

A Switch in Time On My behind

By Dr. James L. Snyder

When growing up, spankings were normal. And, for someone like me, those spankings were quite regular. Today my father would be arrested for all the spankings he gave me while I was growing up. At that time, something was wrong if you didn't get a spanking.

When I was in the fifth grade, my school-teacher happened to have been my father's schoolteacher. I'm afraid she wouldn't pass today because she also believed in spankings, as did our elementary school principal.

Home rule was simple; if I get a spanking at school, I get a spanking at home. That's just how it was, and I had to learn to live with it.

After a spanking at school, my father was informed about my spanking. When I got home, he was standing there, ready for me to come in, and escorted me to my bedroom,

where he honored me with another spanking. He didn't know what I got spanked for, and it didn't matter to him. The spanking at school meant a spanking at home. That was the rule.

During that time, I did not have an advocate in the situation of home spankings, that is, until one day.

Growing up, I loved hunting, and usually, it would be for rabbits. That was the vogue in those days.

Because I loved hunting rabbits, I needed a dog. So I got a beagle and trained him to hunt rabbits with me. So we made a good team. We spent a lot of time together, so there was that deep bond between a young boy and his dog, almost like "Old Yeller."

I was outside near my dog pen and saw my father come toward me angrily waving his belt. I knew exactly what was in store for me, and there was no

place to run.

No way was I prepared for what was going to happen next.

As my father came closer, I could hear him yelling, and he was waving his belt in the air, and it would not be too long to get to me.

Before I could process it, I heard Sparky yell and lunge forward, and then I heard the chain break, and he was on his way to my father. I'm sure he wasn't going to my father to give him a good friendly hug.

My dilemma at the time was, do I laugh or cry? Nobody ever stood up for me through all my spanking sessions.

My father finally got into the garage and shut the door. Sparky turned around and came racing toward me. He wiggled and waggled when he got there and wanted me to pet him, which I did most graciously.

My father's favorite Bible verse, and he quoted it repeatedly in my presence, was, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24).

I must say that he was very faithful to this verse of Scripture.

As a father, I was more into this verse, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

I have tried to combine these two verses throughout my life. Each situation demands a lot of thought, and I've tried to give my thoughts a lot of room.

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Community Calendar

Al-Anon
("A mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking")
Monday nights 6:00 PM, Russell Springs United Methodist Church, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Men
Monday nights at SPARC at 6:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Women
Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY

Celebrate Recovery
Thursday nights at 6:00 PM, Russell Springs United Methodist Church, Russell Springs, KY

God's Food Pantry is updating its files.
During the month of April a photo ID and a bill with a current address will be needed to pick up a box of food. Also, beginning in April, days of operation will include Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon until 4 PM.

Singing
The Southern Heirs Quartet will be singing on Sunday, April the 10th at 6:00PM CT at Faith Temple Church located on West Hwy 80 in Russell Springs. Pastor Gene Sneed and congregation welcomes everyone.

Revival
Coffey Grove Separate Baptist Church will be having a revival Sunday, April 10, at 6:30 PM. Evangelist Dustin McGowan will be leading the service. Pastor, Eric Antle and congregation would like to invite everyone to attend. The church is located off of Highway 379 on Blankenship Road.

Russell County Church Directory

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

3trees Church
270-866-8811
270-250-7904
Russell Springs Location
3515 KY- West 80

Campbellsville Location
1 Living Grace Drive
(First Wednesday of each month)

Battlefield Baptist Church
954 W. Steve Wariner Dr.
Russell Springs

Beckham Ridge Separate Baptist
Hwy 1729

Bernard Ridge Church of God
241 Stephens Ridge Rd.
Russell Springs

Bethel United Baptist Church
Decatur Road, Dunnville

Bethel United Methodist Church
Bethel Church Road
Jamestown

Bethesda Community Fellowship
3109 S. Hwy 127
Russell Springs

Bethlehem Separate Baptist Church
West Hwy 80
Russell Springs

Cedar Springs United Baptist

Clearfork Baptist Church
760 Clearfork Rd. Eli, KY
(270) 866-7683

Clear Springs Missionary Baptist Church
Est Hwy 619, Bernard Ridge,
Russell Springs

