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## Pastoral Ponderings...

February 14<sup>th</sup> was Valentines Day. I hope yours was romantic and wonderful...a real celebration of love. I'm afraid that not everyone, though, had such a great day. Love is a funny thing. Two people can begin life together with the deepest of love, or so they believe, but the pressures of life can take a dreadful toll on that love. Those who were once so close, can drift apart. How does it happen? I believe a major cause is a lack of true commitment as commonly found in the modern concept of the 50/50 proposition...the "I'll scratch your back as long as you scratch mine" mentality. The article on the back summarizes why any relationship based on this unbiblical concept is doomed to fail. There is help though. Read the article on "Love - The Gift That Keeps on Giving."

I've also been thinking about the impact parents have on their children, even when they don't realize it. "What Must Your Children Think" explores the unintended messages parents send and what their children really hear and learn about how important God should be in their own lives...worth pondering.

I hope you enjoy all the extra features in this edition as well!

## What Must Your Children Think?

Children are smart! Even if they don't do well on the MSA's, SAT's or any other exam they'll take during their years in school. They are smart! They learn much about life by simply watching and listening. When children see a mom in the kitchen for hours preparing great meals for her family they learn something about what is important to her. When they see dad reading car magazines, going to car shows, always talking about and tweaking his car they learn something about what is important to their dad. They learn about priorities by observing how their parent(s) spend their money and their time.



louder than what we say and our children are plenty smart enough to know the difference. Let's consider this truth in light of spiritual things. What must your children think if they seldom see you read your Bible, attend church or pray? What do they learn about the proper way to speak to others when they hear the language you use when you are angry?

Parents...your children's view of God is largely determined by what you model to them. If He is not important to you...then He won't be important to them. Actions do speak louder than words. What are your actions teaching your smart children?

Something to think about!!!

If their dad claimed to love the outdoors, but spent every free minute inside...the children are smart enough to realize what their dad said didn't match what he did. If their mom avowed a love for reading, but spent all her leisure time in front of the TV...well, the children would certainly have good cause to doubt her claim to love reading. You get the point. What we do speaks so much



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# A Peek at Our College Students

*We asked our 4 college students to comment on life.*

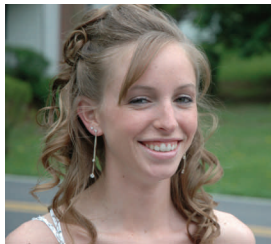
*Here's what they had to say...*

**Question One:** What school are you attending and what is your current program of study?

**Jeanie Fields:** Grace College — Double major in psychology & sociology.



**Hillary Jardine:** Salisbury — Nursing



**Ellie Kline:** Hagerstown Community College & Frostburg (downtown) — Sociology



**Justin Ridenour:** Hagerstown Community College — Education



**Question Two:** What do you think of a nationalized health care plan?

**Jeanie:** I think right now it is unnecessary for our county. It would also mean more power to the government which would bring us closer to socialism. There might be some who would benefit, but many others would be hurt. In my profession there would be much more government regulations on what we do and the way we do it.

**Hillary:** Haven't given it much thought.

**Ellie:** No opinion really.

**Justin:** No opinion.

**Question Three:** How is the current economic situation effecting you?

**Jeanie:** It will probably effect me this next summer when I try to find a short term job. It was also a factor in my decision to switch to a school which is closer and less expensive.

**Hillary:** It is hard to find jobs at school to help pay for tuition, books and other expenses. It has also impacted my family.

**Ellie:** It is making it harder to pay for college and other bills. Things are more expensive and so we have to cut back to make ends meet.

**Justin:** It is very hard to find a job and get money to pay for school and other bills.

**Question Four:** What are your plans for after college?

**Jeanie:** I plan to attend graduate school to get a masters degree, then post-graduate school where I hope to get a Ph.D. in psychology. My goal is be a psychologist.

**Hillary:** Be married and get a job in my field.

**Ellie:** I would like to be a teacher in Early Childhood (Elementary) anywhere they will hire me.

**Justin:** After HCC I plan to go to Shipensburg to finish my degree in either High School or Elementary education. Then I would like to get a job in Washington County if possible, otherwise I'll look somewhere else (further south).



## Momentum?

Momentum, a youth conference for students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, is produced by CE National. CE believes very strongly in youth and truly desires to see them develop a heart for God and for His Word. They also believe very strongly in the purpose of Momentum in students' lives: to help strengthen their commitments to Christ, to their local church, and to their local church youth group. In science, momentum is described as the force or speed of movement, an impelling force or strength, or the quantity of motion an object has.

It could be said that your spiritual momentum is your ability to influence or change something. This could be described as your passion or drive for something multiplied by your actions in a certain direction. You could also say that your ability to cause change is a product of your love or passion and your willingness to actually do something about it, your faith in action.

Our goal with Momentum is to help build your momentum in relationship with Christ.

Pray for our young people as they consider this important opportunity. July 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> in Cedarville, OH.

**momentum**



### *Who is Dorothy Domer?*

Dorothy Miller (Domer) was born in Hagerstown, only 3 or 4 blocks from where she has lived for over 59 years. She is a graduate of Hagerstown High School after which she took secretarial courses in shorthand & typing at Hagerstown Junior College when it was downtown.

Dorothy worked at Dixie (a store which sold wood products for homes) for 20 years. Later she worked for Tri-State Electric for 3½ years. She also did some babysitting on the side. A clothing store on Mulberry Street hired her, but she had to quit after one day to take care of her mother who had broken her leg.

