



LEARNING TO GIVE AND RECEIVE LOVE

By Dr. Phil Ladd

I am amazed at the number of persons who are lonely – who do not know how to either receive or give genuine love. Too many others have a very primitive level of showing love only to those people who love them. We need to help people find a better, more authentic type of love.

In his autobiography, Dr. A. J. Cronin tells about a neighboring family. The father, Henry Adams was an accountant in New York City. He enjoyed his social time gardening with his only son, Sammy. When World War II broke out, Henry's wife suggested that they take a refugee child into their home. At first, Henry wasn't too keen on the idea. However, he finally agreed.

They received an orphan named Paul Piotrostanalis. Paul soon got used to his new home and learned to speak English. However, he also began to steal and get into trouble much of the time. It was difficult for Paul to bond with the family. He showed little affection except with their son, Sammy.

One day, Paul disobeyed the Adams and went swimming in a polluted stream nearby. He caught an infection that brought with it a very high fever. Because of fears of infection being contagious, Paul was quarantined to a separate room. Sammy was not to go near him.

However, one day they found Sammy in the bed with Paul sleeping face to face. Paul seemed to fight successfully through the illness. However, four days later, Sammy died of a terrible infection. Dr. Cronin urged Henry to send Paul away because of all the grief and trouble he had caused.

When Dr. Cronin returned from a trip many months later, he was surprised to see the familiar sight of a man and a boy working side by side in the garden. As he got closer, he discovered that the boy was Paul. With much surprise and shock, he said, "You still have him?" Henry replied, "Yes, and he is doing better now." Dr. Cronin remembers saying to Paul, "All I can say to you, is that you are a mighty lucky young fellow."

Henry interrupted Dr. Cronin quickly and said, "Dr. Cronin, you need not bother trying to pronounce his last name anymore. You see, his name is now Paul Adams, because we adopted him."

This is the kind of love that everyone needs to experience. We try to both demonstrate and teach this type of love to our clients. We help them to tackle the rough edges of their lives so that hopefully, they can learn to give and receive genuine love and care. Please remember us in your prayers and thoughts as we continue the important ministry of counseling.

WORSHIP

Sunday, August 15, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

"WATERS OF NEW LIFE"

Genesis 6: 11-15, 9:8-17

Dr. Phil Ladd Preaching

The story of Noah and the flood reminds us that God is disappointed in even the best of us. However, God has another problem: Though God is disappointed even in the best of us, He is hopelessly in love even with the worst of us. The Covenant (and later Christ) demonstrates that this is true.

Music: "Amazing Grace," "Sonata in F Major" — Stephanie Zimmerman, flute

"For Good" — Michelle Lacy

Greeters: Bruce & Carol Ingersoll, John Heimann
Todd & Kim Still, Thom & Candy Lacy

Welcome Center:
Bonna Zimmerman, Sharon Rees

Flowers on August 15 are given in celebration of the August 7 wedding of Allison Gorman and Andrew Kellogg, by grandparents Chuck and Jackie Kellogg.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 15

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:05 a.m. Executive Meeting
- 11:20 a.m. Bible in 90 Days (Chapel)

Monday, August 16

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit

Tuesday, August 17

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
- 10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Paneras)

Wednesday, August 18

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days (Chapel)

Thursday, August 19

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner

Friday, August 20

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit

Saturday, August 21

- 10:00 a.m. Sr. Net Registration

Note: The last check run date in August will be August 18.

ON VACATION

Pastor Bayes will be away on vacation August 1 through August 24.

Pastor Cheri Grizzard will be on vacation August 12 through August 21.

Pastor Criswell will be available to provide pastoral care. He can be reached at (309) 688-5496.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Rose Kelly	Katherine Paradise
Karen Dainty	Ruben Redard
Gail Sexton	Mike Mason
Don Stoner	Sieg Polakow
Jan Swanson	Madelynn Claire Ryan

HEALTH TIPS

ARM YOURSELF AGAINST ELBOW PAIN

Tennis elbow is a common injury. Though it's named after one cause, playing tennis, many other activities can cause this overuse injury. Tennis elbow causes swelling, soreness or pain on the bony outside of your elbow. Take these steps to help prevent tennis elbow:

- ✓ If tennis is the culprit, ask a tennis professional to review your technique.
- ✓ Do exercises that will build the strength of your wrists and arms.
- ✓ Keep your wrist straight when lifting.
- ✓ Stretch your forearm muscles at your wrist before and after exercising or lifting.

