

“The Fridge’ Gets New Teeth”

All of us tend to avoid pain. Sometimes, though, avoiding pain can lead to much greater suffering.

Consider the story of William "the Refrigerator" Perry. Perry was a colorful defensive lineman for the Chicago Bears when they won the Super Bowl back in 1985. His nickname fit him well, because he was big and wide. Perry was also a friendly man with a wide grin.

Unfortunately for his grin, though he was a mammoth man playing in the tough world of the football trenches, he apparently was afraid of the dentist, just like most of us. He was so afraid that he didn't go to the dentist for 20 years! He didn't go to the dentist even though his teeth and gums hurt terribly, even though his teeth began falling out. Eventually he had lost half of his teeth—some he pulled out himself!—and his gums suffered chronic infection. He was suffering!

Finally, as he neared age 45, he went to a dentist. The dentist had to pull out all of his remaining teeth. He had to insert screws in Perry's jaw and implant new teeth—all of which would have cost Perry \$60,000 except the dentist donated the procedure (apparently for the free publicity).

Now there's a story every mother will tell her son when she tells him he has to go to the dentist or brush his teeth. But this is also a story for all who avoid emotional and spiritual pain of any sort, for the body teaches you things about your soul. There are lots of things that can cause pain to the soul but actually bring health, things like asking for help, hard work, repentance, looking honestly into our own souls, going to church, dealing with our problems, humbling ourselves, reading the Bible and listening to sermons, facing the truth. This list goes on. It takes courage to face pain. But as William Perry said of his new teeth, "It's unbelievable. And I love them....I got tired of my mouth hurting all the time."

Written by Craig Brian Larson, editor of PreachingToday.com; source: "A Story with some teeth: Fridge gets a new smile," Chicago Tribune (12-20-07) section 4, p. 2

Next Week's Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Mon., 1/28	Acts 4	Genesis 39-40 Psalm 39-40
Tues., 1/29	Acts 5	Genesis 41-42 Psalm 41-42
Wed., 1/30	Acts 6	Genesis 43-44 Psalm 43-44
Thurs., 1/31	Acts 7	Genesis 45-46 Psalm 45-46
Fri., 2/1	Acts 8	Genesis 47-48 Psalm 47-48
Sat., 2/2	Reflection*	Reflection
Sun. 2/3	Reflection	Reflection

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

Sex Ed 101 **FREE SEMINAR**
What Every Parent Needs to Know
 with Dr. Beth Robinson

Do you get a little jittery when it comes to talking to your kids about the birds and the bees?

Thursday, February 21, 2008
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 at Preston Road Church of Christ
 6409 Preston Road Dallas, TX 75205
 PARENTS AND MINISTRY STAFF WELCOME
 Reservations requested • RSVP by Monday, February 18
 214-526-7221 or to shanna@prestonroad.org
 Childcare will NOT be provided

sponsored by PRCC and the Children's Ministry Network of Dallas-Ft. Worth

If you are interested in attending the seminar see **Beverly Ritz** to RSVP.

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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am
 Worship service.....10:30 am



January 27, 2008

Order of Worship

Song Medley

Welcome & Call to Worship

Scripture Reading

Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Song: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Song: *We Will Worship the Lamb of Glory*

Song: *Great Are You Lord*

Song: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Song: *Listen to Our Hearts*

“Face-to-Face with God”***

Offering

(Children's Offering* and kids dismissed to Children's Worship**)

Song: *Rock of Ages*

Message: “Do the Gospel”

Lord's Supper

Song: *In Christ Alone*

Song: *The Wonderful Cross*

Family News

Scripture Reading

Song: *The Greatest Commands*

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children's Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children's Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 4th grade. Children are dismissed to Children's Worship following the Children's offering.

***What is “Face to Face with God”?

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeterium where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and in confidentiality concerning your prayer request, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

North Pointe News

It's A Girl

Congratulations to **Doug** and **Deanna Priebe** on the birth of their first granddaughter! **Kaylee Rose McCutcheon** was born, January 19, 2008 at 6:30 a.m. in Hawaii. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 18.5 inches long. Proud mom, **Rebekah** is doing fine. Proud dad, **Michael**, is expected home from Iraq soon.

This Week

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday, January 30

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Linda Knox**

235 Green Acres, Murphy
972-509-7586

Ladies Pray & Play Group

Friday, February 1

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Home of **Carla Blanck**

7215 Creekstone Dr., Sachse

We will pray while the kids play. Feel free to bring a lunch. All ladies are invited.

Future Events

Youth Valentine Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 9

Buckingham Road
Church of Christ, Garland

Men's Retreat

Friday, February 22 – Saturday, February 23

Lake Lavon Baptist Encampment

All Church Easter Picnic

Sunday, March 16

5:30 p.m.

Breckinridge Park, Richardson

“... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ...”
Philippians 2:15



Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Sunday, January 27

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Eddie** and **Jill Traugher**

This Week

Leadership Training for Christ

Elementary Drama Practice

Wednesday, January 30

7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

At the home of **Mackenzie Wyatt**

Future Events

Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 16

Breckinridge Park, Richardson

Leadership Training for Christ

Friday, March 21 – Saturday, March 22

Registration fee of \$30 per student is due February 3.

Mother/Daughter Spring Fling

Friday, April 11

Mother/Son Miniature Golf Night

Friday, April 25

Rocket Blast

Friday, May 16

Kid's Kamp (Vacation Bible School Week)

June 9, 10, 11

Camp Impact

Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26

For those entering fourth through sixth grades in the fall of 2008

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Sunday, January 27

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Eddie** and **Jill Traugher**

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse

LTC Drama Practice

Sunday, January 27

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For middle school and high school

Home of **Keith** and **Geri Wyatt**

5606 Lena Judd, Sachse

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, January 30

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike** and **Frances Campbell**

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Future Events

Youth Valentine Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 9

Wilderness Trek

Saturday, July 19 – Saturday, July 26

First \$100 deposit due February 3rd.

Please see **Matt** for details.

Record for Sunday, January 20, 2007

Worship Attendance: 149

General Offering: \$4,032.00

Children's Offering: \$25.56

Land and Building Fund: \$620.00