



Guard Your *lev*

Such a simple word. *Lev.* No, not *Lev.* as short for Leviticus. Just *lev.* Every beginning Hebrew student learns it in the first few weeks of class. "Above all else," says Proverbs 4:23, "guard your *lev* (your heart, says the English translation), for it is the wellspring of life."

But, well, first year students, it's not quite that easy. *Lev* does mean "heart," but it also means "mind" and "will." All three will be on the test.

"Excuse me, professor, but that can't be. Everybody knows the heart is one thing, the mind is something else—very different from the heart—and the will is something altogether different. You mean I have to give all three on the test?" Yep, that's right.

You see, first-year Hebrew student with a Graeco-Roman background, you're confused. From the very beginning—we're talking Adam, Abraham, and Moses—the way God intended us to look at ourselves is wholistically. Not as separate (and often warring) parts, as you have been led to believe. It's a sign of later Greek influence that the human personality is seen as a twisted mass of conflicting impulses, with the heart going one direction, the mind—the intellectual—perhaps going another direction, and the will—as in willpower—a helpless victim of forces that may have gone back to our mothers who loved our older brothers best.

The Hebrew way of thinking takes away my excuses by reminding me that I'm just me. There's one of me, a totality, made up of heart, mind, and will. The *lev*, according to the Hebrew dictionary is "the home of the personal life," "the seat of the conscience," which sometimes could even be translated as "soul." Whether I'm making good decisions or evil, it's still just me.

Understanding *lev* saves us a lot of work. It may have been fun playing psychotherapist with ourselves, hiding behind the excuses that the various pieces of our personality are warring hopelessly. But in the end, it's all futile. The Hebrews were on to something. We're to guard the heart/mind/will, they said, because it (not "they") is the wellspring of life.

G. Crowe

A Secret Made to Tell

People share secrets with each other all the time. There is one secret, of course, that is too good to keep hidden – the healing power of Christ.

There is much evidence to this in Scripture. On many occasions, Jesus healed someone and then told them not to tell anyone what had happened. Jesus spoke and people were healed; he touched and people were cured; he forgave and men could walk. And many times he told them not to tell anyone..... "shhh, it's a secret." Jesus did this, of course, because He had much more to do, much more to teach, and more people to liberate, and he did not want this secret to speed up his walk to the cross. Nevertheless, these secrets were not kept. Scripture says that these people, once healed, went proclaiming the name of Jesus and telling everyone what had happened. The secret was just too good to keep hidden!

What of the news of Christ's power to heal us, his body, of the disease of sin? What of his power to touch and bring healing into the lives of every person that has ever walked the earth? That is a secret worth sharing! We, as His body, should be throwing all caution to the wind, dropping every pretense, charging every obstacle, and using every resource to make this message (what is still a secret to many in this world) known! This is a secret that is made to tell!

~Dan

Attention parents of children ages cradle through high school

It's an exciting new school year and we are blessed with wonderful Bible class teachers who are eager to involve your children in the most important classroom subject of all! September 3rd will be the first Sunday of the fall quarter and it will also be the day when some of the children will be moving up to the next grade level in their Bible classes. On that day, teachers will be available in and around the classrooms if you need help finding your child's class. The names of the students will also be posted next to their assigned classroom doors. In addition, **Preschool Worship Church** (for grades 1-5) will be held during the second worship hour. Mark your calendar!
-Joe Ruhl



Pray that God would show each of us open doors to communicate our faith.

Ronda Tidrick's surgery on Monday went well. She will be home soon and appreciates everyone's prayers....**Patty Vice** thanks everyone for their prayers. She had good news at Mayo Clinic and is off nearly all medicines now!....**Connie Nicholson** has a growth on her thyroid. More tests were done Monday....**Brooke Baumis**, frequent visitor and friend of Philip Devine, has been restricted from all sports because of possible heart problems. She hopes to have test results soon.... Continue praying for **Janet Nelson**, **Ella McBride** (*Dorothy Walters one-year-old great-granddaughter*), **Rose Hunt**, **Nathan Weir** (*Riley Children's Hospital*), **Mary Burns**, **Lynn Robinson** (*treatment for colon cancer*), **Linda** (*Newberry*) **Smith** (*improved and now at Community Hospital*), **Helen Clements** (*Heritage Healthcare*), **Kaden Koebcke**, **Noah Powlan**, **Phyllis Gray**, **Mark Eddy**, **Marie DeWoody**, **Delpha Allen**, **Anna Dale**, **Elizabeth Tinkle & Carrie High** (*Regency Place*), **Irene Fox** (*George Davis Manor Nursing Home*), and in *Rosewalk Village*: **Ruth Marks**, **Minnie Scott**, & **Burnell Gulden**.

