

Facets of Fellowship

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Pastor's Perspective — The Problem of Anger

By Dr. Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

There is such a thing as righteous anger. Jesus models it, Paul alludes to it and many of us would claim it, but the fact remains that anger is something we seldom express apart from sin. For those who become angry, and especially for those who are prone to anger, even righteous anger can devolve quickly into sin—and sometimes with painful consequences. In this month of Father's Day, I am reminded that men, seemingly more than women, struggle with anger.

Moses is one of the great men of the Bible, one of only two to be called the friend of God (James 2:23), but Moses had a life-long problem with anger. I don't mention that to sooth anyone's conscience but to issue a warning for the anger of Moses cost him dearly.

At the age of forty, Moses witnessed an Egyptian slave-driver beating one of his Hebrew brothers. Moses lashed out in anger and killed the Egyptian. As a consequence, Moses spent the next forty years of his life being humbled by God as an exile and fugitive in the land of Midian on the backside of a barren wilderness before God gave him another opportunity to serve (Exodus 2:11-3:12).

In his eightieth year, Moses led the Israelites out of

Egypt. Many times over the next forty years the anger of Moses flared. Remember for example the broken tables of the law. But in all those years his anger seemingly never crossed the line until one day, at long last, in the thirty-eighth year of leading the people through the desert, Moses exploded! Moses was fed up and frustrated with all their complaining—and he didn't care who knew it. He lashed out verbally at the people, calling them rebels. He then took his staff, raised his arm and struck the rock twice in anger—the rock that the Lord had told him merely to speak to and water would come forth. The water did gush out and the people and their livestock drank to their hearts' content, but for his anger, Moses was denied the privilege of leading the children of Israel into the Promised Land—his life's mission terminated just short of its goal (Numbers 20:1-12).

Alas, the anger of Moses cost him dearly. If you struggle with anger, what will yours cost you? What has it cost already? Those who struggle with anger often struggle with pride. ***God opposes the proud, but gives His grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time*** (1 Peter 5:5-6).

Reaching Out to Our Community

By Dr. Ron Wasserstein, Deacon for Outreach

The graciousness of God was evident to us in answered prayer during our Spring Festival on May 22. This major outreach activity was blessed with good weather and a wonderful turnout. We counted 331 guests (not counting anyone from Fellowship), the most we've ever had, and the pictures taken and the stories recounted demonstrate our



guests had a good experience at the festival.

At the heart of this good experience is the loving generosity of nearly 50 members of the church family, who donated time and energy to provide a fun and welcoming environment. Several of our guests heard the gospel (some for the first time), and all of them witnessed church members working together in unity.

Please pray that we would have additional opportunity to minister to the many who attended who do not have a church home or do not know the Lord.

Serving the Nations Here at Home

By Dr. Brian Platt, ESL Director

On May 13 we concluded the seventh year of our ESL ministry. I know all of the ESL staff would join with me in saying that it is a blessing to us personally to have been a part of this ministry for such a long time.

Close to a hundred different students attended our various ESL classes this year. Attendance at our Thursday evening classes followed a pattern similar to that in past years: rising steadily over the fall months to around thirty each week, then trailing off to the high teens by late spring. In addition, we have a solid group of five to ten students who attend our Sunday morning ESL Bible study each week. Bible teaching continues to be the centerpiece to our ministry. Teaching students the message of the Gospel is a great privilege—

and also a great challenge, given the language barrier. Yet it is through such instruction that this ministry can bear fruit for Christ.

We continue to enjoy remarkable consistency in our ministry staff, though this year a few new folks have stepped in to perform valuable roles. We have been blessed by their participation in this ministry.

Please pray that this ministry would continue to be effective: that students would continue to attend our classes, that many would be drawn to Christ, and that some would also become involved in our church and invigorate its ministry.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:



Amy Cuddington graduated from homeschool (Anchor Preparatory School) on May 28 and will attend Cedarville University in the fall, where she will major in nursing with a minor in Bible.

Nathan Gardner and Joree Jensen will graduate from West Springfield High School on June 17, and both of them will be attending Northern Virginia Community College. Nathan plans to study exercise science, and Joree's goal is to enroll in their Veterinary Technician Program in 2011.

Robert Mahoney graduates from homeschool on June 4 and will attend George Mason University in the fall. He will pursue an integrated studies major in preparation for applying to pharmacy school.

Family Worship



The Summer Family Worship Hour begins on Sunday evening, June 6. This ministry enables families to worship the Lord together during the summer months. Pastor Odom and several others will lead in worship, featuring a variety of music that appeals to all ages. Pastor Lindholm will provide a study for the adults in 1 Corinthians, while the children meet separately for KidsTime under the direction of Denise Odom. Please plan to join us for this time of exalting our Lord each Sunday evening!

Building Strong Fathers and Sons



All of our men and young men are invited to a Father's Day Breakfast at 8:00 AM on Saturday, June 19. After a time of fellowship around a homemade breakfast, we will receive a challenge from God's Word to strengthen us as fathers and sons. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us!

Encouraging National Pastors and Church Leaders

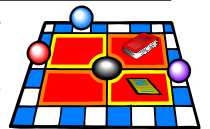
Through the Pastoral Enrichment Program (PeP) our missionaries, Larry and Sallie Fogle, seek to encourage and equip national pastors and church leaders that they might be more faithful and effective in the Lord's work. Pastor Lindholm will be traveling with Larry to India and Nepal on October 13-26 in order to team-teach on the topic of biblical stewardship. We will receive a love offering at Fellowship on June 6 and 13 to provide for Pastor's travel expenses. Our goal is \$3,000.00. Any additional funds received will be used to help with Larry's costs.

2010 Bible Memory Challenge

Our verse for June is James 1:22:
Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Game Night

A Fun with Fellowship game night will be held on Friday, June 11 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join us, and guests are welcome. Please bring a favorite game and a snack to share. Sandwiches will be provided.



See Ron or Sherry Wasserstein to volunteer to help with this event.

Money Matters

Rejoice in how the Lord continues to faithfully meet our needs through the sacrificial giving of His people!

May Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,133
Weekly Need	\$5,290
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$119,821
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$116,385
Year-to-Date Building Fund Giving	\$1,610

Calendar

June 6	Summer Family Worship Hour Begins (PM Service)
June 8	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
June 11	Fun with Fellowship Game Night (6:30 PM)
June 19	Men's Breakfast (8:00 AM)
June 26	Women's Miniature Golf & Lunch (10:00 AM)
June 29	Youth King's Dominion Trip