

Weekly Newsletter

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Mt. Moriah Experiences

By Steve Higginbotham

Do you remember when Abraham took Isaac upon Mt. Moriah to offer him as a sacrifice to the Lord (Genesis 22)? As we try to image the struggle that must have been going on in Abraham's mind, don't miss out on the thoughts that must have been running through Isaac's mind as well. Yet, in spite of the difficulty of the situation, we simply see faithful compliance on the part of Abraham as well as Isaac.

The Point: What do you think must have been going through the mind of Isaac as his father laid him on the altar and raised the knife, prepared to kill him? I don't know what he thought, but I am pretty sure that the details of this event were burned into his memory. I dare say that for as long as Isaac lived, he remembered the events of this day, and just how faithful his father, Abraham was to the commandment God.

The Challenge: What kind of life-long memories are you creating in your home? What events, demonstrating your faithfulness to God, will be burned into the memory of your children? What steps have you taken to impress upon your children that you are completely sold out and committed to the Lord? Dennis Rainey calls these events, "Mt. Moriah Experiences." Friends, I believe it's time to create some "Mt. Moriah experiences" for our children. Mothers and Fathers, Grandparents...make plans. Give thought and meditation. With intention, do something that will be burned into the memory of your children and grandchildren that will demonstrate to them that you are a committed disciple of Jesus. What greater legacy can you leave them?

CHRIST IN *Youth*

David Burlison, Youth Minister

This all-American, Wonder Bread eating, teenage boy had all the appearances of a normal child of his age. However, there was something different about Doogie, his genius allowed him to be the youngest doctor ever. Despite all of his fame and notoriety, he still had to deal with the everyday struggles that a boy of his age would typically face.

This plot outline for a show I'm sure your familiar with, actually came from the real-life happenings of Dr. Howard A. Zucker who became a doctor at the ripe age of twenty-two. While according to the Guinness Book of Records the youngest doctor ever was only seventeen years old, it's still impressive that Zucker accomplished so much so early.

Enter King Josiah. At a pivotal time in the nations of Israel and Judah, Judah had a very unexpected king placed on the throne. Josiah was put on the throne of Judah when he was only eight years old. Last month, Riley Fudge had his eight birthday. Imagine if you will a boy Riley's age being put on the throne as king.

Even though the king was young, he knew what needed to be done. The idols which were left now in the temple, by his grandfather and father, were destroyed and the pagan priests were killed. Josiah became a champion for the Jews at such a young age.

Young people are able to do and teach great things. I am reminded of Enjolras' reminder to Javert in Les Misérables about "what little people can do." We have a wonderful group of young people at this congregation! Here are some activities they are involved in:

Pew Packers — every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Halloween Party — October 28th

Burger King & 11 Cents

By Steve Higginbotham

Last week at our dinner table, we had a discussion on Christian ethics with our youngest son, who is in fourth grade. He had benefited on a homework grade because his teacher had overlooked a mistake he had made on one of his questions. My wife and I explained how he would want the teacher to correct the mistake if it wasn't in his favor, therefore, it was only fair that he inform the teacher of the mistake that was in his favor. -- Not an easy task to give a young boy. To tell a teacher that he had made a mistake, and further, a mistake that would lower his grade... but to his credit, he saw the issue at stake, and he did the right thing the next day. It wasn't so much about a 94% or a 92% on a homework assignment, but it was about discipleship, following Jesus, and doing the right thing no matter what.

Now, for the rest of the story... You know, it's rather difficult to teach someone else to do right when you aren't doing right yourself. The discussion we had with our son, the logic we used, and the scriptural principle to "provide all things honest in the sight of all men" (Romans 12:17) convicted me. You see, just a day earlier, I discovered, after driving away from the drive-thru window at Burger



King, that they had given me 11 cents too much in change. At the time, my mind went back to all the times they had messed up my order and didn't give me what I had asked for, so I drove on.