Serving in Iraq: **Jon Kiefner**, **Loren Sniffen**, and **Brad King**. Serving in South Korea: **Amanda Martin**.

Finance Information

The Elders have approved the 2006-2007 budget of \$494,304. This is a 5.5% increase over last year. Details on last year's actual revenue and expenses are available in the Farris foyer. See Bill Hodges if you have questions on the financial information.

Paint Crew Needed

Volunteers are needed to help paint the exterior of Andrea Browell's house (at 35 McIntosh Ct., Lafayette). Plans are to meet Saturday, September 16, about 8:00 AM. Men and women needed to help. Contact Kevin Walters (474-3110) if you can assist with this project.



The food pantry is in need of **personal items such as: toothpaste & tooth brushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, and disposable razors.** All your donations are greatly appreciated.
-John Stafford

LUM Meal Providers

Serving dinner at Lafayette Urban Ministry next Monday night will be: **Yssa DeWoody**, **Alison Ruhl & Will Wade**, and **Marilyn Walters**.



Our sympathies to **Mandy Anderson** on the unexpected death of her uncle, **Alberic Cirotta**, of Pennsylvania. Mandy was in Pennsylvania for the funeral on Monday.

August 20, 2006
Class: 202 Worship: 248
Contribution: \$6,378
Budget: \$8,100



You can stay in touch with our recent High School Graduates at the following addresses:

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We Need Teachers!

The fall quarter is just around the corner! We are in need of a **kindergarten teacher**, and a helper for the **1st-2nd grade class** on Sunday morning. If you can help, contact Lee Porter at 463-6993 or the church office at 447-2874. Thanks. -Lee

Teachers' Meeting August 27, 4:30 PM

There will be a teachers' meeting for those teaching nursery through high school this **Sunday, August 27, at 4:30 PM**, in the teachers' workroom. Questions? Call Joe Ruhl at 463-7012.

Baby Gifts for Koebckes

Money and gifts will be collected for **Kaden Koebcke** and given to Cami and Travis. Gift suggestions: 6-9 month clothes that **open up in the front** and money for a stroller (large group gift). Please give money or gifts to Becky Pitt and/or Christi Branstetter by September 4. If you have any questions, call Christi at 423-5650 or Becky at 471-9155.

Senior Servants meet August 30

Senior Servants will meet for lunch on **Wednesday, August 30, at 11:30 AM**, at Old Country Restaurant (at the bottom of the hill at Teal Rd. & 231). The next regular meeting at the church will be September 6.



August 23, 7 PM...Bible classes for all

August 27, 6 PM...Six-Way Happening

August 30, 11:30 AM...Senior Servants' lunch at Old Country Restaurant

Sept. 10, noon...All-church picnic at Columbian Park

Sept. 17, noon...Pot-luck Dinner for new & returning Purdue students and their adoptive parents

Sept. 17, evening...LIFE Groups resume!

October 13-15...Men's retreat-**Patrick Mead** the featured speaker

October 15, AM services...**Patrick Mead** to speak

CSC August Events....

August 24...Thirsty Thursday-Movie Night

August 25...Back to School Kickoff Cookout

August 26...Prayer Breakfast and Service Project

Read:
 Esther 4-10; Job 1-12;
 2 Timothy 1-4;
 Psalm 119:9-64

2006 Spiritual Adventure

Week 36: Sept. 3-9

As I read Psalm 119:9-64, my first reaction was, "Wow! David is really proud of himself, isn't he? I sure could never say to God that I seek Him with all of my heart or that I follow all of His decrees! How arrogant David is!" As I looked closer, however, I noticed verse 10 where David begs, "Do not let me stray from Your commands," and verse 29 which asks God to "Keep me from deceitful ways." Now that sounds a lot more like me!

This makes me think of my favorite part of the hymn "O Sacred Head." The last verse asks God, "O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee." I love the idea of being able to ask God to help me remain faithful, keep His commands, and stay away from deceitful things.

Verses 36 and 37 remind me of myself, too. "Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things." I certainly need God's help with that! How comforting it is that a man after God's own heart would need God's help to obey! And isn't it wonderful that we have a God who doesn't expect us to be able to do these things on our own?

-Gina Boyd

 Weekly Schedule	 Elders	 World Missions	
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Matthews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653	Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99556 Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000 City of Children Ensenada, Mexico Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774	
Elmwood Nursery School & Pre-K Preschool: Tues-Thurs 9-11:30 am Pre-K: Mon-Thurs 9-11:30 am Director, Susan McClain 447-2874	<th> Staff</th> <td></td>	 Staff	
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