Dorothy married Bob Domer on November 12, 1944. They enjoyed traveling and making a home together until Bob passed away in 1987. She has one son, Michael, who is a machinist with L&L Hydrolics.

Dorothy's hobbies have included: reading, cooking, sewing and baking pies, cakes & cookies. They used to have apple trees which produced so many apples they were able to give many of them away. Apple pies were her specialty.

Dorothy began attending Calvary while A.M. Dixon was the pastor (1939-1954). She was saved here, but was baptized in the church of the brethren because the church didn't have a baptistry yet. She & Bob became regular members when the church still met in the Red Room. They both worked hard to help those who were constructing the top part of the church. She served as the

recording secretary and Sunday school secretary for 18 years.

Dorothy has quite a collection of post cards and drinking glasses, which she adds to when possible.

The Herald-Mail recently interviewed Dorothy who is piloting a new program which is available to Hagerstown residents called a "Home Safety Makeover". Check out: [www.herald-mail.com/?cmd=displaystory&story\\_id=239203&format=html](http://www.herald-mail.com/?cmd=displaystory&story_id=239203&format=html) or do a search for Dorothy Domer and look for "Home Safety Makeover".

Thank you, Dorothy, for your faithful service to the Lord, to your husband and family and to us!



### *History of Calvary GBC*

Calvary Grace Brethren Church was organized some time after October 1939 by several families who were dissatisfied with the spiritual direction of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren (COB), formerly called The German Baptist Brethren Church, and First Brethren Church, located on the corner of South Mulberry and Antietam Streets. In October of that year Andrew Martin Dixon (A. M.) had resigned from the COB due to the poor health of his wife, Elizabeth Kline Dixon. He also believed in a pre-millennial, dispensational view of eschatology; teachings not held by the COB which caused some tension in the COB. He was invited to come back to Hagerstown to be the pastor of the Calvary group who met at Corbett Street Chapel (now The Hagerstown Church of God, Inc.). He had moved to Spring City, PA, a town near Reading, where he taught in a college and drove to Hagerstown each week-end to preach at Calvary until his wife's death in 1943. After her death he moved to Hagerstown and began teaching at Hagerstown Junior College. He taught World History and other history courses at HJC until he retired. (continued in the next issue)

### *Coming Attractions*

- February 28<sup>th</sup> – All Church Fellowship Carry-In Luncheon at the church
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Half Time Games Night at the church
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – District Ladies Spring Breakfast Buffet - for women & girls
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – AWANA Grand Prix
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night Outreach
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Spring Communion
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday Service at Calvary
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Celebration Programs
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – God's Gems Breakfast at Shoney's
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Baptism (contact the pastor if you are interested)
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> – District Youth to Minister at Urban Hope in Philadelphia
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Women's Friendship Banquet



## “Things to Remember on Valentine’s Day”

Men, remember that no man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

It's said that a woman worries about her future until she takes a husband. A man never worries about the future until he takes a wife.

If your wife laughs at your joke, you either have a good joke or a good wife.

Losing a husband can be hard. In some cases, it can be nearly impossible.

It is said the wise never marry, for when they marry they become otherwise.

Never argue with a spouse who is packing your lunch or your parachute.

Before we got married, I caught her in my arms. Now I catch her in my wallet.

### Scrypto-gram

Each letter in the passage is replaced with another. Solve the code and discover the verse(s) (KJV). Solution next month (or call or email me with the solution.) First correct answer wins a prize!

“Knczc cghv zsbe lnd, H gf bln dnczddnobhes, gsv bln ahjn: ln blgb pnahnwnbl hs fn, blezml ln yndn vngv, xnb clgaa ln ahwn:”

## “Love” - The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Love has been defined as *“the feeling that you feel when you feel like you’ve never felt before.”* But love is not a feeling! It produces feelings, but to confuse love with a feeling is dangerous. Almost everyone has been in *“love”* only to have the relationship end when the feelings changed. James Dobson asked the question, *“Emotions: Can You Trust Them?”* Emotions, though God-given, powerful & useful are lousy indicators of true love. Love is a commitment to give...that’s what God said...and demonstrated: *“For God so loved the world that he gave...”*; *“Christ loved us and gave himself up for us”*; *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...”*; *“I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* When you quit giving sacrificially to the one you claim to love...then you are not really loving. God defines love this way: *“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”* True love is the best gift you can ever give!!!



## Why the 50/50 Mentality is Destined to Fail

1. Acceptance is Based on Performance. Many people unknowingly base their acceptance of their spouses on performance. Performance becomes the glue that holds the relationship together, but it isn’t really glue at all. It’s more like Velcro. It seems to stick, but it comes apart when pressure is applied.

2. Giving is Based on Merit. With the “meet me halfway” approach, a husband would give affection to his wife only when he felt *she had earned it*. If she always cooked tasty meals and balanced the checkbook then he would drop her a few crumbs of praise and loving attention. She, in turn, would lavish affection and praise only when he vacuumed the carpet and always arrived home on time.

3. Motivation for Action is Based on How Each Partner Feels. As a newlywed, it’s easy to act sacrificially because the pounding heart and romantic feelings fuel the desire to please. But what happens when those feelings diminish? If you don’t feel like doing the right thing, perhaps you won’t do it at all.

4. Each Spouse has a Tendency to Focus on the Weakness of the Other. Ask a husband or wife to list their spouse’s strengths in one column and the weaknesses in another and the weaknesses will usually outnumber the strengths five to one.

Ultimately, the world’s plan, the 50/50 performance relationship, is destined to fail because it is contrary to God’s plan.

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