

Delphi church has closed its doors

Comet staff report

Mt. Zion Independent Baptist Church of Delphi has closed its

doors after many years of ministry.

The church was established in 1987. Pastor and Mrs. Alfred

Smith said after much thought and prayer, they decided to retire from the ministry due to health reasons. They have been with the church since its inception.

Members of the church voted on the final arrangements for the building and property. Contents of the building were given to a church of like faith. Proceeds from the sale of the property will be given to a mission board that will disperse the funds to the missionary family supported by the church.

Under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Smith, the church reached out to the community. It hosted missionaries and held evangelistic meetings. During the Christmas season, the people of the church gathered together

to sing Christmas carols in various places in Delphi. Christmas cantatas were directed by Mrs. Smith. The church also conducted Easter sunrise services in the park. Members made it a priority to visit shut-ins and hosted church services in area rest homes.

Besides the Smiths, also giving many years of service to the church and the Lord's work were Buck and Uva Coffman.

The building that housed the small congregation was located on Connelly Street. It was not a church before Mt. Zion moved in, and it won't be a church now that it's been sold. But for more than 20 years it was a living church, and left its mark on the community.

Burlington UM Church to start Sunday evening services

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Burlington United Methodist Church will have evening services every Sunday beginning Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

This will be an informal service for those who want to worship, but are unable to attend a Sunday morning service. The worship will be a time of prayer, Bible reading, songs, and stories. Dress casually.

For more information call Pastor Bonnie Shoaf at 765-532-1539, or the church office at 566-3279. The church is lo-

cated on the corner of 10th and Michigan Streets in Burlington, Indiana.

Everyone welcome.

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Announcements

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First Presbyterian Church of Delphi is hosting a roast pork dinner to **BENEFIT CARROLL MANOR** on OCT. 18

from 5 to 7 p.m. The benefit dinner will be in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 213 S. Indiana Street. A free will offering will be collected with the proceeds going to benefit Carroll Manor.

The Singing Rudds will be singing at **VALLEY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**, Flora, on Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.



What's your opinion?

By Pastor Dave Herron

There's a lot of difference in the meaning of the words "fact" and "opinion." Have you ever noticed that we get a whole lot more "opinions" than we do "facts"? In this scientific age, where so much can be measured accurately in the test tube, you would think that "fact" would take over, but, alas, "opinion" is what we hear more often.

Politicians and political-action groups are always expressing "opinion." Sometimes they call it "fact," and their opponents never be-

lieve them anyway. But we listen and take sides and we seem to enjoy it all because it's the way we do political business. Most of us are even willing to contribute a dollar of our hard-earned money so that some candidates can express an opinion. We call it "politics."

Have you ever noticed that we also find this in the medical profession? There are a lot of facts in that profession, but many times the doctor reaches into his/her bag of experience and gives an "opinion." Occasionally the physician will call in an "as-

sociate" for another "opinion." In medicine they call "opinion giving" a part of the "practice."

Remember the TV show called "Dragnet" back in the 1950s (or the more recent movie based on that show)? Jack Webb, the main character, is a detective who never cracked a smile when he would say, "Just give me the facts, ma'am."

That's what we all need. We need the facts. Can you imagine how God could use us to cleanse the world if we all started giving facts? The writer of Psalm 15 asks:

"God, who gets invited to dinner at Your place?" God's answer is: "Walk straight, act right, tell the truth." (from Eugene Peterson's The Message.) For this very reason, God shows us the answer in His Son who is "The Way, The Truth, and The Life." (John 14:6)

"Opinion" has its place, but I would appreciate it if political leaders and doctors and friends would just give me "the facts." Just as God does. How about you?