Coffey's Chapel United Methodist Church
Eli, KY

Coffey's Friendship Separate Baptist
Off S. Hwy 55 (1/2 mile on Coffey's Schoolhouse Rd)

Coffey Grove Separate Baptist Church
1330 Blankenship Road
Jamestown

Concord Wesleyan Church
6033 S Highway 1680
Jamestown

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Creelsboro Christian Church
4286 S. HWY 379
Jamestown

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1673 N. Main St. Jamestown

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627 E. Cumberland Ave.
Jamestown
Bus Ministry Available:
(270) 343-3738

Fairview Baptist Church
E. Hwy. 80

Fairview Separate Baptist Church
4313 N Hwy. 55
Jamestown
Bro. Doug Baldwin, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Russell Springs
392 E. Hwy 80,
Russell Springs
Sunday

Faith Temple Full Gospel Church
West Hwy 80 (Royville)

First Apostolic Church
3563 E. Hwy 80
Russell Springs

First United Methodist Church of Jamestown
157 N. Main Street
Jamestown
Phone: (270)-343-4187

Freedom Christian Church
Sun. School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45
Wed. Service 6:30 pm
Garrett Crawford, Pastor
Avery Gengelbach, Youth Minister

Friendship Baptist
E. Hwy 80

French Valley United Methodist Church
2272 Hwy 379
Russell Springs

Good Tidings Baptist
W. Hwy 76 – Russell/Adair line

Grace Family Fellowship
170 Stephens Ridge Rd.
Russell Springs

Grace Independent Baptist
Dowell Road
Russell Springs
Phone: (270)-866-2554

Greater Hope Christian Fellowship
N. Hwy 127 Russell Springs

Grider's Chapel United Methodist Church
3913 Highway 1058
Jamestown

Hayes Chapel Church
1353 W. Hwy 619
Russell Springs

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
406 N. Main Street
Jamestown

Jamestown Christian Church
65 S. Main St., Jamestown

Jamestown Church of the Nazarene
132 S. Main St., Jamestown

Jamestown Community Church
312 Monument Square
Jamestown

Jamestown First Baptist Church
165 W. Cumberland Ave.
Jamestown

Jamestown Seventh-Day Adventist Church
100 Freedom Church Road
– Junc. 55 & 127 Jamestown
Phone: (270) 507-9434

Liberty Baptist Church
Wilson Street,
Russell Springs

Main Street Church of God

Manntown United Methodist

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Damron Creek Road
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Mt Eden United Baptist Church
Mt. Eden Road

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Jamestown

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Phone: (270) 585-9299

Mt. Pleasant UMC
3944 W Hwy 92
Russell Springs
Phone: (270) 343-2100

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
S. Hwy 619, Jamestown

New Victory Baptist Church
460 Arles Hale Rd.
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Oak Grove Separate Baptist Church
Blair School House Road

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W. Hwy 92
Russell Springs

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Hwy. 1611

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Pine Top Rd. Russell Springs

Poplar Grove Baptist Church
North 127

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
250 French Valley Court
Russell Springs
Phone: (270) 866-4656

Rockhouse Christian Church

Royville Friendship Church
West Hwy 80
Russell Springs

Russell Springs Christian Church
Main & College St.
Russell Springs

Russell Springs Church of the Nazarene
1442 W. Steve Wariner Dr.

Russell Springs Lighthouse Church
86 Owenstown
Schoolhouse Rd.
Russell Springs

Russell Springs United Baptist Church
Junction 80&127

Russell Springs United Methodist
226 Jamestown St.
Russell Springs
Phone: (270) 866-5180

Sano Baptist Church
3005 Hwy 1729
Russell Springs
Phone: (270) 343-4378

Sewellton Church of God of Prophecy
253 Ballinger Road
Jamestown

Solid Rock Church
189 West Drive
Russell Springs
Phone: (270) 866-4097

Springs of Free Life Church
635 Main St.
Russell Springs
Phone: (270)-866-8748

The Church of God
P.O. Box 2121 – Hwy 1729
Russell Springs

Union Baptist Church
3525 Gosser Ridge Road

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Pastor: Dennis Kiser
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999 Hwy 1058
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Middletown, Hwy 127

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Russell Springs

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