PEDIATRIC POINTERS

According to Scripture

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In past issues we have had the chance to discuss different types of childhood rashes. Some of these included atopic dermatitis (eczema). chicken pox and roseola. This week I thought it would be good to discuss another common rash called

Impetigo is the most common skin infection in children. It is a contagious infection of the top layers of the skin that begins as a blister or pus bump and then drains and scabs over. There are two classic forms of impetigo: the bullous (blistering) and nonbullous forms.

Bullous impetigo is the least com-mon form of the two. It is caused by a Staph germ and is characterized by the presence of blisters. The blisters are soft and transparent and usually rupture in 1-2 days, leaving scant crusty scabs. This rash usually appears on the face, buttocks and chest.

The nonbullous impetigo rash usually starts as a red bump in a traumatized area (scratch, insect bite, etc.) The bump rapidly turns into a thick crusted, honey-colored scab. This form of impetigo is found mostly in exposed areas such as the face and extremities A type of Strept germ (like the one in Strept throat) is the

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Last week we saw that the New Testament and even Jesus said that

the life of the individual is more im-

portant than an profession of faith. I'd

like to illustrate this further by a par-

able that Jesus told himself. In this

parable He speaks precisely about

this issue of being in a continuing relationship with Him, nor merely

saying a few words, then living how-

and my father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me that beareth not

fruit he taketh away' and every branch

that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it

may bring forth more fruit. Now ye

are clean through the word which I

have spoken unto you. Abide in me,

and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in

the vine; no more can ye, except ye

abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the

branches: He that abideth not in, he is

cast forth as a branch, and is withered;

and men gather them, and cast them

the word "abide:" endure, suffer, tol-

erate, remain, wait. These words do

not indicate a change that is an ongo-

ing abiding in Christ that will make the true follower of Jesus have the

proofs of discipleship. One of which is found in John 15. Also we see verse

10. We can see that if we abide in Jesus' love, then we will be faithful to

keep His 10 commandments. If one

wants to bad enough, it is possible to

externally keep the commandments.

At least for a while. Jesus also said in

Matthew 5:28 that to look on a woman

with lust is also breaking the law. The

Jews in Jesus day felt pretty good

about themselves with their external

keeping of the law. But Jesus raised

the stakes to include internal thoughts

with which the Jews fell short. It is

clear that sin begins in the mind,

(James 1:12-15), But through reli-

ance on the power of the Holy Spirit

(see II Peter 1:4) we can overcome even the temptations that being in the

mind. II. Corinthians 10:5 Not through

I'd like to give some definitions of

into the fire, and they are burned."

John 15:1-6 "I am the true vine,

ever one wishes.

cause of nonbullous impetigo.

Since impetigo lesions are seldom ainful, the diagnosis may be delayed for days or weeks. Fever is usually absent. Without treatment. impetigo tends to remain stable or become slowly progressive over several weeks, and in most cases it will spontaneously heal. Occasionally, the sores may become chronic with skin ulcer formation. Only rarely will impetigo lead to other complications such as cellulitis or kidney disease.

The treatment of impetigo depends to some degree on how many sores are present. If the lesions are not widespread, your doctor may prescribe a topical antibiotic ointment to go directly on the rash. For more widespread impetigo, an oral antibiotic. such as Keffex or Erythromycin. may be prescribed. The rash should resolve within 7 days after starting treatment. I usually tell parents to use warm, soapy water to clean the infected skin. Remember. these sores are contagious, so until they dry up with treatment, the patient should be careful around other kids and adults

Well, that's enough on impetigo. Take care, and we'll talk again next

is just part of the external fruit, an-

other sure result is that we will show

the fruits of the Spirit in our lives.

(See Galatians 5:22-25). Now we want

to look at something that to me is very

definitive about the condition of eter-

nal life. There is a Book of Life first

mentioned in Philippians 4:3. How

important is this Book of Life? In

Revelation 20:12 we see that we are

judged by what is written in the Book

of Life and in verse 15 it says that who

ever is not written in the Book of Life

is cast into hell. Furthermore, Revela-

tion 21:27 we find out that if we are

not written in the Book of Life we will

not be going to heaven. Once one is

written into the Book of Life is it

possible to have your name removed

or blotted out? The best answer is not

my human words but the words of

shall take away from the words of the

book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part our of the book of life,

and out of the holy city, and from the

things which are written in this book."

So, God can take out our name. And again Rev. 3:5 "He that overcometh,

the same shall be clothed in white

raiment; and I will not blot out his

name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my father

and before his angels." We see that

our name can be taken out if we do not

overcome. What do we need to over-

come? Sin! Transgression of the law

10:28-29? Very simply, God does

not allow external forces to come

between or separate us from Him.

However, this does not take away our

freedom of choice! Even though no

one or nothing is able to take us out of

God's hand, we still have the power of

choice that allows us to walk (even though foolishly) out of His hand

(protection). Notice that in II Peter

1:10 "Wherefore the rather, breth-

ren, give diligence to make your call-

ing and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." Even if one reads just this one verse once

What about the promise of John

Revelation 22:19 "And if any man

Robeson County Nonprofit Groups Awarded \$50,028 From N. C. Arts Council

Raleigh, N.C. -- Nonprofit groups in Robeson County have been awarded \$50,028 in grants from the N.C. Arts Council for art programs and projects during 1997-98.

