

Happy 50th Anniversary



Earl and JoAnn Griffith
February 3, 2010

We Love You,
Papa and Granny

From all your kids, grandkids and great-grandkids!

Focus on the Family with Dr. James Dobson

Marriages Experience Stale Periods; Must be Energized

Question: My wife and I love each other very much, but we're going through a time of apathy. We just don't feel close to each other. Is this normal, and is there a way to bring back the fire?

Dr. Dobson: This happens sooner or later in every marriage. A man and woman just seem to lose the wind in their romantic sails for a period of time.

Their plight reminds me of seamen back in the days of wooden vessels. Sailors in that era had much to fear, including pirates, storms and diseases. But their greatest fear was that the ship might encounter the Doldrums. The Doldrums was an area of the ocean near the equator characterized by calm and very light shifting winds. It could mean certain death for the entire crew. The ship's food and water supply would be exhausted as they drifted for days, or even weeks, waiting for a breeze to put them back on course.

Well, marriages that were once exciting and loving can also get caught in the romantic doldrums, causing a slow and painful death to the relationship. Author Doug Fields, in his book "Creative Romance," writes, "Dating and romancing your spouse can change those patterns, and it can be a lot of fun. There's no quick fix to a stagnant marriage, of course, but you can lay aside the excuses and begin to date your sweetheart."

In fact, you might want to try thinking like a teenager again. Let me explain.

Recall for a moment the craziness of your dating days — the coy attitudes, the flirting, the fantasies, the chasing after the prize. As we moved from courtship into marriage, most of us felt we should grow up and leave the game playing behind. But we may not have matured as much as we'd like to think.

In some ways, our romantic relationships will always bear some characteristics of adolescent sexuality. Adults still love the thrill of the chase, the lure of the unattainable, excitement of the new and boredom with the old. Immature impulses are controlled and minimized in a committed relationship, of course, but they never fully disappear.

This could help you keep vitality in your marriage. When things have grown stale between you and your spouse, maybe you should remember some old tricks. How about breakfast in bed? A kiss in the rain? Or rereading those old love letters together? A night in a nearby hotel? Roasting marshmallows by an open fire? A phone call in the middle of the day? A long-stem red rose and a love note? There are dozens of ways to fill the sails with wind once more.

If it all sounds a little immature to act like a teenager again, just keep this in mind: In the best



marriages, the chase is never really over.

Question: As a single mother, I'd like to leave my children with friends or relatives for a few days and get some time for myself, but I'm worried about how this might affect them. Will they feel deserted again?

Dr. Dobson: Not only is a brief time away from your children not likely to be hurtful — it will probably be healthy for them. One of the special risks faced by single parents is the possibility of a dependency relationship developing that will trap their children at an immature stage. This danger is increased when wounded people cling to each other exclusively for support in stressful times. Spending a reasonable amount of time apart can teach independence and give everyone a little relief from the routine. Therefore, if you have a clean, safe place to leave your children for a week or two, by all means, do it. You'll be more refreshed and better able to handle your usual "homework" when you return.

Minister's Message

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

By Rev. Linda O'Neal of Lexington and Blue United Methodist Churches

There's a song many Christians know called "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." I can remember singing it as a teenager to a guitar, standing in a circle and holding hands; swaying in unison as we sang. That song really touched my heart and taught me the most important thing about Christianity — love. Then I became an adult: I was less idealistic and had many more experiences with difficult people. The worst were the experiences with difficult people in the church. Hadn't they heard that song? Didn't they get it that we are supposed to love each other, if not everywhere, at least in the church!

One of the things my Old Testament professor spent a lot of time trying to teach us in seminary was something called the unilateral covenant God made with people after the flood. (Genesis 8:20-22; Genesis 9:8-17) A covenant is a binding agreement.

