

Glory to God

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Sundays 10 am and 6 pm;
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Some Thoughts I'd Like to Share – by Tim Hall

CONSISTENCY

By Al de Mello

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think about consistency is a memory of my mother baking cakes. I remember that when she baked cakes, they were from scratch, as the box cake did not exist in Brazil. She had to mix all the ingredients exactly as the recipe said, using the right amount, in the right order, mix properly and then cook for the right amount of time at right temperature. Usually the final result was a great cake, except for the few times the cake was nuked or falling a part.

Consistency is key for us to pass our faith to our children. They need to search for their own faith but inconsistency can kill that search before it begins. When the Bible tells us that we need to teach our children, that includes the example we give them. We will never be able to be perfect, but consistency is what will demonstrate to them that we are honest in our faith. Down the road, they will realize that they too are imperfect. This is the moment that our example of consistency will have an even bigger impact on their lives.

Consistency will be shown in the way we treat our spouses. What a damage we do to young souls when we mistreat their mother or their father by abusing them with words and actions. A child that sees such disrespect very rarely will develop a healthy faith, even if he is taken to church every time the doors are open. Our children will also observe how we treat people in general. Remember that Christianity is all about relationships. If we treat people differently from one environment to another, what does this say to our children? Treating people in the church with kindness, but mistreating outsiders will certainly pass a very confusing message to them. We can be certain that our children see very clearly the inconsistency. Children, even when they seem not to be observing or listening, are sponges absorbing everything we say and do.

In Ephesians 6:4 Paul said, “Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord”. Amazing that he said first of all, “do not exasperate”. Inconsistency, unfair treatment, unfair punishment, even lack of discipline can exasperate a child. Paul tells us that we are to instruct our children, only after he exhorts us not to exasperate them. No amount of instruction can be effective if a child is exasperated, disillusioned. Also interesting is that he says “training and instruction”. All the instruction they receive in Sunday Bible school is not sufficient if there is no training at home. Training is hands - on learning and is essential to the development of a sound faith.

I realize that we, as parents, fail many times. However, I believe that because of consistency, our children's pursuit of their own faith, and most of all because of God's mercy, the final result will be good.

May God help us to be consistent, honest and dedicated in our journey as Christians and as parents.

Consistency makes good cakes and gives children a chance to grow in their personal faith.

LET'S PRAY FOR: Dave Torgerson, surgery next Friday to remove a kidney; Monteen Forrester, admitted to JCJC last Thursday; Nell Phillips, still in Appalachian Christian Village; Janet Looney; Margaret Sams; Max Bare; Allen Jackson; Marty Smith; Arlene Kellum; Joyce Hall; Peggy Phillips; Jack Brewer; John Melton; Betty Hamilton; Carol Briggs; Della Edwards; Monteen Forrester; Carolyn Smith; Gladys Keene; Flora Broskey; Phyllis Haire; James Carden, Sr.; Sherrell Shepard; Karen Stevens; Ruth Melton; Phil Enkema; Gay Carr; Velma Stables.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES: Barney Hoefler, Luci Jernigan's dad, kidney cancer surgery October 20; Angela Perry, 28-year-old daughter of a friend of Kathy Torgerson, cancer surgery tomorrow; Richard McVey, uncle of former Central member Jeff McVey, in a coma following routine surgery; Mary Wilkinson, sister of Delora Tidwell, hospitalized in Louisiana; Kristy Maurer's brother, sister-in-law, and their unborn child; Stephen Hampton; Montie Lyons; Melanie Coggins; Sam Bish; Louise Blevins; Jordan Vaughn; Cindy LaLond; Allen Bagents.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Chad Pickens, Eli & Mitzi Mitchell, Joseph & Holly Gilliam, Air Force; Joshua Vaughn, Zachary Taylor, Navy; Steve Warren, Jeremy Cutshall, Army; Mike Witten, Devin Stephens, Afghanistan; Steve Haywood, Army Reserves; Dustin Humphreys, Marine Reserves; Jared Wheeler, Thomas Young, Jesse Gilley, Brandon King, James Baker, Iraq.

"IN SEARCH of the Lord's Way", 7:30 a.m. Sundays, Fox; 8:00 a.m. "Biblical Viewpoints", 8:30 "TV Sunday School" WJHL.