Dave Herron is pastor at Deer Creek Presbyterian Church.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Thoughtful husband agonizes over wife's infidelity

QUESTION: My wife has been involved in an affair with her boss for six months. I've known about it from the beginning, but just haven't been able to confront her. Melanie acts like she doesn't love me anyway. If I give her an ultimatum, I could lose her completely. Can you assure me that won't happen? Have you ever offered the Love Must Be Tough advice and had it backfire, ending in divorce?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I have, and I certainly understand your caution. I wish I could guarantee how Melanie will react to a firmer approach. Unfortunately, life offers few certainties, even when all the probabilities point in one direction. Sometimes well-conditioned athletes drop dead from heart attacks. Some outstanding parents raise children who rebel and become drug addicts. Some of the most intelligent, cautious businessmen foolishly bankrupt themselves. Life is like that. Things happen every day that shouldn't have occurred.

Nevertheless, we should go with the best information available to us. I saw a sign that said, "The fastest horses don't always win, but you should still bet on

them." Even as a non-gambler, that makes sense to me.

Having offered that disclaimer, let me say that there is nothing risky about treating oneself with greater respect, exhibiting confidence and poise, pulling backward and releasing the door on the romantic trap. The positive benefits of that approach are often immediate and dramatic.

Loving self-respect virtually never fails to have a salutary effect on a drifting lover, unless there is not the tiniest spark left to fan. Thus, in instances when opening the cage door results in a spouse's sudden departure, the relationship was in the coffin, already. I'm reminded of the old proverb that says, "If you love something, set it free. If it comes back to you, it's yours. If it doesn't come back, it never was yours in the first place." There is a great truth in that adage, and it applies to your relationship with your wife.

Now, obviously, it is risky to precipitate a period of crisis. When explosive individuals are involved in mid-life turmoil or a passionate fling with a new lover, great tact and wisdom are

required to know when and how to respond. That's why professional counsel is vital before, during and after the confrontation. It would be unthinkable of me to recommend that victims of affairs indiscriminately pose ultimatums with 24-hour deadlines, or that they push an independent partner in a corner. Great caution is needed in such delicate conflicts.

In short, I suggest that you seek the assistance of a competent counselor who can help you deal with the problem of Melanie's affair.

QUESTION: Our children are all on their own now and my husband and I are free to do some of the traveling we have always planned to do when we got them through college. But lately I feel too tired even to keep the house clean, and too depressed to care about plan-

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...by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. I Corinthians 15:2 Pd. Adv.

ning or doing anything extra. I'm only 46, yet some days I can hardly get out of bed in the morning. I just want to put my head under the pillow and cry - for no reason at all.

DR. DOBSON: I doubt if there is anything wrong with your mind. The symptoms you describe sound as if you may be entering menopause, and if so, your discomfort may be caused by the hormonal imbalance that accompanies glandular upheaval. I suggest that you make an appointment to see a gynecologist or other physician in the next few days. He or she can help you.

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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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: 9:30 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. Rex Charles, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST: Bonnie Shoaf, pastor. SS: 11:00 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.
BURNETTSTVILLE FIRST BAPTIST: Second & Main, Burnettsville. 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.
BURNETTSTVILLE CHRISTIAN: Sixth & Washington, Burnettsville. 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.
BURNETTSTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: First & Main, Burnettsville. 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: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.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.
CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY: Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.	JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP: CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gammel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.
CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST: Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.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 Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.	LIVING STONE CHURCH: 54 Main St., Rossville. Sunday Services: 8:50-9:20 Coffee and Fellowship, 9:30 worship. Children's church available
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 Zootman, 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. Guy Studebaker, pastor. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN: 3570 E 200S, Brighthurst, 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 900W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.
CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. 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. Dave Herron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. SS: Children & Adult	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. Rev. 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 & 5 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 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.	PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: Pastor. Howard Hendrickson. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.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.	RADNOR CHURCH: Ed Selvidge, 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 CHRISTIAN: Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
DELPHI WESLEYAN: North Union Street, Delphi. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.
EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Mark Gaylor, pastor. SS: 9 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.
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 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. SS: 9a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.	ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. John Evertt, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.
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FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH: U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 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.
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FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN: Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. SW: 8:30 a.m.. SS: Same as Worship.
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