

DON'T FENCE ME IN?

The poet Coleridge was visited by a man who had a theory about raising children. He stated, "I believe children should be given a free rein to think and act and thus learn at an early age to make their own decisions. This is the only way they can grow into their full potential."

Coleridge made no comment but simply led the man to his garden. "Come see my flower garden," he said. The opinionated visitor took one look at the overgrown garden and remarked, "Why, that's nothing but a yard full of weeds."

The wise poet declared, "It used to be filled with roses, but this year I thought I'd let the garden grow as it willed without tending to it. This is the result."

Children, like gardens, will not automatically flourish. They need daily attention and care—*Crossroads*, Vol. 1, No. 4, p. 23

Child psychologists discovered an interesting truth. Contemporary thought assumed that fences on playgrounds made the children feel restricted in their recreation. A consensus was reached to remove the fences so children wouldn't feel confined.

The opposite effect occurred. Researchers found that children became more inhibited with their activities. They tended to huddle toward the middle of the playground and exhibited signs of insecurity. When the fences were replaced, the children played with greater enthusiasm and freedom.

We all need boundaries—something to define the limits of safety and security.
—Hank Tate

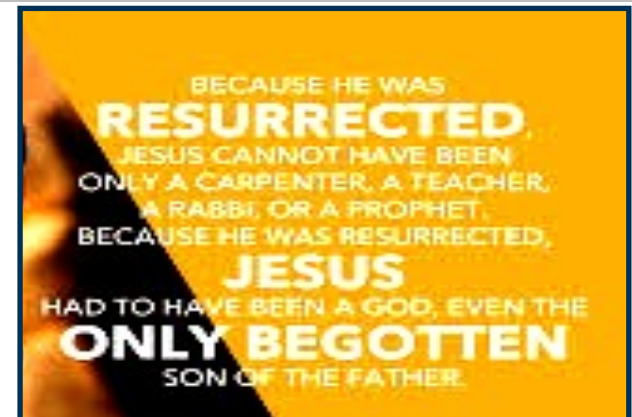
"Do not withhold correction from a child," Proverbs 23:13

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Clifford Lansdown has been hospitalized this week with congestive heart failure. Monday he will go to Hiram Shaddock for rehab before returning to River Lodge.
- ◆ Rene Blackburn is fighting AFIB again. They plan to do an ablation on July 9th to cauterize spots on her heart to help the situation.
- ◆ Don's bladder scope last Wednesday found no tumors. He will have a bladder chemo treatment once a month for three years to stay cancer free.
- ◆ Andrew Hambelton is recovering from his shoulder surgery last week.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Leroy Collins, Nikki Smith, Brad Luna, Jenny James.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home; Jack Moyers Southern Meadows. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven in West Plains.

VBS Was a Huge Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to prepare for and host Vacation Bible School. It takes lots of people working to be a success. Your efforts are appreciated. We had 35 kids and 25 adult helpers. The kids really enjoyed it.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
6-1	Barbara White	6-2	Richard and Rene Blackburn (59)
6-6	Amy Stevens	6-7	Brian and Casey Hambelton (27)
6-15	Dylan Abraham	6-8	John and Melinda Abraham (33)
6-15	Brian Hambelton	6-8	Don and Barbara Luna (56)
6-15	Titus Smith	6-10	Steve & Diana Siebels (29)
6-18	Dorlene Butler	6-28	Chance and Esther Strong (16)
6-21	Chris Lemburg	Birthdays	
6-22	Lana Bushong	6-29	Stetson Pleasant
6-27	Brandon Lynne	6-29	Denise Crisp
6-27	Adeline Smith		

Starting this Wednesday night at 7:00 is our summer schedule of no suppers and separate classes for men and women. The men are studying I Timothy and Titus, "Fighting the Good Fight" taught by Halbert. The women are studying "Looking for Love-ly," Collecting the Moments that Matter. They will have different teachers every two weeks. Be sure to get a book before Wednesday and plan to join us then.

Date	Event	Details
Today 11:30—1:00	Senior Center Fundraiser	Rib Dinner
Sat. June 15th 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	Mammoth Assembly

June Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

6-2 John Abraham
6-9 Mark Lane
6-16 David Stevens
6-23 Don Luna
6-30 John Abraham

Communion & Closing Prayer

D. E. Pleasant
Paul Wade
R. J. Moyers
Don Reynolds
Spencer Wade

Song Leader: Titus Smith
Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: *Is Jesus just the son of a carpenter?*

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#749, *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*; #300, *Praise Him*

#147, *I Stand Amazed*; Communion Service

#214, *Have You Seen Jesus, My Lord?*

Scripture Reading by Dylan Abraham Matt. 13:53-56

Sermon and Invitation

#947, *Jesus Is Tenderly Calling*

#578, *We Will Glorify*

Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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