Normally it is two sided — one person promises to do this if the other person will do that; except a covenant is an agreement between God and humanity. The Ten Commandments are a bilateral covenant — people are supposed to follow the rules and then God will bless them and their generations after them. (Exodus 20) But the rainbow covenant is unilateral — God promises never to destroy humanity with a flood, no matter what. No matter how we behave, God will not send another flood.

And that is the hard part about "they'll know we are Christians by our love" — it is a unilateral love we are supposed to offer — no strings attached, no matter what. After all, that is how God loves us, no matter what. I always say that's why we need divine intervention; we cannot do it on our own. But when we do love one another, especially the most difficult among us (always with a lot of prayer and God's help!), when we manage to really love, then the gospel is proclaimed the most powerfully of all. They will know we are Christians by our love, and nothing else is as important.

The Lexington Ministerial Alliance is coordinating these Ministers Messages. Any pastor in the Alliance may submit an article. Please email your article to Rev. Linda O'Neal, the Alliance secretary at mchurch@reveillebroadband.com.



The Nominating Committee of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., pursuant to notice given in the December 2009 issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* magazine, met at the Headquarters Building at 650 Highway 21 East, Bastrop, Texas, on January 19, 2010, at 9 a.m. to interview prospective candidates for the Board of Directors. There are four vacancies to be filled.

After due consideration to all applications received and interviewing all qualified applicants, the Committee nominated the following persons for the office of Director: Ben Flencher, Burleson County; George Kehler, Lee County; Ken Mutscher, Washington County; Milton Shaw, Caldwell County; and Lyle Wolz, Burleson County.

Nominations by petition for the office of Director of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. must be filed in the office of the General Manager at Post Office Box 729, 650 Highway 21 East, Bastrop, Texas 78602, by 5 p.m. February 10, 2010, pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Cooperative.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