PUT A CROSS over your name in the Friendship Register if you read the Bible at least 5 days. Last week:

PLEASE SIGN the yellow sheet if you plan to attend Monday Night for the Master.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: Greeneville, 10/4-7, with Wesley Simons; Laurel Avenue, Damascus, VA, 10/11-15, with David Irick; Crandall, 10/25-29, Ron Gilbert.

AREA SINGING, today, Pleasant View, 2:30 p.m.

SEEDS FOR HAITI: Once again, we are asking you to consider bringing in seed packets that we will send to an orphanage in Haiti for their food garden. Any vegetable seeds would be appreciated. Please leave in the box in the old foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS to great-grandparents Roger and Louise Clites on the birth of Scarlett Caroline Mitchell on 9/12, weighing 8 lb. 2 oz!

SUPPORTING THE TROOPS: A special emphasis has been added to Monday Night For The Master: supporting those connected to Central who are in the military. If you have a loved one who is actively serving, give us their address. We'll send cards on a regular basis, and may occasionally send a care package. If you have a photo of this person, we'd like to have that, too.

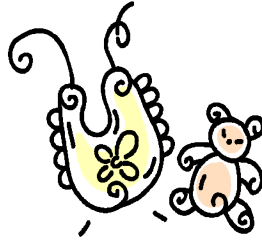
IT'S TIME for Coats for Kids again! Please start bringing in gently used or new winter coats which will be distributed to children who need them. Leave them in the container in the old foyer.

5TH & 6TH GRADERS – Fender's Farm, 10/10, 2:00. Sign up in the old foyer. Contact Mark Stayer for more info.

THERE WILL BE a baby shower for Mary and baby girl Tolley here today from 2-3:30 in the gathering hall. She is registered at Babies R us and Target. Hostesses are Luanne Hoilman, Sarah Booher, Jane Fillers, and Marie Johnson.



A BABY SHOWER will be held here next Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. for Suzanne and baby girl Whitehead. She is registered at Target. Sherry Carden is in charge.



OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to Sheree Pierce and family on the death of her brother, Dana Hathaway, last weekend.

WE ARE READY to start a new year of Prayer Warriors. Parents, please pick up a form for each child from the welcome center, fill it out and return it to the box.

DOES YOUR MARRIAGE have warts? Warts are a virus! Come to a class on Wednesday nights this month to learn how to keep the virus from infiltrating our most precious of relationships on this earth....

CENTRAL'S REDBIRDS will meet at Empire China Buffet this Friday at noon.

PANTRY ITEMS: Bar soap, spaghetti sauce, canned chili.

SINGIN' ON THE MOUNTAIN – Banner Elk church of Christ, 10/10, starting at 6 p.m. Sign up today if you plan to attend so we can RSVP to them.

RESPONSES: Alyson Volkman was baptized last Sunday morning! What a wonderful sight to witness. Also baptized were Noah and Lindsay Maden on Friday morning! We rejoice with Alyson, Noah, and Lindsay and all their families over their important decisions. Last Sunday Charla Bacon also responded to the invitation, asking for our prayers as she lives her Christian life. Don and Pat Wolford placed membership with us last Sunday and we welcome them to Central. Their address is 1000 Meadow Lane, Kingsport 37663, 239-0330. Information on those who joined with us last week includes: Bill and Linda Phillips, 196 Judson Dr., Gray 37615, 477-3678; Marcos and Brittany Lobos, 163 Bowman Rd., #6, JC 3760, 483-5152.

LADIES, PLEASE MARK your calendar for the Ornament Exchange Party December 7. Volunteers are needed to decorate a table. Share your own personality and ideas by choosing a theme and setting up a table for 6 in any way you like! Call Margaret Sams or Kathy Higginbotham with questions.

PIG ROAST AND FISH FRY to benefit High Rock Bible Camp – October 17 at the camp. Bring a 2-liter drink and chips. Meal will be at 4:30, with singing at 6:30.

A POCKET KNIFE has been found and turned into the office. Contact Kathy if you think it's yours.

