

# FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

## VIOLENT SHOWS, TOYS SHOULD BE A CONCERN TO PARENTS



Dr. Dobson

tend those negative effects. What's more, there's no balancing positive, healthy or educational component to these products.

That's why our organization, Focus on the Family, and others have made major investments in high-quality videos and other materials for children. We must provide alternatives for families that want their kids to have wholesome entertainment but are determined to protect them from the popular culture. We will continue to do what we can to meet that need.

**QUESTION:** I have a friend whose children drive me crazy when I'm around them. They are the most undisciplined brats I've ever seen. We can't even talk when they are around. I would love to help my friend with a few disciplinary tips. How can I do this without offending her?

**DR. DOBSON:** When you want to point out a flaw or shortcoming in someone else's behavior or character, you do it the way porcupines make love: very, very carefully. Otherwise, you're likely to lose a friend.

Pointing out parenting mistakes in others is even riskier. You're liable to get your ears pinned back for trying it — even when your motives are honorable and you have a

### Pray for our nation to seek God

He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 1st Thess. 5:24 Pd. Adv.

child's interest at heart. That's why I never offer unsolicited advice about other people's children, no matter how badly I think it is needed.

If you insist on telling the other mother what she doesn't want to hear, let me suggest that you first invest some time and effort in your friend. When a relationship of confidence has been carefully constructed, you'll have then earned the right to offer her some gentle advice.

There are no shortcuts to this process.

**QUESTION:** What causes Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder?

**DR. DOBSON:** It is believed to be inherited. Russell Barkley of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center estimates that 40 percent of ADHD kids have a parent with similar symptoms, and 35 percent have an affected sibling. If one identical twin is affected, the chances are between 80 and 92 percent that his or her sibling will be also. ADHD is two to three times as likely to be diagnosed in boys as girls.

The cause of ADHD is unknown, but it is probably associated with subtle differences in brain structure, its neural pathways, its chemistry, its blood supply or its electrical system. As of this writing, some interesting hypotheses are emerging, although definitive conclusions can't yet be drawn.

Dr. Dobson is founder and Chairman Emeritus of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80995 (www.focusonthefamily.org). Questions and answers are excerpted from "Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House.

# Lessons from the Heart

## Words of Assurance

By Dr. Peter E. Roussakis



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depend upon Him more.

Yes, He may see the need for our character to be refined as with Job (42:1-6). Our Lord may choose to test our devotion to enlarge our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7). God may allow suffering to cultivate within us the perseverance He knows we need to make us more fit for Heaven. For we know *suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope* (Romans 5:3-4). God may permit testing to enable us to be compassionate helpers to others who suffer (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

Whatever the reason, God knows our need. He under-

stands, sympathizes, and helps us. The Son and the Spirit intercede on our behalf all the time (Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:26-27).

How thankful we should be even in times of testing that God may be working out His purpose through us. In this regard, the hymn writer Don Moen expressed these appropriate words of assurance:

"God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me. He will be my guide; hold me closely to His side. With love and strength for each new day; He will make a way." Hymn 85 in The Worship Hymnal, Nashville: LifeWay, 2008.

Dr. Peter E. Roussakis is the pastor of the First Brethren Church in Burlington.

## GOING LOCAL Week promotes eating Indiana grown and produced foods

### Comet staff report

GOING LOCAL Week 2009 will be celebrated in the Hoosier state from Sept. 6-12. It is a one week "challenge" to Indiana citizens to eat at least one Indiana locally grown or produced food at each meal during the seven-day event.

The objectives of GOING LOCAL Week are to:

- Create an appreciation for the abundance and diversity of the Indiana food shed.
- Make Indiana citizens more aware of the availability of local foods in their own communities.
- Provide support and recognition for Indiana local food producers.
- Increase Indiana residents' consumption of locally grown/produced foods in a long-term effort to encourage them to regularly purchase

more locally produced items for their weekly meals so that the consumption of Indiana locally grown and produced foods will become the norm, not a novelty at Hoosier dinner tables across the state.

GOING LOCAL Week was created in 2008 by Indiana local food blogger, Victoria Wesseler, who authors the GOING LOCAL site (www.goinglocal-info.com). She notes, "If half the families in Indiana shifted \$6.25 of their current weekly food budget to the purchase of Indiana grown or produced local food this effort would provide an annual contribution of \$300 million into the local Indiana economy. Is this impressive? Yes, but that's not the final number. Studies consistently show that a dollar spent locally will multiply itself by 3 to 5

times making the actual economic impact of that one dollar in the local community where it was spent far greater than a buck. Initially it may be impossible to believe but, with a subtle shift in our food spending habits, we can make a \$900 million to \$1.5 billion economic impact on Indiana in one year."

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**BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST:** Rex Charles, 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 Roussakis, 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.  
**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 Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:30 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:** SR 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Herron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. Sundaes on Thurs. 7 p.m. (informal worship & ice cream)  
**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. & 6:30 p.m.  
**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH:** SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Jim Crown, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. W 6:30 p.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 Twp. 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, 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.  
**FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN** (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Woody Slade, 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: 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. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 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. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.  
**PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. James Baughman, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**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.  
**ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. SS: 9a.m., SW: 10 a.m.  
**ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. John Evert, 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.  
**SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST:** St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. Alan Wyatt, 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.  
**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.  
**WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES:** 869 N. 90 E., Burrows, Greg Britt, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. (574) 652-2280  
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