Communities in our state can look forward to another year of meaningful activities in the arts," says Betty Ray McCain, secretary of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources "We are delighted to be able to fund so many excellent proposals.

The following organizations received funds for arts support:

Carolina Civic Center Foundation received \$5,500 to support a family series and a new professional artist series and \$7,000 to support restructuring of the educational components of Summer Stage I and II and \$2,528 to support various Art Projects; Fairmont received \$1,500 to support The Farmers Festival; Lumbee Regional Development Association received \$2,500 to support the Annual Lumbee Pow-Wow; Lumberton Parks and Recreation Department received \$1,500 to support community arts programs; the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center received \$2,000 to support the Native American Wild Game Festival and 11,000 to support the Arts and Crafts Co-op program, the presentation of artistic events at the amphitheater and a management/technical assistance program; Pembroke Magazine received \$1,000 to support the publication of Pembroke Magazine #30; Public

Schools of Robeson County received \$1,500 to support a community theater education project and \$5,000 to support a study of theater and journalism for middle and high school students called "Celebrate Theater" in partnership with the Carolina Civic Center, the North Carolina Press Foundation and two newspapers.

Red Springs Arts Council \$2000 To support community performances and residencies. Robeson Civic Chorale \$1,000 To support community concerts. Robeson Arts Council \$1,000 to support an arts newsletter, calendar and expanding marketing. Robeson County Library \$1,000 To support a Sunday afternoon concert series. Robeson Little Theatre \$1,000 To support four musical productions. Rowland Christmas Festival Committee \$1,000 to support a community festival. University of North Carolina -Pembroke Givens Performing Arts Center, \$1,000 To support the On Stage for youth" program. University of North Carolina-Pembroke. \$1,000 To support Native American

story telling sessions.
The N.C. Arts Council awards grant money each year to provide diverse art experiences for citizens in all 100 counties of North Carolina. In 1997-98, the Council will distribute a total of \$4.5 million to arts organizations, schools and other nonprofit organizations that sponsor art pro-

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" In our 30th anniversary at the Council, we are pleased to note the tremendous growth in the arts due to public support," said Mary Regan executive director of the N.C. Arts Council. "Organizations have certainly nee innovative over the years helping us fulfill our mission of bringing the arts to all the people of our state, and this year is no exception. Outstanding programs have been planned across North Carolina". to be eligible for Council funds, organizations must produce quality art programs that provide community benefit. Grants require that matching funds be raised by the applicant orga-

The N.C. Arts Council was established in 1967 as a division of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Its mission is to enrich the cultural life of the state by nurturing and support excellence in the arts and by providing opportunities for ever North Carolinian to experience the arts. The Council has been a catalyst for the development of arts organizations and facilities throughout the state by making grants and offering technical assistance for over 30 years.

For additional information or to request a complete listing of grants to each county, please contact Miriam M. Seals, statewide initiatives coordinator, at (919) 733-2111, ext. 33 or Nancy Trovillion, assistant director,

Corner Vinita Maynor Clark

Today, I want to share with you a precious memory that I recently re-called talking to Ms. Violet Locklear about my brother, Rev. Douglas Maynor, and a brotherhood meeting at a local church. A man named Brother Billy was sitting in her living room telling us "that he had always been scared of dead people until that

Cookie's

night".

The night of the brotherhood meeting the lights went out in the church. So, Brother Doug told the brothers." let's go outside and pray". They walked outside and crossed the road and climbed up on a hill. And Brother Doug told everyone to "kneel down and pray". Well, Brother Billy said that "my knee sunk in the dirt, I was praying and I noticed that the closer that the cars got the faster they sped up. Then this black man that they call "stick'em in the mud" was riding by on his bicycle. Well, "stick'em" got off of his bicycle and hoisted the bicycle on his back and took off running. I just couldn't figure out

what was going on. " The wind started to blow and a branch broke off the tree behind me and hit something. I stood up and turned around to find a TOMB-STONE. I was in a graveyard praying! About that time the lights came back on in the church. We proceeded back into the church and I stood in front of the church and told Brother Doug " you can throw me out of the brotherhood if you want to, but it doesn't say a thing in the Bible about

going into a graveyard to pray".

This memory brought back smiles and laughter of my precious brother.

Has anyone told you that "they love you today?" Well, I do.

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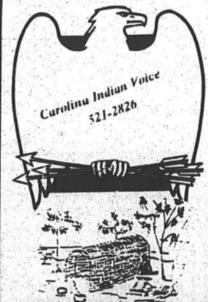
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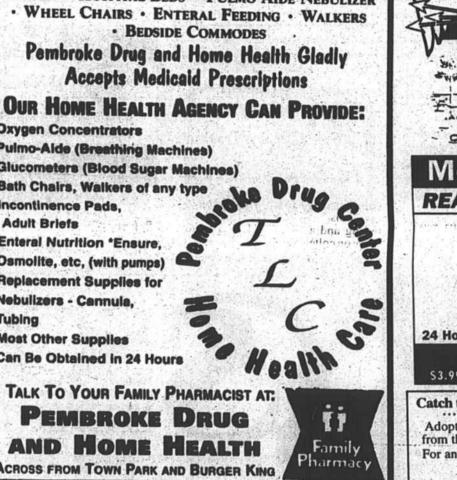
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verses preceding this one.. 1-3 According as his diving power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." Please read the preceding verses and pray for guidance from God. I Peter 1:3-9. Jesus will not betray your trust. Look at the evidence.

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