



The Encourager

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How Do We Talk About the Church?

Recently, in an excellent lesson about gossip, the teacher recounted an incident I, and many others, could echo from the background of our own experience either in ministry or our personal lives. A mother asked her wayward daughter why she no longer was a member of the church. Her convicting reply, "The way that you always talked about the church, why would I be?" The way this daughter heard her parents talk about the church, she concluded the church was full of hypocrisy, flaws, and inadequacy. She was simply modeling what she heard them say throughout the years.

I'm thankful for the sound counsel we received well before we had children. We were advised never to speak ill of the church in front of our children, to run down elders, deacons, preachers, and other members. Knowing Kathy, she would have done this intuitively. For me, it was extremely helpful with my impetuous nature. Even whispered words in the front seat of the car, going home from church, will inevitably be heard by the little ears in the back seat (the same is true of the dinner table and other times the family is together). We may be blowing off steam, we may not have deep vendettas against the object of our criticism and complaint, and we may soon forget what we've said, but impressionable ears and hearts may internalize the words and materialize the message with their deeds and lives.

The attitude, relationship, and loyalty our children have toward the church is most shaped and determined, for good or ill, by our example as parents. What will help us speak well of the Lord's church?

- Remember who conceived of it, from nature to organization to purpose, etc. (Eph. 3:9-11).
- Remember whose it is (Mat. 16:18-19; Eph. 5:33).
- Remember our mission to bring others into it and that our home is our primary mission field (Mat. 28:19).
- Remember how Jesus feels about the church (1 Tim. 3:15; Eph. 5:25).
- Remember that the church is the location of the saved and we should do all we can to help our children make up that number (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 12:13).

Remember all that the Bible says God seeks to accomplish through the church: growth (Eph. 4:16), His glory (Eph. 3:20-21), and His grace (2 Cor. 8:1), among so many other things.

We may struggle to see our family harbor grudges and hard feelings against the church. Many factors may contribute to that, but we should begin with ourselves. What are we saying about the Lord's bride? What is our attitude toward her? I cannot imagine that anything is more impactful than that, and that is probably the thing we can most control! May our family remember that our theme song, concerning the church, is, "I love Thy kingdom, Lord!" Surely this will influence how they feel about her, too.

—Neal Pollard

Dates to Remember:

July 13-20—Stateside Mission Trip
July 15-20—WKYC All Age Week (8-18)
July 17—SYS at New Concord
July 24—Day Camp at the AB
July 24—SYS at Briensburg
July 29—5th Sunday, Potluck & 1 p.m. service

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCCK, FM—95.7
Sundays 8:30 a.m.
Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

A Pause . . . And a Reflection

Well, the time has finally come for the stateside mission trip to Minnesota. We have eighteen eager workers ready to go! We will be joining approximately sixty others from Mt. Juliet, TN, to conduct a gospel campaign in and around the city of Mankato. We will be knocking doors in the daytime and attending the Bible seminars at night.

Brent Fortner has been leading our effort from here and will be posting daily on Facebook. Each night, Sunday through Wednesday, he will be inviting followers to follow the livestream of the seminars. Again, we ask that you pray for us as we travel and take God's word to our American neighbors. If you would like to "see us off," we will be leaving the activities building parking lot at 6:00 a.m., July 13.

Alex and Ana Girodo are in the USA and are visiting congregations which support them in their work in Brazil. They will be in Calvert City the weekend of July 20-22. Alex will be speaking to the morning worship assembly on Sunday, July 22.

I hope you have a great week!—Lance

Upcoming Guest Speakers

Sunday July 15, 2018:

A.M.—Mickey Garrison (New Concord, KY)
P.M.—Andy Baker (World Christian Broadcasting)

Sunday Morning, July 22:

Alex Girodo

Sunday, July 29 (5th Sunday):

Brian Egerton (Lexington, KY)

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to **Kimberlee Copeland** at the passing on July 8 of her mother, **Fay Stewart**. Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Home in LaCenter. The funeral will be Thursday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Stateside Mission Trip

A group of our young people and adults will be leaving for the stateside mission trip to **Mankato, MN** July 13 and will return July 20. Please pray for their safety and the success of this evangelistic work.

