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From Where I Sit...

Michael D. Greene

There are many exciting things happening here at Lehman. It is my joy to announce that a dream of the elders and others in the congregation and area is becoming reality. For years, it was thought that a school that would allow folks to study the Bible on a more in depth level than Bible classes at church could be successful and profitable.

To that end we announce the inaugural session of the **Southern Kentucky Bible Institute** under the oversight of the Lehman Avenue elders. The first session will begin August 22nd and run through November 22nd. All classes will meet here at the Lehman building. There will be no tuition charges for the classes, however, the student will be responsible for any books or materials the instructor may require.

Who can profit from attending Southern Kentucky Bible Institute? This school is open to anyone desiring to study the Bible and related subjects on a deeper level. Women are welcome to attend as are current and prospective preachers, Bible class teachers, deacons, elders and anyone who is interested in a deeper understanding of God's Word.

We have a well qualified faculty committed to the success of the school. The following classes will be offered this term:

6:30 - 7:20 - Acts of the Apostles I

7:30 - 9:20 - Genesis

7:30 - 9:20 - Paul's Epistles I

To pre-register, or for more information, contact Mike Greene via email: mgreene@lehmancoc.org, or call him at the church office at 270-843-8435.

2011 Summer Series

7 p.m. each Wednesday in July and August

Theme: *"When My Time is Over..."*

July 6 - Lessons From Lazarus

Mike Baker, Crieve Hall church of Christ
Nashville, Tennessee

July 13 - When the Lord Returns

Charles Williams
Nashville Road church, Gallatin, Tennessee

July 20 - What is Hell Like?

Dean Roach
Columbia church of Christ, Columbia, Kentucky

July 27 - The Judgment Day

Doug Couch
White Bluff church of Christ, White Bluff, TN.

August 3 - Will I Know and Be Known in Heaven?

Johnny Trail
Sycamore Chapel church of Christ
Ashland City, Tennessee

August 10 - What is Heaven Like?

Rusty Hills
Portland church of Christ, Portland, Tennessee

August 17 - Am I Looking Down?

Bart Warren
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, Kentucky

August 24 - When Jesus Died

Steve Kirby
Hilldale church of Christ, Clarksville, TN.

August 31 - Therefore Comfort One Another

Sellers Crain
Rivergate church of Christ, Rivergate, TN.

Spare the Rod and Spoil the child?

A little girl had been extremely naughty all day. Her mother had finally taken all she could stand and sent her daughter out in the backyard to get a switch off the peach tree.

Ten minutes later the little girl had not returned. The mother called out the door for the child to come into the house at once and to "bring that switch with you."

The youngster, her lips puckered and quivering, meekly appeared with her hands behind her back. "Well?" her mother said, "Where is the switch?"

"I couldn't reach the peach tree," the child said, and then holding out one hand, added, "but here is a rock you can throw at me."

Isn't that just like a child? Just when you have gotten yourself all ready to execute the unpleasant duty of discipline, they go and say or do something to disarm you.

Just a couple of weeks ago, the news media was full of reports about a judge who admonished a parent that "we don't spank children anymore" and who threatened to send the mother to jail if she spanked her child again. For parents, there may be no more perplexing question than "How do I discipline my children."

We all know that the Bible teaches the need for discipline. While the words "spare the rod and spoil the child" are not in the Bible, the following is: "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly" (Proverbs 13:24). Solomon also admonishes; "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15). And "Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with the rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod and deliver his soul from hell" (Proverbs 23:13-14).

Nowhere in these words, or anywhere in God's Word, is found any justification for abuse of a child. But in God's Word, and I might add the experience and intuitive wisdom of many, there is taught the need for *loving* discipline of our

children, which may include the application of appropriate "laying on of hands" to a child's posterior.

The alternative, according to the "experts," is to reason with a child, or to withhold privileges, or to use such techniques as "time out." All of these are well worth using, and can often be employed. But the reality is that not all children react the same way to all forms of discipline and not all forms of discipline work for all ages. It is nearly impossible to reason with a two year old (and sometimes almost as impossible to reason with a 16 year old).

For some children, just a look from a parent can produce the desired result. Others need the application of the "board of education" from time to time. I

remember discussing this with the parents of two children who were as different as night and day. The younger one could be easily corrected by just a word or a look. The older one was altogether different. That one's personality was such that words, or looks, or time out had little effect. For discipline to be effective with this older child, there had to be the possibility *and* reality of corporal punishment. Now these parents were not ignorant, backwoods rednecks. They were both well educated school teachers who had read all the popular child discipline books, and who had the additional experience of dealing with children in school.

The wise man Solomon also wrote: "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8: 11). There is the principle of deterrence taught in the Bible. That principle applies to both adults and to children. Despite what the "experts" say, our experience, our intuition, and the Bible teach us that loving discipline, including corporal punishment serves the best interest of the child and society.

