

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

MOTHER IS UNSURE ABOUT PUTTING SON IN DAY-CARE CENTER



Dr. Dobson

My son is just over a year old. I quit my job when he was born, believing it was the right thing to do, but lately our finances have been so tight that I'm seriously considering going back to work. What are your feelings about putting a child of this age in day-care?

DR. DOBSON: Let me begin by saying that I understand the struggle you're facing. When our firstborn was two years old, I was finishing my doctoral work at the University of Southern California. Every available dollar was needed to support my tuition and related expenses. Although we didn't want Shirley to work when Danae was young, we felt we had no alternative. Shirley taught school and our little girl was taken to a day-care center each morning. One day when we arrived at the facility, Danae began to cry uncontrollably. "No! No! No, Daddy!" she said to me. She had a look of terror in her eyes, and I suspected that she had been very upset the last time she was there. I could only imagine what had happened. I turned and walked back to the car carrying my precious daughter. When we were alone, I said, "Danae, I promise that you will never have to stay there again." And she never did.

I share this to underscore the point that though I'm sympathetic with your financial anxieties, I'd still advise you to avoid the day-care option if at all possible. My opinion on this subject is based on hard data. The National Institute of

Child Health and Human Development has conducted the most comprehensive study of this issue to date. More than 1,100 mothers and children and ten premier child-care sites across the United States were evaluated when the children were six, 15, 24, and 36 months of age. Preliminary findings confirm that leaving a very young child in a day-care facility is associated with less sensitive mothering and child engagement. The child also tends to react less positively to the mother. In other words, the bond between mother and child is affected somewhat negatively by early day-care experience, especially if the mother tends by nature to be insensitive.

QUESTION: You've indicated when sex education should begin. When should it end?

DR. DOBSON: You should plan to end your formal instructional program about the time your son or daughter enters puberty (the time of rapid sexual development in early adolescence). Puberty usually begins between ten and thirteen for girls and between eleven and fourteen for boys. Once they enter this

developmental period, they are typically embarrassed by discussions of sex with their parents. Adolescents usually resent adult intrusion during this time — unless they raise the topic themselves. In other words, this is an area where teens should invite parents into their lives.

I feel that we should respect their wishes. We are given ten or twelve years to provide the proper understanding of human sexuality. After that foundation has been laid, we serve primarily as resources to whom our children can turn when the need exists. That is not to say parents should abdicate their responsibility to provide guidance about issues related to sexuality, dating, marriage, etc., as opportunities present themselves. Again, sensitivity to the feelings of the teen is paramount. If he or she wishes to talk, by all means, welcome the conversation. In other cases, parental guidance may be most effective if offered indirectly. Trusted youth workers at church or in a club program such as Campus Life or Young Life can often break the ice when parents can't.

I'd also suggest that you arrange a subscription for your kids to magazines that provide solid advice — from the perspective of a friend, rather than an authority figure.

Pray for our nation to seek God

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in health; I know that it is well with your soul. 3rd John:2 Pd. Adv.

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Lessons from the Heart

Remember the poor



Pastor Paris

By Pastor Andrew Paris

At the famous Jerusalem Conference (AD 50), the Apostle Paul discussed vital matters with the Twelve Apostles (see Acts 15:1-29; Galatians 2:1-10). Above all else, the Twelve made sure that Paul would continue to do one thing: "remember the poor" (Galatians 2:10). That is still the church's mission in this selfish, materialistic age plagued by recession, foreclosures, and job loss. Do we remember the poor?

Three weeks ago I experienced an exciting blessing. A total stranger asked me to help her. She was poor, jobless, and her family needed food. So I took her to a local

grocery store and bought her enough supplies to feed her hungry family for a week. And guess what? It made me feel good. It proved to be a tremendous blessing in my life. It lifted my spirits in a way I cannot even begin to tell you. Helping the poor and needy brings a blessing not only on them but also upon all who give to them. When we "help the weak," we reap the blessing promised to us by our Lord Jesus when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:34-35; see also Psalm 41:1-3; Deuteronomy 14:29; 15:7-11; Proverbs 22:9). Do we remember the poor and enjoy this blessing?

Opportunities for individuals to "help thy neighbor" can come in many forms such as getting involved in the local food pantries, making donations to special benevolent church and community funds, and helping with meals on wheels.

Let's honor God and glorify Christ by remembering the poor. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:10).

Andrew Paris is pastor at the Delphi Christian Church.

Bible School

Joint VBS, Center UM

Vacation Bible School at Center United Methodist Church will be June 22-26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The church is located north of Young America - Cass County roads 1125S 200E, half mile west.

Other churches participating are Poplar Grove UM, Deer Creek Presbyterian, and Faith Lutheran.

A fun-filled week is planned, with children learning about the "Faithful Followers of God."

For more information, call 574-859-4121 or 765-434-3467.

Faith Church of Christ

"Saddle Up for Jesus Wild West Vacation Bible School" will be held June

15-18 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Faith Church of Christ, Burlington. All children ages three through completed sixth grade are invited to attend.

The four-day event will include Bible lessons, crafts, music, snacks and more.

Transportation is available and pre-registration is not required. For more information or transportation, contact Julie Eurit at (574) 967-3599.

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Grove Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School featuring "Crocodile Dock" on Sunday night through Thursday night, June 14-18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The closing program will be June 21 and all parents

and grandparents are invited to attend. The community is also invited.

Hickory Grove Church is located on Carroll County Road 700W, five miles south of Idaville and eight miles north of Delphi.

For more information, call the church office at (754) 965-2731 or Shannon Kelly, (765) 564-6800.

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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 a.m., SS: 9 a.m.
BURLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST: Dave Osborne, Pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study (Thur): 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST: Bonnie Shoaf, pastor. SS: 11:00 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.
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.
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 Heron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. SS: Adult 8:45a.m. & Children 10:00 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: 7:30p.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. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Mark Gaylor, pastor. 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. 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: 6:30p.m., Adult & Youth Services Sun. Evenings 6p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN: Paul Marcellino, pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Monthly Youth Group
FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.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.
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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: 9:30 a.m.
FLORA UNITED METHODIST: 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Rex Charles, 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. Mark Ramey, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 11 a.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 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: 54 Main St., Rossville. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m. Children's church available
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.
OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashil Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.
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PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST: John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10:30 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m.
PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 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.
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ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. John Everitt, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST: Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
SHADON AMERICAN BAPTIST: St. 29, Carrollton Township. Alan Wyant, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 1st & 3rd Wed. 7 p.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. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
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