Bridal Tea

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal tea for **Ginny Morris** and **Alex Appleton** on July 22 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the activities building. Ginny and Alex are registered at *Bed, Bath & Beyond, WalMart and Feather Your Nest* in Princeton, KY.

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers will be traveling to Sikeston, MO to eat at Lambert's on Thursday, July 26. If you plan to go, please sign the list in the lobby.

Birthdays: July 15-21

- ◆ July 19—David Lineberry, Kathy Parker
- ◆ July 20—David Smith, Ella Wallis

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Psalm 126:3

Remember in Prayer:

Fritz Metzger—surgery, July 12 at Baptist Health
Marshall County Students, Staff & Families
Nelda Beth, Mason Brandon , Kent Clark
(Holly Robert's brother), **Mason Cosner, Richard Darnell, Ethel Davis, Jimmy & Karen Davis, JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Cindy Grubbs, Clay Hale, Jeff Hall, Jerry Hall, Imogene Hulsey, Hedia Mabry, Fritz Metzger, Mitzi Roberts**

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—**John Main,**
Jim & Barbara Story
CCCCtr—**Betty Clark, Hazel Demery, June Tarkington**
Misty Meadows, in Metropolis, IL—**Betty Burkeen**
Oakview Manor—**Norman Bradford, Barbara Vasseur**
Stilley House—**Raymon Cordle, Ed O'Dell, Ralph Steury, Roy Vasseur**

Military: **Cory O'Bryan**—Germany

*****Prayer Session*****

Sunday, 5:40, Room 16

SYS 2018



“Anchored”

July 17, 2018

“People Care about You”

Jody Marble

at New Concord

Record:

July 8, 2018

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| Mid-Week (July 4) | 115 |
| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 190 |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 260 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 128 |
| Contribution | \$9,857 |

The Prayer of a King

One of the coolest features about the Bible is we get to crawl inside the mind and thoughts of some of the greatest men of God and see how they used to talk to the Father. By studying the prayers of some of these great men, we are able to find tips and tricks to help us in our own prayer life. The example that we'll look at is a king by the name of Jehoshaphat.

Jehoshaphat started and ended his reign as a King who pursued God and pushed his kingdom in the same direction. At this point in history, idol worship was a big deal and following Jehovah was out of the question for a majority of the people. There came a time in Jehoshaphat's reign where he got word that the Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites wanted to start a war against Jehoshaphat.

When all odds were stacked against him, Jehoshaphat did what was appropriate; he prayed. In 2 Chronicles 20:6-12 we are fortunate enough to have a record of his prayer in this troubling time. I'm sure there are a number of ways to break this prayer down, but I have divided it into 3 sections:

1. Recognition and praise of God - 20:6-9
2. Realization of the problem - 20:10,11
3. Releasing the problem from his hands to His hands - 20:12

It would be a great benefit to read through this section of scripture on your own to see the detail and heart that is behind Jehoshaphat's words. You will discover the relationship, faith, comfort, and genuineness that is so beautifully portrayed by a king who needs help from above. Rather than thinking we can take on our own battles, we should realize that we've got a God who is waiting for us to ask for help with our battles.

—**Tyler King, Denver, CO**

Pew Packers Sunday, 5:45

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.*

*On the last Sunday of each month, the evening service will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Morning

Song Leader: Ben Leonard

Opening Prayer: Pat Croley

Closing Prayer: Ross Dougherty

Convalescent Center: Robert Hall

Gary Smith

Evening

Song Leader: Kevin Hunt

Opening Prayer: Don Whirley

Closing Prayer: Larry Wynn

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Announcements: Dennis Driver

Song Leader: Danny Walker

Opening Prayer: Quentin Riley

Closing Prayer: Larry Davis