecoming Queen, Homecoming Princess, All-School Queen, Sweetheart's Queen, Football

Queen, etc.). The way she uses this status to intimidate her subjects is in itself a fascinating study in adolescent behavior.

Boys derive power from physical attractiveness, too, but also from athletic accomplishment in certain prescribed sports. Those that carry the greatest status are usually skilled in sports that exhibit sheer physical strength (football) or size (basketball).

Do you remember what the world of adolescence was like for you? Do you recall the power games that were played — the highly competitive and hostile environment into which you walked every day? Can you still feel the apprehension you experienced when a popular (powerful) student called you a creep, or a jerk, or he put his big hand in your face and pushed you out of the way? He wore a football jersey, which reminded you that the entire team would eat you alive if you should be so foolish as to fight back. Does the memory of the junior-senior prom still come to mind occasionally, when you were either turned down by the girl you loved, or were not asked by the

boy of your dreams? Have you ever had the campus heroes make fun of the one flaw you most wanted to hide, and then threaten to mangle you on the way home from school?

Perhaps you never went through these stressful encounters. Maybe you were one of the powerful elite who oppressed the rest of us. But your son or daughter could be on the receiving end of the flak. A few years ago, I talked to a mother whose seventh-grade daughter was getting butchered at school each day. She said the girl awakened an hour before she had to get up each morning and lay there thinking about how she could get through her day without being humiliated.

Typically, power games are more physical for adolescent males than females. The bullies

literally force their will on those who are weaker. That is what I remember most clearly from my own high school years. I had a number of fights during that era just to preserve my turf. The name of the game was power! And not much has changed for today's teenagers.

**QUESTION:** Should school children be required to wear clothes that they dislike?

**DR. DOBSON:** Generally not. Children are very concerned about the threat of being laughed at by their friends, and will sometimes go to great lengths to avoid that danger. Teens, particularly, seem to feel, "The group can't laugh at me if I am identical to them." From this perspective, it's unwise to make a child endure unnecessary social humiliation. Children should be allowed to select their own clothes, within certain limits of the budget and good taste.

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.fottf.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.

## Channel 2 Announcements

Programming for Oct. 1-8 is listed below:

Wed., Oct. 1 – 7 p.m., Carroll vs. Clinton Prairie football game (taped 9/26).

Sun., Oct. 5 – 10:30 a.m., Live worship service from Flora First Brethren Church.

Mon., Oct. 6 – 7 p.m., Taped worship service followed by highlights of Carroll County Old Settlers meeting.

Wed., Oct. 8 – 7 p.m., Carroll vs. Clinton Central football game (taped 10/3).

The 134th annual **INDIANA WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION MEETING** will be at the Shiloh Park Retreat and Conference Center in Marion. The convention will begin at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 7 and end Oct. 8, with an evening banquet and installation of officers.

## DIRECTORY OF AREA CHURCHES

SS=Sunday School	SW=Sunday Worship
<b>AMERICAN UNION NON-DENOMINATIONAL:</b> Larry Williams, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.	<b>FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:</b> 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
<b>BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST:</b> Rex Charles, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	<b>FLORA FIRST BRETHREN:</b> 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
<b>BROOKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> 206 N. Prairie Street, Brookston. Ron Guzman, minister. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Sam Davenport, interim pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST:</b> 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Dwight Monical, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.	<b>FLORA GRACE BRETHREN:</b> 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.
<b>BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN:</b> 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.	<b>FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:</b> 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m.
<b>BURLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> 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.	<b>FLORA UNITED METHODIST:</b> 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Rex Charles, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.
<b>BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST:</b> Bonnie Shoaf, pastor. SS: 11:00 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m.	<b>FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST:</b> Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
<b>BURNETTSTOWN FIRST BAPTIST:</b> Second & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.	<b>GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:</b> 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
<b>BURNETTSTOWN CHRISTIAN:</b> Sixth & Washington, Burnettsville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.	<b>HICKORY GROVE CHURCH:</b> CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
<b>BURNETTSTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> First & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.	<b>HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:</b> Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
<b>BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:</b> SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	<b>IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD:</b> 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Chris Murphy, pastor. SW 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.
<b>CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY:</b> Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.	<b>JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP:</b> CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.
<b>CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST:</b> Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9-9:45 a.m., 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>CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:</b> 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.	<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
<b>COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST:</b> Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH:</b> East of Patton. Nord Zootman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
<b>COLBURN UNITED METHODIST:</b> Kasey Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.	<b>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.</b>
<b>CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN:</b> 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.	<b>MT. ZION INDEPENDENT BAPTIST:</b> 102 N. Connelly Street, Delphi. Alfred Smith, pastor. SS: 10:15 a.m., SW: 9 a.m., & 6 p.m.
<b>CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN:</b> Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	<b>OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN:</b> 11810 N 900W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.
<b>DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN:</b> Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Herron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. SS: Children & Adult	<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>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>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 CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 5 p.m., Wed. Night 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.
<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>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI:</b> Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 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>PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> Pastor. Howard Hendrickson. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
<b>DELPHI UNITED METHODIST:</b> Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor; Micah Hudson, youth pastor.	<b>RADNOR CHURCH:</b> Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
<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 CHRISTIAN:</b> Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
<b>EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST:</b> SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Mark Gaylor, pastor. SS: 9 a.m.	<b>ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN:</b> SW: 9:30 a.m.
<b>FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> 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.	<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.
<b>FAITH LUTHERAN:</b> CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.	<b>ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:</b> 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. John Everett, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. SW: 10:15 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>ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST:</b> Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
<b>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD:</b> US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 6:30pm, Adult & Youth Services Sun. Evenings 6pm.	<b>SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST:</b> St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN:</b> Paul Marcellino, inter-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.	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC:</b> 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
<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. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH:</b> 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.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>WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES:</b> 869 N. 90 E., Burrows. Greg Britt, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. (574) 652-2280
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