However, the courage and the code of ethics possessed by a little 10 year-old boy emboldened me to drive back to the Burger King drive-thru and return 11 cents to the cashier. Her response was not what I had imagined it would be. There was no "thank you!" There was no "you didn't need to do that." In fact, she didn't say a word. If there was any reaction at all, it was as best I could tell, a look of annoyance and then she turned her back. I must admit that for a brief moment, the thought flashed through my mind that if I had known she was going to act that way, I wouldn't have bothered with it. But reason quickly returned and I acknowledged to myself that doing what you are supposed to do in the first place doesn't deserve special attention and praise...but that's another story for another time.

Friends, Jesus expects us to do the right thing whether it involves 11 cents or Eleven hundred dollars or whether you are thanked or ignored. Give it some thought.



"And a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

Family Matters

Sick List

- Elma Hood has been moved to NHC. She is in room #39.
- Prayers are requested for the six week old son of Ellen Leftwich Hodges. He is currently hospitalized at Vanderbilt.
- Jim Dunaway is in room #228 at the Community Hospital.
- Mary Peden is now at home.
- Orthie Bull is ill at her home.
- Lucy Byrd Every is ill at her home.
- Continue to remember: Evelyn Alls, Mary Anderson, Mamie Birge, Wendell Britt, Shawn Bryant, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Marie Denton, Ruth Elliott, Eddie Gerald, Kathy Hamilton, Arah Hardin, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, Kari Kunkel, Dr. George McKinley, Charles McDonald, Rose Ann Mesker, Marney Nunnally, Frankie Pace, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, John Simmons, Shelley South, Sherry Tabor, Ronnie Walker, Mary Florence Whiteside and James Williams.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Angie Gibbons. She passed away on Wednesday, September 27. Funeral services were conducted Friday. She was the aunt of Denny Riddle.

Our sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Grover Dean, Sr. He passed away on Friday, September 29. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday. He was the grandfather of Nick Pace.

We express sympathy to the friends and family of Helen Pedigo Tucker. She passed away Saturday, September 30. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday.

Area Events

- Gospel Meeting at the Shady Grove Church of Christ-October 6-8-Steve Higginbotham, speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Singing at the Coral Hill Church of Christ-October 8-2:00 p.m.

Visitation Team #2

Visitation Team #2 will meet Sunday, October 8, following the morning worship service for a potluck meal and a meeting. Members should bring their visitation records to turn in. Leaders are Howard Alls and Jim Searcy.

Baby Shower

A Baby Shower for Ella Faith Pace will be held on Sunday, October 8, at 2:00. Ella is the newborn daughter of Nick & Haley Pace. All ladies are invited to attend.

Crop Workshop

Ladies of all ages are invited to a Crop Workshop on Friday evening, October 6, from 5:00 pm.-10:00 p.m. We will be working on various items for the new Teacher Resource Room. Hours of prayer, planning and hard work have gone into preparing this room, now we need your help to make it a reality! We will have a variety of things that need to be completed. Bring your favorite finger food and stay for the entire evening or for a few hours. Should you have any questions contact Nancy Denham or Kim Higginbotham.

Thank You Notes

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for all the kindness that has been shown to me the past several weeks. I am so thankful to have such a loving and caring church family. I love each of you. Thanks for being so good to me.

Dorothy Coffey

Thank you so much to the ladies that helped give Brandon and me the wonderful wedding shower. The food, presentation, and friends were wonderful. Thanks also to those ladies that helped make the quilt. The quilt and memories, are things that we will treasure for the rest of our lives. It means a lot to have such a wonderful Christian family to take care of you. Thank you all for your love and friendship that has been shown to both of us. May God bless each one of you.

Brandon & Ashley Turner

Gospel Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting is scheduled for October 22-25. Services Monday-Wednesday will begin at 7:00. Garvis Semore will be the speaker. Make plans to attend.

