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**Family Matters**

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- Todd Newman
- Kenny Simmons
- Scott Spraggs

**Lessons for Today**

**AM: Steve Simmons**  
*"The Qualifications and Character Traits for Elders"*  
 1 Timothy 3:1-7

**PM: Brian Mitchell**  
*"My Body"*  
 1 Corinthians 6:12-17

**My Body**

A young lady, a senior in High School, once shared the following statement with her Sunday morning Bible class. "When we date, we start giving each other gifts, like candy and flowers. When a couple gets engaged, they give more special things—like a diamond and other personal things. However, the most personal gift I can ever give is myself. When I marry I want to give my husband the best that I have—I want to give him myself, my whole self as completely as I can."

If only there were more young people like this young woman in the world today. When it came to keeping herself pure until marriage, this young woman had it right. This does not mean that everyone would agree with her sentiment. When it comes to sexual beliefs and practices in our society, it is amazing how far removed from biblical reality many of them are. What is especially alarming is the continued decrease in the age of those who are sexually active.

Five years ago, the American Journal of Sociology, published the results of a study conducted among 832 High School students. 573 of those students confessed to having at least one sexual encounter in the last year. There were 288 students involved in a network of encounters among one another. 31% of girls had gotten pregnant at least once before turning 20.

According to a CDC report from 2005 nearly 10% of high school students surveyed admitted to having a sexual relationship before the age of 13. There are a reported 19 million new cases of STDS reported each year and half of those occur in individuals age 15-24. What is truly sad is the fact that 40% of those surveyed believed that the pill protected them from such diseases.

If you are a parent or grandparent, I hope these numbers scare you, and they should. I know that this kind of subject is not very popular among us. But although this might be an uncomfortable subject, the statistics don't lie. The truth is the truth and thus we must talk about sex and other uncomfortable subjects if we are to honor God.

Are there any here struggling with sexual temptations? I don't know of any for certain but the statistics tell me I would be foolish to believe otherwise. And even if none here are struggling with this, as the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Thus, we need to talk about such issues before they become issues rather than after they do. We can do something about a problem before it happens, we can just pick up the pieces after it does. Which sounds better to you?

**Brian Mitchell**

**Worship Times**

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am  
 AM Worship: 10:00 am  
 PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

**For the Record**

Sunday Class: 80  
 Sunday AM: 130  
 Sunday PM: 64  
 Wednesday PM: 62  
 Contribution: \$4550  
 Budget: \$4831

**Weekly Wisdom**

How great is Your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have bestowed before the sons of men on those who take refuge in You!

**Psalms 31:19**

**Celebrating This Week...**

Birthdays

Linda Essner: 05.23  
 Wally Eck: 05.27  
 Lizzie Mitchell: 05.27

Anniversaries

Jim & Kathy Green: 05.25  
 Dale & Lesa Gilliland: 05.26

## Serving This Week

**Announcements:** Phil Singleton

### SUNDAY

**Greeters:** Randy & Emma Seabaugh

**Ushers:** Troy Bryan/Randy Seabaugh

**A/V:** Scott Spraggs

**Nursery:** Emma Seabaugh

**Lead Singing:** Todd Newman

**Head Lord's Table:** Steve Simmons

**Scripture:** Seth Spraggs

**Prayers:**

**AM:** Phil Swiney/Kelly Garland

**PM:** Dan Silvers/Bill Welshans

### WEDNESDAY

**Lead Singing:** Seth Spraggs

**Devo:** Phil Singleton

**Prayer:** Scott Watson

**Elder Chair:** David Selvig

**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Scott Spraggs

**Worship Organizer:** Nate Crowden

## Remember in Prayer

- **Iverne Glass** was admitted to Southeast Hospital on Wednesday evening and a blockage was discovered. She was treated and expected to return home in 2-3 days.
- **Tim Corzine**, Steve's son, fell from a cliff while climbing on Monday and was flown to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana for treatment. He sustained a broken back and several other injuries. He had surgery on the broken back and remains in ICU, but is making improvements and they are hopeful that he will move to a regular room in the next day or two. His address is posted on the family board.
- Kathy Green's niece, **Sandra Shell** had surgery to remove a brain tumor, but learned of several other issues she is facing.
- Please keep Barbara Brown and her family in your prayers as her oldest sister, **Mary Jo Parker** was recently diagnosed with cancer. She is not expected to live more than about a month. Her address is posted on the family board.
- **Melissa Brown** is continuing to heal well from her recent surgery, but has not been released to drive yet and will have to continue wearing the c-collar for about 3 more weeks.
- **Darlene Bartolo** had a nerve conduction test on Monday to help in determining treatment for her arm.p

## Chronological Bible Reading

**May 21:** 2 Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57

**May 22:** Psalms 95, 97-99

**May 23:** 2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21-22, Psalm 30

**May 24:** Psalms 108-110

**May 25:** 1 Chronicles 23-25

**May 26:** Psalms 131, 138-139, 143-145

**May 27:** 1 Chronicles 26-29, Psalm 127

## Updates...

- We will be updating and restarting our "Continuing Prayer Needs" list at the beginning of June. Please contact the office if you have someone listed that can be removed or if they should remain listed. Thank you for helping keep this info up to date.

## News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Ketchup**
- Postcards are available to share and promote our upcoming **Wednesday Summer Series**. Please pick up a bundle today and invite a friend! You may mail the postcards yourself, or drop them back in the office and we'll stamp and mail them for you.

## Youth News...

- We are excited to have **Christopher Newman** home and working as our **Youth Intern** this summer! Be sure to support and encourage him in this work!

## Elder/Deacon Selection

- We continue the process of selecting additional elders and deacons this week as Steve Simmons presents a lesson on the qualifications and character traits of elders. Names of willing men who meet these qualifications (for elders and deacons) may be submitted to any current deacon now through **Sunday, June 4**.



## Celebrate With Our Grads...



- **May 21:** **Emily Newman** lunch at Newmans' home; 12-2pm **\*PLEASE RSVP to Jenny for planning\***
- **May 28:** **Hannah Mitchell** party at Cape Co. Park North #4; 1-3pm
- **May 29:** **Katelyn Dowdy** party at Cape Co. Park South #22; 1-4pm

## Continuing Prayer Needs

**\*\*Contact the office with updates\*\***

Allen family	Sonny Huskey
Ginger Avery	Francis Ivanovich
Esther Beck	Diana Ivanovich
Shannon Birk	Betty Jones
Mark Blaylock	Scott Lanpher
Dalton Bryan	Carolyn Neese
Reita Conley	Wanda Raper
Bill Dillman	Susan Seabaugh
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Steve Simmons
Jalonda Harris	Don Tawney
Allen & Juanita Hedge	Chris Weaver

HOW GREAT IS THE GOODNESS YOU HAVE STORED UP FOR THOSE WHO FEAR YOU. YOU LAVISH IT ON THOSE WHO COME TO YOU FOR PROTECTION, BLESSING THEM BEFORE THE WATCHING WORLD.

PSALM 31:19 NLT