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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.	Worship	10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening	6:00 P.M.	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

“Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child (Part 1 of 2)”

David B. Smith

Almost everyone knows of Dr. Benjamin Spock's popularized anti-spanking studies from decades ago. He theorized that spanking was actually a form of violence and completely unnecessary when shaping the behavior of children. Ultimately, he believed that it taught children that the stronger person gets his/her way because they can exert force over the weaker. It was a wildly popular view with some and it seems to be resurfacing. In a November 5, 2018, New York Times article entitled “Spanking is Ineffective and Harmful to Children,” the author explores the

Sunday's Sermons

AM: Ruth & Relationships (Part 3)

PM: Overcoming Addiction

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Travis Fridell Announcements – Joel Laney
PM: Opening Prayer – Brad Jones Closing Prayer – Terry Pursley
Wednesday: Opening – Ken Wilson Closing – Don Foster
All week: Lock Building – Bob Newsom Hall Monitor – Tom Haithcock
(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let John Blanks or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please email them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson	Bill Greer	Jeff McClain
Nancy Birch	Kathy Hamilton	Tony Miller
Gladys Blanks	Olivia Hamrick	Connie Richardson
Marjorie Cagle	Susie Hargis	Carlos Shannon
Riley Dennis	Janice Johnson	Janice Smith
Gene Frazier	Grayson Ledbetter	Diane Stacy
Sara Grasham	Judy Lusk	Mark Wheeler
	Tina Margroff	

- **John Blanks** was discharged from the hospital on Monday after an echocardiogram showed abnormalities in his heart.
- John Blanks' sister-in-law, **Jimmie Blanks**, who lives in Birmingham, underwent oral surgery for gum cancer on Wednesday. During the surgery it was determined that the cancer had spread, causing a far more extensive procedure than was planned, including skin grafts. John asks that we remember her in our prayers.
- **Steve Everett** hopes to return to work on Monday following surgery to remove fluid from around his heart. He still faces future open-heart surgery to repair two aneurisms detected in process of removing fluid.
- **Marilyn Everett** is slowly recovering from her recent surgery.
- There has been an unusually large number of our congregation out with respiratory problems, or as most define it, the crud. Hopefully all will soon recover and be back with us.

Announcements

- **Correction to Martin-Boyd Article:** Last week's bulletin stated that we would conduct the worship service at Martin-Boyd at 2:00 p.m. each Sunday in December. **The correct time is 3:00 p.m.** We will not identify which elder and which preacher was confident that it was at 2:00 p.m. each Sunday.
- **Hygiene Bag Donations:** As the time for schools to begin their Winter Break begins, it is important to be sure that our hygiene bag donations are ready to be delivered. The bags are distributed to local school children in need of these basic hygiene products. You can help by preparing a gallon-size zip top bag (or bags!) that contains one full size shampoo, body wash/soap, deodorant, toothpaste, and a toothbrush and marking the bag for a BOY or GIRL. This is also a good time of year to include a little "extra" something: comb or brush, nail clippers, etc. It is all tremendously appreciated. Cash donations may also be given to Paulette Oxford, who handles this work.

Upcoming Events

- November 16** – Annual Thanksgiving Singing at Ft. Oglethorpe
November 22 – 59th Annual Thanksgiving Service at Central
December 1 – Monthly Men's Breakfast
December 1 – Ladies' Ornament Party, 4PM at Beverly Randolph's
December 5 – Monthly Men's Devotional
December 7 – Teen Devo at the home of Jesse & Alisha Lowman
December 8 – Annual Holiday Meal

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Next month's calendar is on the table in the foyer. Please check that your family's December birthdays are correct and included.

Birthdays

- 18 – Pat Billingsly
21 – Travis Fridell
23 – Lucas Bellomy
John Germ

Anniversaries

- 22 – Jesse & Ashley Ellison

recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics telling parents not to spank their children. Their conclusion is that, to the child, spanking is “humiliating, scary or threatening.” They even throw in some “data” suggesting a reduction in gray-matter volume in the prefrontal cortex in children subject to spanking. Needless to say, there is great division on the subject—and confusion. Is it right or wrong? Should parents spank their children or not? What does the Bible say?

There are two passages that come to mind, both in Proverbs:

- “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Prov. 13:24).
- “Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell” (Prov. 23:13-14).

In both passages the real key is correction. Parents must correct bad behavior, or the child will set a course that ends in destruction. In both passages, God shows that parents should use the amount of force necessary for the correction. Some occasions may not call for a spanking, and some might. In these verses, God is placing His divine permission on the entire disciplinary process—up to and including the use of physical correction. In other words, he leaves the discretion to the parents. So here are some thoughts to ponder:

1. If spanking is administered correctly, it can be an important time of growth for parents and children. Spanking should be administered out of love, and should involve a time for explanation and reconnection. Remember that our goal is bring our children up in the Lord (Eph. 6:4). They need to understand why they are being disciplined and what behavior is expected as a part of the path to heaven.

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