Debbie McGlothlen, 635-3666
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TAME YOUR COMPUTER

with SeniorNet Computer Classes

Registration for Fall Classes
Saturday, August 21, 2010, 10:00 AM to Noon
First Baptist Church Media Center
411 W. Lake Ave, Peoria
Classes Start the Week of September 13
Bring a Friend and Join Us

Classes will include: Beginning Computer Fundamentals, Email for the Novice User, Introduction to Scanners, File Management, How to Use the Internet, Intermediate E-mail, eBay-Buying and Selling, Digital Camera Tutorial, Digital Photo Editing, Print Artist, Microsoft Word 2007, Microsoft Excel 2007, Personal Computer Maintenance, Creative Slide Shows, and Cyber Security.

For more information call 1-800-872-4651, ext. 1510 and leave a message. A SeniorNet volunteer will return your call and answer any questions you may have.



NORTH 40 NEWS

It seems the summers go by faster every year, and our North 40 project is in the final stretch. We want to thank everyone who has helped us this summer and update you this final month of August before we go into our fall session.

Nancy Phillips will greet the kids in our Craft Room both this coming Sunday, August 15 and Sunday, August 27.

August 22 Pastor Cheri will conduct the 'Blessing' of our season at the North 40 after church. Our kids will host the event and serve 'appropriate' refreshments for the occasion.

On behalf of our gardeners, we cordially welcome our church congregation and parents to come visit us on this very special day. We want to thank you for your interest in us and our program!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nathan and Jamie (Dyke) Brown on the birth of their son, Colton Wesley Brown, on August 6th. He weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz. and is 20" long. He is welcomed by aunt Corrie and grandparents John and Mandi Dyke.

Congratulations to Jennifer and Brian Schwammlein on the birth of their daughter, Anna Liesl. Brenda and Larry Shay are the proud grandparents. (Jennifer is Brenda's daughter). Anna Liesl was born Friday, July 16, 2010. She is a new sister to Peter, Daniel, and Natalie.

Congratulations Cory and Kristin Hawes who along with big sister Aubrey welcomed new member, Tenley Ann to their family. Proud grandparents are Mike and Shelia Hawes and Jeff and Carla Lewis.

WEDNESDAY DINNER

Chef Paul and his crew return to the kitchen on Wednesday, August 18. A pork chop dinner will be served with salad, vegetable, potato and dessert.

Adults — \$4.00

Children 12 & Under — \$2.00

First Baptist Church welcomes Chapter 6



**Saturday, August 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

ADMISSION IS FREE

Freewill donation to benefit Hines School

**Picnic at 6:00 p.m.
Located on the west lawn of the
church.**

Everyone invited!

Monthly Financial Analysis

	Budget	Actual
June 2010	for Month	for Month
Pledges	\$32,808	\$35,035
Projected Giving	\$6,258	\$5,395
Plate Offering	\$1,383	\$887
Other Revenue	\$941	\$0
Month Total	\$41,391	\$41,317

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DINNER, ANYONE?

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Aug. 12 Sr. High Youth Cook-out
at the Sexton's, 6:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

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Starting in September, The First Baptist News will be mailed on Mondays. This change is made to allow an extra day for the newsletter to be delivered by US Mail.

Because of this change, articles/notices you wish to appear in the newsletter must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the Thursday before the week you want the article to appear. Articles/notices can be submitted by e-mail to fbcpeo@mtco.com or placed in the tray in the church office marked "Newsletter Articles" (on the back counter next to the small printer.)

The newsletter will be sent for proofreading Thursday afternoon, edited Friday morning, and printed Friday afternoon. Volunteers will prepare the mailing Monday morning and it will leave for the post office between 12:00 and 12:30 Monday afternoon.

We could use more volunteers to prepare the newsletters for mailing. If you can help Monday mornings between 9:30 and 11:00, or if you have questions about the change, please contact the church office, 682-5491.

—Sandy Johansen, Church Secretary

Jim and Dorothy Middleton

By Barb Drake



Jim and Dorothy Middleton can't remember a time when they didn't know each other.

"We went to the same grade school. We went to the same high school. We went to the same college (Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.), and obviously we went to the same church," says Dorothy. Obviously, because her parents were charter members of Calvary Baptist Church in Rochester, N.Y., and his father was the pastor.

So it is not surprising that on the day the divinity student preached his first sermon at his home church, he looked at the congregation, spotted Dot and vowed to ask her out. Their first date was to that evening's Vesper service. The preacher's son and the math teacher's daughter have been going together – and going to church together – ever since.

