

# FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

## HORMONAL CHANGES ARE START OF TUMULTUOUS TEEN YEARS



Dr. Dobson

Unfortunately, many parents never seem to notice the regularity and predictability of severe conflict with their daughters. Again, I recommend that you watch the calendar. It will tell you so much about your girls.

**QUESTION:** How about adolescent boys? Do they have a hormonal cycle too?

**DR. DOBSON:** Their emotions and behavior are certainly driven by hormones. Everything from sexual passion to aggressiveness is motivated by the new chemicals that surge through their veins. There is, however, no cyclical fluctuation that parallels the menstrual calendar in girls. As a result, they can be more volatile and less predictable throughout the month than their female counterparts.

**QUESTION:** Please describe the best approach to the discipline of a one-year-old child.

**DR. DOBSON:** Many children will begin to gently test the authority of their parents as they approach their first birthday. The confrontations will be minor and infrequent at first, yet the beginnings of future struggles can be seen.

My own daughter, for example, challenged her mother

### Pray for our nation to seek God

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. John 15:4 Pd. Adv.

for the first time when she was nine months old. My wife was waxing the kitchen floor when Danae crawled to the edge of the linoleum. Shirley said, "No, Danae," gesturing to the child not to enter the kitchen. Since our daughter began talking very early, she clearly understood the meaning of the word no. Nevertheless, she crawled straight onto the sticky wax. Shirley picked her up and set her down in the doorway while saying no even more strongly as she put her down. Seven times this process was repeated until Danae finally yielded and crawled away in tears. As far as we can recall, that was the first direct confrontation of wills between my daughter and my wife. Many more were to follow.

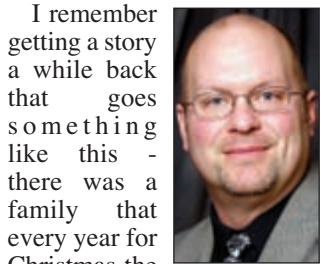
How does a parent discipline a one-year-old? Very carefully and gently! A child at this age is easy to distract and divert. Rather than jerking a wristwatch from his or her hands, show him or her a brightly colored alternative — and then be prepared to catch the watch when it falls. When unavoidable confrontations do occur, as with Danae on the waxy floor, win them by firm persistence but not by punishment. Have the courage to lead the child without being harsh or mean or gruff.

Compared to the months that are to follow, the period around one year of age is usually a tranquil, smooth-functioning time in a child's life.

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### Remember to say 'Thank You'

By Pastor Alan Wyant



Wyant

I remember getting a story a while back that goes something like this - there was a family that every year for Christmas the three children would each get \$100 from their one set of grandparents. Many years this repeated on into their adult lives. With this repetition, the children got to the point of never expressing gratitude and their mother began to suggest to her mother that she should stop giving the gift. One year something uniquely different happened, a few days after Christmas each one of the grandkids traveled from their homes of some distance to see their now elderly grandmother at the assisted living facility where she now stayed. This was the first time they had come to visit her there even though she had been there for a few years. Surprised by the visit, one of her friends who knew about the ongoing situation about the gift asked what suddenly prompted the visit from the grandchildren. The grandmother calmly explained with a smirk on her face, "I guess I forgot to sign the checks." Now, I know that some of you reading this are sitting there with a smile on your face while beginning to think of something that you might be able to do along these lines, aren't you?

However, I wonder how many of us are living day to day, month to month and so on yet how long has it been

since you showed gratitude for the many gifts and blessings that your Heavenly Father has bestowed on you without so much as a "thank you."

Or even more, how long since you graced the Lord's house on the Lord's day and gave the courtesy of a "thank you." I wonder even further how quickly God would get our attention if He stopped signing His checks, all those wonderful promises?

All too many of us today are so busy with our concerns and worries that we cannot even begin to see what good things are going on around us.

God tells us in Philippians 4:6-7, "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can com-

pletely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel." CEV

Listen friends, there is always going to be plenty of things to worry about and plenty of people to do the worrying but God wants His children to act differently. So how about this year for Thanksgiving when we get together with our families, we who belong to the family of God, let us be the ones sharing of the good things God has done for us and leave all the complaining about politics, jobs, economy, etc. for others who have no hope. In fact I challenge you to be the ones in your home dictating the direction of the conversations this year and have a much HAPPIER THANKSGIVING!

Alan Wyant is pastor at Sharon Baptist Church in Carrollton Township.

## Flora community Thanksgiving service to be November 22

The FLORA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. Pastor Woody Slade from First Christian Church will be the speaker. Local churches will

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<b>BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST:</b> Rex Charles, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.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>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>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>BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST:</b> 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Dwight Monical, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.	<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>BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN:</b> 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Rousakis, pastor. SW: 10 a.m., SS: 9 a.m.	<b>DELPHI PENTECOSTAL:</b> Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. Thurs. night Bible Study: 7:30 p.m., SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.
<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.	<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>BURNETTSVILLE FIRST BAPTIST:</b> Second & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.	<b>DELPHI WESLEYAN:</b> North Union Street, Delphi. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
<b>BURNETTSVILLE CHRISTIAN:</b> Sixth & Washington, Burnettsville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.	<b>FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH:</b> SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Jim Crown, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. W 6:30 p.m.
<b>BURNETTSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> First & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 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>BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:</b> SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	<b>FAITH LUTHERAN:</b> CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.
<b>CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY:</b> Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. 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.
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<b>COLBURN UNITED METHODIST:</b> Kasey Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN:</b> Paul Marcellino, pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Monthly Youth Group
<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>FIRST BAPTIST:</b> Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 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>FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:</b> 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 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.
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	<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>FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:</b> 211 S. Center St, Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SS: 9:15, SW: 10:15 a.m.
	<b>FLORA UNITED METHODIST:</b> 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Rex Charles, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 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>GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:</b> 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Mark Ramey, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m.
	<b>HICKORY GROVE CHURCH:</b> CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 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>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>JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP:</b> CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m.
	<b>LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
	<b>LIVING STONE CHURCH:</b> 54 Main St., Rossville. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m. Children's church available
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	<b>LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> CR 300 N, SE of Camden. Guy Studebaker, pastor. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.
	<b>OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN:</b> 11810 N 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.
	<b>PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH:</b> Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. James Baughman, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
	<b>PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST:</b> John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10:00 a.m.; SW: 11 a.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.
	<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI:</b> Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
	<b>PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
	<b>RADNOR CHURCH:</b> Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
	<b>ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN:</b> Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
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	<b>ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:</b> 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
	<b>ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:</b> 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. John Evert, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.
	<b>ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST:</b> Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
	<b>SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST:</b> St. Rd. 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.
	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC:</b> 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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