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--Michael D. Greene



News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

Life Group #1 will meet this Sunday after Bible class for assignments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School	June 26-30
Summer Series on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.	July - August
Horizons	July 3 - 7
Youth Summer Series at Mt. Pleasant	July 11
Ladies Eat Out at Pepper's at 6:00 p.m. (men will eat there too)	July 19
Young at Heart meet at 6:30 p.m.	July 20

OUR SYMPATHY TO...

Mildred Harris on the loss of her mother, Alice Dennison, who passed away on June 25. Her funeral was held on June 29 in Leitchfield, KY.

Geynita Adamson on the death of her husband, Billy Adamson, who passed away on June 20. Billy was a former member and song leader at Lehman Avenue.

Beverly Childress on the passing of her mother, Edna Lloyd. She passed away on Monday evening, June 27.

MOST STOLEN BOOK

Thou shalt not steal is a prominent teaching in the world's most stolen book worldwide. Here are some interesting facts:

- There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible
- The shortest verse in the English New Testament is "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). This was right before he raised Lazarus from the dead.
- The Bible was written over a 1500-year span.
- The Bible was originally written in three languages—the Old Testament in Hebrew and a little Aramaic; the New Testament in Greek.
- The longest and shortest chapters of the Bible are both in Psalms, and just two chapters apart. The longest is Psalm 119 while the shortest is Psalm 117.
- Read just a half hour a day and finish the Bible in one year.
"Blessed is he that readeth" Revelation 1:3

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of **Ovine Pippin** requests our prayers. Hospice has been called in to help.

Bill Dayton requests prayers for his dad, **Gerald Swan** who is being treated for cancer.

LOVING LEADERSHIP

Mike Benson, editor of *KneEmail*, included a list of responses to leadership in marriage:

- When a male demands, a female reacts.
- When a male gives, a female responds.
- When a male commits, a female submits. Nothing is more precious to a female than a committed male. Nothing is more depressing to a female than an uncommitted male.
- When a male abuses, a female refuses. Whenever a man abuses a woman, she refuses to respond.
- When a male shares, a female cares. If you find a man who is willing to share with the woman in his life, you will find a woman who is willing to care for her man.
- When a male leads, a female follows. When a man carries out his God-given responsibility for leadership, a woman responds by following his lead. Leadership does not mean being bossy, always telling others what to do. Good leaders lead by example, not by decree. Jesus led by example and so did Moses, Peter, Paul, and all the other great leaders in the Bible. Leading by example means doing ourselves the things we wish others to do.

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Ephesians 5:33

For more material on the home and family, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, grandparents, and family finances, go to www.housetohouse.com.

EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday June 26, 2011

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 46 Contribution: \$1,006.00

OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 90 Contribution: \$1,646.00
Owenton had there first Friends and Family Day.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship.....9:30 A.M.
 Bible Class.....10:40 A.M.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday Mid-week Service.....7:00 P.M.

Minister

Michael D. Greene

Associate Minister

Elders

Darrell Dubree
 Bobby Gilbert
 John K. Gott
 Warren Vaughan

Deacons

Don Cole	Dan Grise	Hugh Runner
Larry Cole	Eddie Hughes	Russell Simpson
Gil Ray Cowles	Derek Johnson	Jim Tabor
Rick Emerson	Danny Jones	Roger Watt
Kevin Eubanks	Riley Keown	Rick Wheat
Butch Gilbert	Mike McGuire	Ronnie Wilson

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**July 3, A.M. Worship
 Assignments**

Announcements..... Harold Nicks
 Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady
 Sermon.....Mike Greene
 First Prayer..... Jim Fuqua
 Lord's Supper Prayer.....Wilton Pace

SERVE AT TABLE

Gil Cowles..... Gil Ray Cowles
 Mike Pleasant.....Rick Wheat
 Darrell Miller.. ..Ethan Keown
 Jared McGuire.....Alt...Jason Sowders

Closing prayer.....Jeff Coles
 Bus Driver.....Rick Wheat

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer.....Jerry Chapman
 Song Leader.....David Leo Floyd
 Closing Prayer.....William Fishburn

July 6, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements.....Dillon Gilbert
 Song Leader.....Dan Grise

Shut In At Home

Fred Adams; Dorothy Herrington; Ovine
 Pippin; Lucyrene Price; Joyce Siddens (Atlanta);
 Eugenia Smith; Geraldine Garrison; Charles
 Cook; Doug Bean; Jessie Thomas; Nellie Brown;
 Hazel Sensing; Pauline Nowicki; Marcile
 Brandon

In Nursing Care

Christian Health Center

Lois Devore 203B

Rosewood Manor

Flossie Haynes 114A

Morningside

Rolena Greathouse 133