OUR COVER ARTICLE TODAY was submitted (by request) by Alvaro de Mello, father of our own Leticia Wisecarver. Al has preached throughout his native Brazil, and serves currently, along with his wife, as houseparents for a child care agency in Alabama. We think you'll find his article on parenting both interesting and challenging.

THERE IS AN UPDATE on World Christian Broadcasting on the church events board.

BIRTHDAYS: Austin Bagley (today); Chuck Jenkins, Cara Crim (Mon.); Tom Young, Danica Collins (Wed.); Ruth Earnest, Lisa Jackson (Thurs.); William Torbett, Chet Williams, Lori Erickson (Fri.); Josue Morales (Sat.). **ANNIVERSARIES:** Mike & Kathy Higginbotham (Tues.); Buddy & Theresa Whiddon (Thurs.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 10.04.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

“YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...”- MATT 5:14



YOUTH GROUP

Be planning for these activities!

- Diner Date 5:30 @ Chick-Fil-A on Peoples Street.
- Sign up to go to Fender's Farm Corn Maze on October 21st.
- Youth Devo after services, Oct 25th at the Stevens' house.

COLLEGE GROUP

WWW.708MINISTRIES.ORG

- Clothe yourself with Christ and find out What Not To Wear @ 7:08! This week Sam Taylor will speaking on "What Is Your Neighbor Wearing?" If you still haven't come to 7:08, you are really missing out! 40-50 students and young adults come to the 7:08 every Tuesday to meet new friends, eat great food and grow closer to God. What are you waiting for? Make sure you are there Tuesday at 6:00 for the meal and 7:08 for our Bible study!
- Rainbow Omega Mission Trip is Friday Oct. 16th. We will **leave** from the college house at 3:00. Bring sleeping bags, work clothes, an air mattress (if you have one) and money for your meals.
- Get in a group! Check out the 7:08 Groups directory, and make sure you get involved in one! If you haven't been placed in one yet, let Tim Haywood know and we'll get you plugged in!
- Lots of trips for the college group coming up! Make sure to check the costs and deadlines and then sign up in the old foyer-
 - October 24-25 – Scarowinds Trip – Sign up by Tuesday, October 20th - \$40
 - Nov 6-8 – Backpacking/Caving/Camping Trip – Sign up by Tuesday!
 - Dec 18-20 – Winter Retreat – Sign up by Tuesday, October 27th - \$40

*Can you help a college student participate in some of these activities? See Tim Haywood if you are able.

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Song Leader: *Phil Gilliam*

Next Week: *Calvin Crim*

Prayer: *Tom Cromie*

Next Week: *Steve Williams*

Scripture: *Jerry Whitted*

Next Week: *David Crockett*

Sermon: *Tim Hall*

Topic: *"The Price of Unity"*

Dismissal: *Everson Weekley*

Next Week: *Gene Chapman*

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: *Steve Trent*

Next Week: *Joe Pugh*

Serving: *Anthony Bagley, Bruce Barnett, Clay Bailey, Dustin Roberts, Jarrett Whitson, Jay Stevens, Jerry Mitchell, Kyle Higginbotham, Mike Stephens, Neal Elliott, Paul Elliott, Steven Cromie, Tom Young, Tom Hudnall, Tom Reeves, W.C. Ausborn*

Children's Training Class: *the Gilliams*

Nursery: *Deborah Vantine*

Toddler: *Gerri Mahaley*

Assistant: *Jessica Stayer*

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: *Gene Arrowood*

Devotional: *Dennis Russell*

Dismissal: *Gene Chapman*

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Song Leader: *David Crockett*

Prayer: *Terry Billingsby*

Scripture:

Sermon: *Song Service*

Topic:

Dismissal: *Marshall Stables*

Lord's Supper: *Sherrell Shepard, Conor McKinnis*

Nursery & Toddler: *Edna Hayes*

For October:

Communion Prep: *Gay Clark*

(contact the Shepards, 477-2278, if unable)

Cup Pick-up: *3rd graders*

Emergency Food: *Judy Jones*

Baptistery: *Aretha Joyner, Myra Stables*

Report from Last Week

Classes 189 A.M. 396 P.M. 189

Wed. 230 Offering: \$11,769.72

Weekly Budget: \$12,000.00