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and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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Lessons From the Little Ones

by Louise Addington

The teaching program in the nursery is now well into its second year. Thanks go out to so many of you who have willingly volunteered to help the youngest of our family here at Memorial Christian. You have played a part in getting these children off to a good start in learning about God and His Word.

There are lessons, however, that the teacher learns also. In no particular order, here are some things I have been taught by these little professors of our hearts:

- We are never too young or too old to learn the courage to try new things by seeing another try something new.
- Creating a "wow" factor with little children is fairly easy and makes us adults feel great.

- It is very freeing when you know that the desire to try is more valuable than talent, and no matter how poor you are at something, no one is going to criticize you.

- Patience doesn't come with age, it comes with the right attitude.

- There is no wrong way to teach children Bible stories; there is only good, better and best. If you can read a Bible story, that's good. If you can tell a Bible story, that's better. If you can tell a Bible story with action and movement, that's best. Every individual has the ability to teach a child or at least help another person teach a child.

It is easy to have our attention diverted from God and instead focus on each other.

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Year of Darwin

February 12, 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his groundbreaking work, *On the Origin of Species by Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life* (Most people do not know the full, racist title). We can expect celebrations of Darwin's life, work and achievements in the media, our schools, and periodicals.



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We recommend that you educate yourself so that you may deal effectively with the onslaught against Christianity and Creationism that is sure to come.

Are you and your family prepared for this battle? Answers in Genesis (AiG), an apologetics (i.e., Christianity-defending) ministry dedicated to enabling Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ effectively, is a good resource.



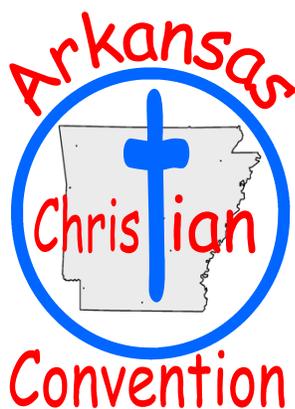
Another good resource is Creation Truth Foundation (CTF). Both of these entities can provide various materials to help you teach your children and educate yourself.

You need to be equipped with answers from the Bible and science to defend your faith throughout "Darwin's year." Access this information at these websites.
www.creationtruth.com
www.answersingenesis.org
Ben Stein's DVD, *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, is also a revealing exposé we recommend.



Preacher's Pen *by Gene McCoy*

For other articles and information about our congregation, go online www.memorialchristian.com



April 17 & 18
Russellville
Featuring Bob Russell



an orientation for newcomers

noon luncheon
Sunday, February 22
Memorial Christian
Banquet Center

One of the meaningful prayer times during our weekly assembly is called the Pastoral Prayer. It is designated such because of its nature or intent of shepherding the sheep.

The Pastors (aka, Elders) set the monthly theme based upon their sense of what it is God wants us to pray about. "What does God want us to ask for or to aspire to?" That is the question the Elders ask when they set the monthly themes. The theme for last month, for example, was "Contentment." Each man assigned to lead this prayer is asked to meditate upon that theme and to pray about it in his personal time before he stands before God on behalf of the congregation on his scheduled Sunday. In his prayerful meditations, pertinent Scriptures come to mind that are either referenced or recited in the Pastoral Prayer.

This prayer models for every Christian what their prayers could and should be — genuine and heartfelt conversations with God about the very things we know concern Him. It has been a spiritually enriching part of our worship that ministers to every Christian and blesses God, Who loves to hear His children praying the Scriptures.

The following is the prayer in which Hubert Pickett led the congregation recently. This is a prayer we know God will answer, because His Words are quoted and reflected throughout.

Heavenly Father, Provider of all which is necessary for life, incline Your ears toward our words today.

We live at a time and in a world where the desire for more is ever present, with the thinking that more will satisfy and lead to happiness. May You grant us the measure of faith needed to repel this constant pressure of wanting more in hopes of being

satisfied. Help us to see that real contentment is depending upon You.

Each day brings with it a multitude of circumstances, some as real blessings to us, others as bumps in the road we wish to be smooth. But regardless, Father, of what lies before us, may we learn to be content whatever our lot. May we learn from Your creation that You always provide what is necessary. And if You care for birds and flowers, how much more You care for us, whom You've created in Your very own image.

Lead us upon the path by which we learn the secret of being content in any and every situation whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want, whether in good health or poor. Continually remind us that "the fear of You, Lord, leads to life! Then one rests content, untouched by trouble."

And that "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

And "the cheerful heart has a continual feast."

And "You are my Lord; apart from You I have no good thing."

