

# THE FOREST HILL NEWS

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## **VISIT US SOON!**

### **Sunday:**

Bible Study..... 9:30 A..M.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.

### **Wednesday:**

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## **IT'S TOO LATE NOW, DADDY!**

Barry M. Grider

God has taught me so many valuable lessons through my children. For example, I have learned to appreciate the love of my heavenly Father even more since I became a dad. How amazing is the love of God, if He loves me more than I love my own children. The Bible says He does!

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him (Psm. 103:13).

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your own children, **how much more** shall your father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him (Mt. 7:11).

So often children will say something without realizing the wisdom of their words. They are always honest and call things just the way they see them. Sometimes their words stop and make us grownups think. In a recent conversation with my son, Cason, he informed me about Pajama Day, that would soon take place at his school. He was excited about getting to wear his Spider man pajamas on this very special occasion. I teased him a little and said I had never heard of such a thing as wearing one's pajamas to school. He responded, "Dad, I know you had pajama day at your school, too." I said, "No, I never got to wear my pajamas to school." He then replied, "Well, it's too late now, daddy." How true! I will never have the opportunity to go through kindergarten again. In fact, it is too late for me to go through elementary and high school again. I can never go back and relive my 20's and 30's, except in memory. All I have is today and whatever days the Lord may give me in the future.

Even for Cason, time is fleeting. Just last week at his kindergarten graduation, he and his classmates closed their program with a song, "Kindergarten's over." A tear came to my eye as I watched my little boy, who had grown so much during the last year, close out this part of his life. Now he enters a 12 year period of elementary and secondary education that will seem like an eternity for him, but just a few days to his dad. The words of the psalmist ring in my ears. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psm. 90:12). My prayer to God is that I dare not shirk my responsibility and waste the opportunity to mold and shape my children, and, yes, enjoy them. How crushed I will be if I fail through my own carelessness, and hear Cason and his siblings say to me, "It's too late now, Daddy."

But, then, consider something even more sobering. On the day of judgement Christ will divide the saved and the lost. There will be some in one family saved and some in that same family lost. How sad it will be if a son on the right hand looks over at his agonizing dad on the left hand, and says, "It's too late now, daddy." It really will be too late. Jesus said,

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh (Mt. 24:42-44).

Occasionally, I hear my children "playing church." They innocently sing their invitation song, which contains words that ought to be very sobering to the rest of us, "Careless soul, why will you linger, wandering from the fold of God? Hear you not the invitation? O prepare to meet thy God."

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**OUR HEROES**

Seeing what is right and doing it with firm resolve, despite the opinions of the crowd, is the mark of moral courage.

Here's a hand to the boy who has courage  
To do what he knows to be right;  
When he falls in the way of temptation,  
He has a hard battle to fight.  
Who strives against self and his comrades  
Will find a most powerful foe.  
All honor to him if he conquers.  
A cheer for the boy who says "NO!"

There's many a battle fought daily  
The world knows nothing about;  
There's many a brave little soldier  
Whose strength puts a legion to rout.  
And he who fights sin singlehanded  
Is more of a hero, I say,  
Than he who leads soldiers to battle  
And conquers by arms in the fray.

Be steadfast, my boy, when you're tempted,  
To do what you know to be right.  
Stand firm by the colors of manhood,  
And you will o'ercome in the fight.  
"The right," be your battle cry ever  
In waging the warfare of life,  
And God, who knows who are the heroes,  
Will give you the strength for the strife.

Phoebe Cary

**PROPERTY LAWS OF A TODDLER**

If I like it, it's mine.  
If it's in my hand, it's mine.  
If I can take it from you, it's mine.  
If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.  
If I saw it first, it's mine.  
If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.  
If I'm doing/building something, all the pieces are mine.  
If you are playing with something, and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.  
If it's broken, it's yours.

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**WORK TEAM 'I' (JOHN CONNELL)** will meet Friday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Harold and Carol Mangrum for a covered dish dinner.

**WORK TEAM 'D' (PAUL CONNELL)** will meet Saturday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Gene and Bonnie Gordon for a covered dish dinner.

**WORK TEAM 'B' (JIM BROWN)** will meet Sunday, May 22, following the morning worship service, at the home of David and Gail Justice for a covered dish dinner.

**WORK TEAM 'A' (CECIL SOWELL)** will meet Thursday, May 26, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Barry and Celicia Grider for a covered dish dinner.

**ATTENTION VBS TEACHERS**

There will be a meeting for all VBS teachers and helpers in the Teachers Work Room at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 22. Room assignments and teachers manuals will be distributed at that time. Teachers and helpers are still needed for the 2 year old and the 4th grade classes.

**SENIOR CELEBRATION**

There will be a celebration honoring the graduating seniors on Sunday, May 22 after the evening worship service. Please bring finger foods.

**MSOP WIVES SHOWERS**

There will be a bridal shower honoring Lauren Thompson, bride elect of Matthew Martin, and Rachel Hayes, bride elect of Tim Wilkes, II, on Friday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. in the breakroom of the educational building.

There will be a baby shower honoring Evelyn Barker, Friday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sherry Johnson. Please bring finger foods.

**GERMANTOWN SAFETY CITY**

Germantown Safety City is a week filled with fun and learning all about safety for children, ages 5 and 6, who are entering kindergarten or first grade. Presented by the city of Germantown Public Safety Education Commission, the program will take place at the Germantown church of Christ building. If interested, please see brochure on bulletin board.



## CONGRATULATIONS 2005 GRADUATES



### **Josh Manning**

Son of Jerry and Lynn Manning  
Graduating from Manning Home School Program  
Will attend Memphis School of Preaching in the fall

### **Kyle Nance**

Son of Bill and Kellye Nance  
Graduating from Gateway School  
Will enter college or United States Armed Forces in  
the fall.

### **Blake Sharp**

Grandson of Leslie and Helen Sharp  
Graduating from Cordova High School  
Will enter the University of Memphis in the fall.

### **Bridgett Carrot**

Wife of Sean Carrot  
Graduating from Southwest Tennessee  
Community College  
A.A. in Education

### **Annette McAlister**

Wife of Keith and mother of Ryan and Mallory  
Graduating from the University of Mississippi  
B.A. in Elementary Education

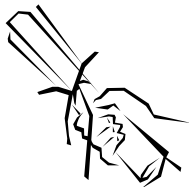
### **Cara Sheumaker**

Graduating from the University of Memphis  
Master's Degree in Speech Pathology

### **Rachel Watson**

Daughter of Leonard and Deborah Watson  
Graduating from University of Memphis  
B.A. in Finance

If there are those graduating we have failed to list, kindly let us know. We want to give you the recognition you deserve. Thanks.



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