A math major herself, Dorothy worked in Eastman Kodak's industrial engineering department after her graduation from Bucknell. Statistics were her specialty, and throughout their marriage she has done the taxes and kept the checkbook. That's a good thing, since Jim confesses to failing plane geometry three times.

Jim's dream was to play Major League baseball, but a miserable senior year proved his undoing. He went from high school to World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. By the time the war was over, he'd decided to follow his father into the ministry. (Three of the four Middleton sons became ministers.) Jim triple-majored in philosophy, religion and psychology at Bucknell and received his divinity degree from Colgate Rochester.

A small church in Wilson, N.Y., a fruit-farming community on the shores of Lake Ontario, was Jim's first full-time pastorate. First Baptist of Peoria was his last, if you don't count the 20 churches he served in an interim capacity after his supposed retirement in 1988. Over 57 years in ministry, he figures he's preached nearly 3,000 sermons, married close to 1,000 couples and officiated at several hundred funerals.

Jim had intended to stay in Glens Falls, N.Y., until retirement, but that was before Ted Page called in 1975 to explore his interest in coming to Peoria. Upon investigation, Jim learned that the outgoing pastor here was Al Jeffries. By improbable coincidence, Al also hailed from Rochester and had grown up in the same church as the Middletons. So Jim called Al for more information.

"He said, 'This is one of the five finest churches in the American Baptist Convention,'" Jim recalls, and it offered a "tremendous opportunity" for a minister. A visit to Peoria proved persuasive. "I thought there would be no better way to end a ministry," he says. He liked the fact that the church was forward-looking and theologically diverse and enjoyed a strong social witness.

Being a minister's wife may be among the world's most underappreciated jobs, but Dorothy says it's been "a thrilling experience. You get such acceptance. People are so kind and so open. I haven't regretted it a bit."

Wherever Jim pastored, Dorothy made it a point to do three things: to get involved in the church, to serve the community and to contribute ecumenically. At First Baptist, that involvement has included teaching Sunday School and serving on the Diaconate, the Christian Education Board and the Board of Missions. In the Peoria community she volunteered as a school tutor and spent a decade running the thrift closet at Friendship House. She's especially passionate about her involvement with Church Women United, an inter-racial group that concerns itself with social justice and issues that affect women. She was its president for eight years and won the highest honor it gives – the Valiant Woman Award.

"Probably the biggest asset I've had in my ministry has been my wife," says Jim. "And I say this very seriously." He suggests that churches which called him really were calling Dorothy. (She doesn't agree.)

Jim says he's grateful for the opportunity to spend his retirement years in Peoria. "There was no thought in our minds of ever moving back East. Peoria to us is almost an ideal spot to live." The presence of a church's retired pastor in the congregation is often frowned upon, and Jim credits Tom Bayes for his warm reception.

"Tom has been the soul of graciousness in how he has welcomed us and used us," Jim says.

Peoria is home to daughter Janet as well. Son Don and two grandchildren live in Columbus, Ohio, where he is a vice president of PNC Bank.

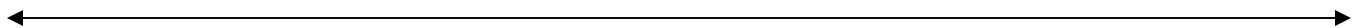
As retirement hobbies go, Dorothy may have the most unusual. After buying a spinning wheel and taking lessons, she began spinning dog fur into threads usable for knitting sweaters, mittens and hats. She once made an afghan that required fur from three long-haired Middleton dogs.

Jim's reading hobby has followed him into retirement. Because he would be bored with just one book, he goes back and forth among five at a time. He recently finished his autobiography – for his children, he says – and has begun another writing project, perhaps just an article, perhaps eventually a book. It's entitled "The Saving Remnant," a reference to the "aggressive, not-apologetic pacifism" he believes is "the only answer in today's world." Over the years the war veteran gradually has become a pacifist.

Both Middletons enjoy gardening and travel. They've been to every state but Alaska and will correct that oversight this month. Jim's brother and wife have joined them on 21 trips.

That the Middleton marriage is 59 years old would come as no surprise to Jim's father, who, long before that first date, took his 16-year-old son aside and said, "If you're smart, you'll marry Dorothy Taylor."

Jim's no dummy.



This profile is part of a series on First Baptist Church's newest members and those who have held membership the longest. The series is the work of a church committee headed by Barb Drake. Please let her know if anyone has been overlooked.