"Let us give thanks to You for Your unfailing love and Your wonderful deeds for us, for You satisfy the thirsty and You fill the hungry with good things. Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."

We love being in Your presence!

In the name of Your Son, Who has given us much more than we ever deserved. Amen!

We commend our men whose devotions and prayers lead all of us in meaningful and inspiring worship services. The preachers are blessed by the ministry provided by so many of our men who are capable of exhortation and edification. This preacher has not witnessed or experienced any better!

Gut Feelings *by Eric Dwyer*

Love is truly a many splendored thing. Valentine's Day is this month and it will be FULL of love and feelings of affection. Unfortunately, in today's culture, we have combined the two, so love is based primarily on feelings.

When that certain someone gives you butterflies when they look at you, THEN you know it's love. Or when your



stomach is in knots before you ask that big question,

THEN you know...it's love. If you build your relationships on a foundation of feelings, it has as much

chance to stay up as a building block wall in a pre-school room. Love is a choice. In relationships, there are times of feelings

with cartoon hearts coming out of your ears. But love stands when the mush has seemed to fade a bit.

When you feel that significant other turn you around with just one bat of the lash or dimpled smile, remember God's love for us never fails because He is one who keeps his promises. Let us do the same. Much love! ■

Super Fanatics (a.k.a. "Fans") *by Gene McCoy*

The big game captures the attention of countless fanatics every February. Many churches plan their calendars, resigned to the devotion of fanatics in the church.

It is **THE** topic of conversation. Billions of dollars are invested in commercials that generate as much interest as the game itself.

Consider the impact upon the world if Christians were as fanatical about the Lord and His church. If Christians were as

=Knowledgeable of the

players and the plays (evangelistic methods)
 =Familiar with the play book (Bible knowledge)
 =Prepared to defend against the opponent's offense (wise to Satan's ploys and how to thwart them)

=Passionate about the franchise (the Kingdom) and dedicated to the team (the congregation)

=Willing to spend and be spent (financially committed and withstand unfavorable conditions)

=Enthusiastic and exuberant in expressing excitement (singing,

encouraging, celebrating)
 =Display unashamedly the team colors and gear (fruit of the Spirit)

The outcome of the big game has no eternal significance. The players will soon be forgotten and will live to play again. The glory will soon fade as seasons come and go.

The winners of the big game receive a beautiful trophy, memorializing a hero of the game (Lombardi). We receive a cross and are promised a crown! Read 1 Pet. 1:3-9 and 1 Cor. 9:24-27 and be fanatical about the Lord's team! ■

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- 2 *Willing Workers*
- 3 *Benevolence Ministry Team*
- 4 *Finance Ministry Team*
- 9 *Elders*
- 19 *Building Committee*
- 22 *Welcome to Memorial*
- 29 *Memorial Christian Men's Club*



Dear Memorial Christian Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$50.00. Your support of the mission of Mtn. Home Christian Clinic is so appreciated.

May God bless you all.

Communion at Home

We will serve the Lord's Supper in your home if:

- You are unable to leave your house
- You request it by contacting the church office by 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Valentine's Banquet *by Eric Dwyer*

"Feel the love" this Valentine's season. You are cordially invited to a dinner hosted by our youth group at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11th.

We will be serving drinks, salad, spaghetti, bread, and dessert. This dinner is a fundraiser for the youth group's summer activities. Tickets are on sale



now for only \$5!

You won't find a better Valentine's dinner deal anywhere else! Couples and singles alike are invited to share in the fun! ■



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Meeting Schedule

Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
9:30 Worship	5:30 Supper
11:00 Bible Classes	6:30 Bible Classes

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 Matthew 28:19-20

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Disruption can erupt without warning if you aren't careful to notice selfishness sneaking in and curtail it before it can grow. Seeing everyone gets the same opportunities and attention is the reason teacher helpers are indispensable at this age. The child who wants attention and doesn't get it will demand it by actions that require intervention. If you are clever, however, you will be well prepared with non-stop attention getting action. You can avoid conflict because all those little minds are focus on something you are showing them that is absorbing enough to forget about themselves for the time being.

In my own life, the more I try to center my attention on God, the less likely I am to find myself in

conflict with others. In having to deal with others, if I can see them through God's eyes, I'm less likely to have a selfish attitude that demands to have things my way.

These are things we need to learn ourselves and in turn pass along to our children. ■

*Memorial Christian
 Men's Club*

Saturday,
 February 28

9:00 — 10:30 a.m.

**Full Breakfast
 Program of interest to men**



The Lord's Supper
 will be served every Sunday,
 despite the weather.



They rang on Saturday, December 27,
 when **John Lloyd** married his long-
 time girlfriend, Jennifer.