

# FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

## HOLDING YOUR CHILD BACK A GRADE MAY NOT IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Dobson

Nor is there much magic in summer school. Some parents hope that a six-week program in July and August will accomplish what was impossible in the ten months between September and June. They are often disappointed.

**QUESTION:** I hear so much about children who have ADHD. Can you describe this problem for me and tell me how I might recognize it in my son?

**DR. DOBSON:** The term ADHD stands for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, which is an inherited neurological syndrome that affects approximately 5 percent of children in the United States. It refers to individuals who are easily distracted, have a low tolerance for boredom or frustration, and tend to be impulsive and flighty.

Children with ADHD have a pattern of behavior that sets them up for failure in school and conflict with their parents. They have difficulty

### Pray for our nation to seek God

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this; for from now on you will have wars.” II Chronicles 16:9 Pd. Adv.

give the slow learner another year of exposure to easier concepts. He will not do better the second time around!

finishing tasks, remembering details, focusing on a book or assignment, or even remaining seated for more than a few minutes. Some appear to be driven from within as they race wildly from one thing to another. They are often very bright and creative, yet they're seen as lazy, disruptive and terribly disorganized. ADHD children often suffer from low self-esteem because they have been berated as goof-offs and anarchists who refuse to follow the rules. They sometimes have few friends because they can drive everyone crazy — even those their own age.

As for how you can recognize such a child in your home, it is unwise for a parent to attempt to do so. There are many other problems, both psychological and physical, that can cause similar symptoms. Disorders of the thyroid, for example, can make a child hyperactive or sluggish; depression and anxiety can cause the distractibility associated with ADHD. Therefore, you must have assistance from a physician, a child developmentalist or a psychologist who can confirm the diagnosis.

If you see in your child the symptoms I've described, I urge you to have him or her seen professionally. Again, you should not try to diagnose your child! The sooner you can get that youngster in to see a person who specializes in this disorder, the better.

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

## Talk About Personal!!

By Pastor Ken Smith

In our society we have this thing about space and getting personal.

In our conversations we use phrases like: "Well! You do not have to get personal!" and "I did not mean that in a personal way" and "You are getting awfully personal!" We are cautious about getting too personal with people; sharing too much about our lives. After all, we all have people that have told us just a little more than we wanted to know.

In the story of the Good Shepherd in John 10, Jesus talks very clearly; He even takes time to explain His words. In verse 3 He tells us He calls His sheep by name. The sheepfold was a place where many shepherds would corral their sheep for safekeeping. The individual shepherd could go to the gate and call out only his own sheep because they would recognize his voice. But not only could he call them out as a group, he could call them out individually; one at a time. Wow! How could He do that? It is not hard to understand when we stop and think that he was with the sheep 24 hours a day, 7 days a week constantly in contact with them. He spent time with each individual one and called it by name while he was talking to it.

He told that story for a reason. He wants to get that personal with each of us. He is there when we get up and go out. In verse 4 He tells us that He even goes out ahead of us. He wants to commune with us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is only one catch that makes it difficult for us: verse 4 tells us: "His sheep follow Him because "they know His

voice." Ahah! Yes, there is the hard part. Knowing God's voice. How do we do that? We must spend more time with Him; in His Word, in prayer and just listening. We must get away from the crowd and just spend time with Him. God knows your voice; do you know His? Why not start getting personal with Him today? He sure wants to get personal with you!

*Ken Smith is the pastor at Hickory Grove Church in Delphi.*

## Announcements

Four bands will perform Nov. 7 at a **BENEFIT CONCERT** for the Idaville First Church of God Youth Outreach Center. The concert will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Bee Hive Community Center, located at the corner of Sixth and Logan streets in Burnettsville.

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<p><b>AMERICUS UNION NON-DENOMINATIONAL:</b> Larry Williams, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST:</b> Rex Charles, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> 206 N. Prairie Street, Brookston. Ron Guzman, minister. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST:</b> 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Dwight Monical, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN:</b> 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Rousakis, pastor. SW: 10 a.m., SS: 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>BURLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> Dave Osborne, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study (Thur): 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST:</b> SS: 11:00 a.m., SW 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BURNETTSVILLE FIRST BAPTIST:</b> Second &amp; Main, Burnettsville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>BURNETTSVILLE CHRISTIAN:</b> Sixth &amp; Washington, Burnettsville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BURNETTSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> First &amp; Main, Burnettsville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:</b> SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY:</b> Wabash &amp; Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST:</b> Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:</b> 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.</p> <p><b>COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST:</b> Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>COLBURN UNITED METHODIST:</b> Kasey Schnepf, pastor, SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><b>CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN:</b> Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN:</b></p>	<p>SR 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Herron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. Sundaes on Thurs. 7 p.m. (informal worship &amp; ice cream)</p> <p><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.</p> <p><b>DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 &amp; 5 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.</p> <p><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. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><b>DELPHI UNITED METHODIST:</b> Union &amp; Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 &amp; 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor, Micah Hudson, youth pastor.</p> <p><b>DELPHI WESLEYAN:</b> North Union Street, Delphi. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH:</b> SR 24 &amp; Logan Street, Idaville. Jim Crown, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m., Wed. W 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST:</b> SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN:</b> CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:</b> Hwys. 29 &amp; 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH:</b> U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Twp. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD:</b> US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., Wed. Family Night: 6:30pm, Adult &amp; Youth Services Sun. Evenings 6pm.</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN:</b> Paul Marcelino, pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Monthly Youth Group</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST:</b> Indiana &amp; Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:</b> 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>FLORA FIRST BRETHREN:</b> 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN</b> (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Woody Slade, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><b>FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:</b> 211 S. Center St, Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SS: 9:15, SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>FLORA UNITED METHODIST:</b> 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Rex Charles, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST:</b> Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:</b> 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Mark Ramey, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>HICKORY GROVE CHURCH:</b> CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:</b> Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD:</b> 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Chris Murphy, pastor. SW 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP:</b> CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING STONE CHURCH:</b> 54 Main St., Rossville. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.. 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