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| <p>ADINA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Tom Long, Minister
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>BEAUKISS UNITED METHODIST
Walt Silveria, Pastor
MORNING WORSHIP - 8:45 A.M.
LADIES BIBLE STUDY - MON. 1 P.M.</p> <p>BLUE UNITED METHODIST
Linda O'Neal, Pastor
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15 A.M.</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dime Box
Min. Lacey Washington
SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES - 10 A.M.
WORSHIP AT 11 A.M.
WED. BIBLE CLASSES - 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST - LEXINGTON
David Lillard, Minister
BIBLE CLASS - 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>CHRIST LUTHERAN
Loebau
Rev. Paul Hartfield, Pastor
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 8:15 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS - 8:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH OF LEE COUNTY
Sheriff Posse Arena - Giddings
Kevin Mahr, Pastor
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 A.M.
WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 7 P.M.</p> <p>DIME BOX BRETHREN CHURCH
FM 141
Rev. James Heckman, Pastor
SUNDAY SERVICE - 9AM</p> <p>EAGLE'S WING CHRISTIAN CENTER
IN LEXINGTON
David Harkreader, Pastor
SUN. WORSHIP - 10AM, 6PM</p> <p>FAITH LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
Pastor Jack Gilmore
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
YOUTH - 3:00 P.M.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Dime Box
Reuel Cooper, Interim Pastor
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 7 P.M.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lexington
Dr. Forrest Lowry, Pastor
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 5:30 P.M.</p> <p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) - Lexington
Greg Nichols, Minister
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Giddings
Rev. Christian Harrison
WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:45 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - 1ST WED, 6:30 P.M.</p> | <p>FOREST GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Brandon Navarre, Minister
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>GLORY TEMPLE CHURCH - Elgin
Dennis and Jan Luton, Pastors
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.
MONDAY PRAYER MEETING - 7 P.M.
WED. BIBLE STUDY AND YOUTH - 7 P.M.</p> <p>GOD'S HARVEST WORSHIP CENTER
Pastors Barry & Billy Brown
SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>GOODWILL BAPTIST
Dime Box
Pastor Richard Washington
EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP - 8:30 A.M.
WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Ramon Frayna
HIGHWAY 696 EAST, LEXINGTON
SUNDAY MASS - 10:00 A.M.
CFC CLASS, WED. - 5:30 P.M.</p> <p>KNOBBS SPRINGS BAPTIST
Lexington
Pastor Mark McBride
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rockdale
Rev. David E. Gonnella, Th.M., Pastor
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 11A.M.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH - 11A.M.</p> <p>LEXINGTON FAITH TEMPLE
Rev. Jim D. Moore
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.
YOUTH SERVICE - 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST
Linda O'Neal, Pastor
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>THE LIGHTHOUSE OF LEXINGTON
Mike & Jackie Pate, Pastors
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.
INTERNET MINISTRY
WWW.THE-LIGHTHOUSE.INFO</p> <p>MINISTERIO DE LA TIERRA PROMETIDA
Lex. Rd. and East 5th in Elgin
Pastor Paul Caden, Jr.
SUNDAY - 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY - 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>MT. NEBO AME
Moab Community
Pastor Diane Carmichael
EVERY 2ND SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00</p> <p>MORNING STAR BAPTIST
Dave Young, Pastor
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.
B.T.U. - 6:00 P.M.</p> | <p>MCDADE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Oscar Graves, Minister
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>NEWHOPE BAPTIST
Giddings
Bonzel Jones, Pastor
EVERY 4TH SUNDAY - 11.00 A.M.</p> <p>NEWTTESTAMENT HOLINESS
Dime Box
Sis. Annie O'Lephant, Pastor
SAT. SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.
SAT NIGHT - 7:30 P.M.
CHURCH & PRAYER SERVICES-TUESDAY</p> <p>PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>PLEASANT RETREAT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor David Persons
5 mi. south of Thorndale
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>RISING STAR BAPTIST
Dime Box
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 11 A.M.
BTU - 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MTG -7 P.M.</p> <p>ST. JAMES LUTHERAN
Lexington
Rev. Leif Hasskarl
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.
ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
Dime Box
Rev. Ed Truelson
WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.
STUDY HOUR - 10:15 A.M.
HOLY COMMUNION 1ST & 3RD SUN.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
Lincoln
Dale Bohm, Pastor
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 8:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.</p> <p>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
Dime Box
Father Ramon Frayna
SATURDAY MASS - 6 P.M.
SUNDAY - 8 A.M.</p> <p>ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL
Rockdale
Anne Matthews, Priest
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
HOLY COMMUNION - 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN - FEDOR
Rev. Leif Hasskarl
SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 8:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 8:30 A.M.</p> <p>TANGLEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor David Atwood
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 P.M.</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN
Dime Box
SERVICE 9:00 A.M. • SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> |
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Lee County Ace Hardware Bridal Registry

Here is a list of our Brides and Grooms

- Tara Wheeler & Derek Medack - March 6, 2010
- Carla Williamson & Steve Arldt - March 20, 2010
- April Lancaster & Adam Mayer - April 10, 2010
- Mary Basquez & Dexter Wilson - April 17, 2010
- Cheri Garner & Steve Soloman - May 8, 2010
- Cambri Davis & Joseph Brade - June 12, 2010
- Alexandrea Johanson & Ian Janda - July 3, 2010

Featured Lines

- OXO • Nordic Ware
- Chef'n • Lodge
- Riedel • Henckels
- The Alligator • Wilton
- Built • Fresh Wave
- Zyliss • Oggi
- Collegiate • Doughmakers
- Olde Thompson
- Silicone Zone • Microplane
- Cork Pops • Presvino
- Orange TKO & Burts Bees

We offer a wide selection of wonderful gifts. To be included in our Bridal Registry, simply call us at 979-542-2413 or come by our store today! PLUS we offer Free Gift Wrapping.*

*Some restrictions may apply.

Lee County Ace Hardware



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Saturday close at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday open 11:00-4:00

