

Time with kids makes aches all better

When my children were small, I always enjoyed reading to them before bedtime. We read lots of things, including the Bible and classic stories of the past. Through our bedtime reading, we met familiar characters like "Winnie the Pooh" and historical figures like "Abe Lincoln." I also remember reading silly stories about a superhero known as "Captain Underpants." Those were truly fun moments to share with my boys.

Of course, many parents share this kind of bedtime ritual every night, and I recently heard of

another father who had a memorable experience with his little girl during one of those familiar bedtime rituals. This young dad was a law student, whose wife was working on her master's degree while also working a full time job, which meant that dad and daughter spent much of the day together.

Most of this young father's law school reading had to be done after his little girl had gone to bed, which meant that he had to put in some long nights. When he had assignments that were due, he often suffered from

headaches because of his lack of sleep and long hours with his face in a book. Yet, he still looked forward to that bedtime ritual with his daughter, even though he knew that every minute he spent reading to his daughter would be a minute of sleep or work he would never get back.

On this one particular day, his little girl had been to the pediatrician for vaccinations, and they were making her feel terrible. When the evening came,



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Meditation

they began their usual bedtime ritual, which included a pre-bedtime bath. While she was in the tub, the young father could see where the shots had gone into her thigh. There was some redness and swelling, and she pointed to the spot and said, "Owwwee daddy." Her little

voice broke her father's heart, especially when it expressed pain. It was time for a bit of that fatherly magic, so the dad went

into the medicine cabinet and got a sheet of twenty, tiny butterfly stickers from next to the band aid box. With all the seriousness he could muster, he peeled off one of those stickers and stuck it where the shot had gone. "All better?" he asked, and she smiled.

After getting into bed, dad told his daughter that he had a headache and they were not going to read that night. Instead, he climbed into bed with her and said, "Now you just close your eyes and rest." The father then awoke suddenly, and looked at

his watch. Only an hour had passed, so there was still time to get some law work done, but he was surprised that his headache was gone. He got up, kissed his daughter's cheek and went into the bathroom to splash some water on his face. But when he looked into the mirror, he was touched by what he saw. There on his forehead, his daughter had stuck nineteen magical butterflies.

Dr. Jeff Hensley is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Cornerstone Church of God, 202 Margrace Road, will have Vacation Bible School July 12-13 from 6-8 p.m. The theme is "By the Sea of Galilee." There will be games, crafts and refreshments. For more information call Pastor Matthew Lewis at 704-739-3773.

The youth department of **People Baptist Church**, 1010 Groves St., Kings Mountain, will have a fund raiser on July 13 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Call-ins are available and 10 or more orders will be delivered. Hot dog plates and fish plates will be sold. For more information call the church at 704-739-0398.

Beulah United Methodist Church, 1534 Stony Point Rd., will have a breakfast buffet July 21 from 7-10:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

The **Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry** is looking for talented singers and choirs who will donate their talents to benefit the Crisis Ministry at a singing Saturday, October 6 at 7 p.m. at

Family Worship Center, 1809 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain. A freewill offering will be received that night to support the Crisis Ministry as it serves citizens who need assistance. Soloists, groups and choirs are encouraged to participate. Call the Crisis Ministry at 704-739-7256 or Mike Smith at 704-739-4260 to sign up or for more information.

Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry is in need of volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include "on-call" services such as filling in on short notice; person to pray on site for clients' prayer requests on a weekly basis; handymen to do small repairs for the lame and elderly; spokespersons for the agency in your home church; food pickup (van or truck required); reception duties such as answering the phone and greeting clients; and secretarial duties such as correspondence and calling community organizations. For more information call the Crisis Center at 704-739-7256.

Grace Baptist Church, Gastonia, will have a youth reunion September 29. People that were in the youth department between 1980-1989 are asked to call 704-824-1242 or 704-865-6957 by July 14.

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, is registering players for Upward Soccer. Players ages four years through sixth grade are eligible. Deadline for registering is July 31. Evaluation dates are Wednesday, July 18, from 6-7:30, Saturday, July 21 from 10-12 and Tuesday, July 24 from 6-7:30. All players must attend an evaluation. The cost for registration is \$45 and there is a \$10 late registration fee after July 24. Practice begins August 27 and games begin September 8. For more information call the church office at (704) 739-5826 or Mike Harris at (704) 853-1174 day and (704) 739-6023 evening.

South Mountain Baptist Camp, located in Burke County, will be celebrating its 50th year

Saturday, August 18. Former staff members, speakers, campers, camp committee members and others who have contributed to the work at SMBC are asked to contact Norma D. Moose at 704-739-5600 or bna14@earthlink.net.

Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, will host the Kevin White Camp Meeting July 29-August 3 at 7 p.m. Special musical guests include Church of Cross Worship Team of Reykjavik, Iceland, Sanctuary Choir of Dilworth Church of God, Dilworth, AL and the River Church Choir of Guntersville, AL. For more information call 739-7206.

CHURCH BRIEFS DEADLINE Deadline for church briefs is 12 noon Monday. Bring them by The Herald at 824-1 East King St., call 739-7496, fax 739-0611 or Email gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com. When space is limited, only the events coming up during the current week will be published.

WEBSTERS

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I've been saying that I'm going to have a lie ulcer on my tongue after all of this," she said, with a laugh.

"We went thinking that we were going to have some type of church fellowship," Mr. Webster said.

"We were riding with our son to the church. But before we left the house we were looking for the keys and we couldn't find them," Mrs. Webster said.

"We were concerned about being late," he added.

"We got to the church about 10 minutes late and everybody was inside waiting for us. When we came in it was just a really big surprise," she said. "It was great that we were honored like that."

"It was an undeserved occasion but we loved every minute of it," Mr. Webster added.

Mrs. Webster grew up in Oak Grove Baptist Church. At the age of 18, in that same church, they said "I do" and now they have, for 50 years, filled the walls of that church with joyous music. Around Christmas and Easter

every year, they bring the church to life with musicals. Hundreds of traditional hymns, southern gospel, anthems, and even a few contemporary Christian tunes have filled the sanctuary from their hands and hearts over the years.

Today, Mr. Webster leads an adult choir of about 30 members and Mrs. Webster continues to play the organ.

"It's been our life, Anne and I both have had a musical interest most all of our lives," Mr. Webster said. "We are blessed with musical ability and it's been good for us."

"They're a true blessing to us," Lee said.

Mrs. Webster played the piano at church, on some occasions, as a teenager, but never knew that bench would someday be her assigned seat in the sanctuary. They were both choral members when the ones leading the music in the church became ill and they felt the need to step up. "We had no idea that it would ever turn into anything like this," Mrs. Webster said.

She is retired from the school system and Mr. Webster, who is also retired, jokes about spend-

ing the last 35 years of his life "selling pencils and paper clips." He owned and operated Kings Mountain Office Supply in downtown. They spend a lot of their free time, now, seeing their family and, especially the grandchildren. The Websters have three sons: Ted and Barry, of

Kings Mountain, and John; and five grandchildren: Anna, Steven, Fletcher, Ryan, and Sam.

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