

Treasures by Wilma Erwin

I'm not sure when this happened; but it was forty or so years ago. As a fairly young teacher I sat in my Superintendent's office. He was masterful, to say the least, in word and deed. I was definitely over my head in conversation and in most in area, status markers.

He leaned back in his chair, told me I had potential and it was being noticed by my leaders.

He then told me not to get trapped in the pit so many fell into. He stated, "Too many teachers and workers have the same year of experience thirty years. The idea is to have thirty different years of experience and that takes a growth plan. He then asked, Are you willing to create and follow a Growth Plan, Mrs. Erwin?"

Inside my answer was genuinely affirmative. Outside, in front of Mr. Foster Meade, my answer was

more of, "Well, I am willing and see the need but my knowledge of such a plan would require work and research."

He sat his chair back to the floor position. You need to create such a plan every year of your life. Never grow stale and stagnant. Quickly he said, "Come back and see me when it is done."

He engineered change in my life in two ways. Both changed me.

1. He spoke leadership skills into my vision. I was already on mission as a teacher. I had always known 'teacher' was in me. My mother had often instructed, even punished me for doing things that didn't practice Jesus' teachings. It was Mom's nature to instruct rightly. She looked at each of us in light of our highest potential. Mom never hesitated to challenge us to go to the next, more holy level in

life. And 'Lead through' Dad would teach me over and over. They both always believed I was to move forward and bring people along with me.

2. Now, Mr. Meade called for a thought out, written down and committed to be done Growth Plan.

I've practiced a personal Growth Plan each year since then. I've often said, "When I ask The Lord for a Growth Plan, He instructs me to get pen and pencil for He has a list."

It's been good. As Mr. Charlie Stapleton would say, "It stretched me."

Now, beginning the second year at Christ Open Bible as Pastor my thoughts are upon Growth Plan. I want to grow. I want individuals to grow. I want the church to grow.

Blessings on a real Growth Plan issued to you, upon your request, from The Lord, Himself. It works.

An Encouraging Word

By Tom Cox



Our Message Must Be Clear

Acts chapter 3 records how Peter and John healed a lame beggar at the temple gate. The people who witnessed this miracle were filled with wonder and amazement. Peter seized this opportunity to preach the gospel message to the crowd that had gathered. He gave credit for the miraculous healing to the power of the crucified and resurrected Jesus and urged the people to repent.

This caused quite a stir among the Jewish religious leaders, who seized Peter and John and put them in jail. The next day, the leaders questioned Peter and John, demanding to know by what power they had done this. Peter once again took the opportunity to preach the gospel. He called out the leaders for having Jesus crucified and pointed out that God had raised Him from the dead. He quoted Psalm 118:22 when he said, "Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'" (Acts 4:11). Then Peter finished his sermon by insisting, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which

we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

The religious leaders were astonished at the courage of these ordinary men, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. They could not deny that the miracle had happened, but they wanted to put a stop to the preaching. So they warned Peter and John not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. "But Peter and John replied, 'Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'" (Acts 4:19-20).

Brothers and sisters, the gospel message has not changed. Salvation is found in no one other than the crucified and resurrected Jesus. Jesus is the cornerstone of God's plan to save the world. We must speak this all-important truth every time we have the opportunity to do so. We must have the perseverance to spread the gospel even when it is not convenient and the courage to do so in the face of opposition. We must not listen to anyone who would silence us. Rather, we must obey God and always tell the truth about Jesus. Our

message must be clear—there is no other way to be saved except through Jesus!

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" —John 14:6

For more inspirational writings by Tom Cox, visit www.jesustrek.wordpress.com.

Church Notices

Revival

I'll Talk for Jesus Pentecostal Church will be having revival Wednesday, August 5th through Sunday, August 9th beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Sunday service will begin at 2:00 p.m. A different preacher every night. Bro. Tony Corns and Congregation invite everyone to come and fellowship. Love and prayers. God bless.

Homecoming

Bivens Chapel Church homecoming will be August 16, 2026.

Preaching: Bro. Jared DeAtley
Singing: The Roessler Family

Services start at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Ronnie Conley and congregation invite everyone to join us.

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A parent/guardian may request that their child be excused from instruction involving a specific curricular material that the parent/guardian sincerely believes conflicts with their religious beliefs; however, this Policy does not apply to entire courses or subject areas. No provision of this Policy shall be construed to authorize the excusal of a student from curriculum, instruction, or programming that is required by federal law or federal regulation.

Excusal under this Policy means the student is not required to read, listen, view, or participate in discussion of the specifically identified material. Excusal does not extend to the entire course, unit or subject area in which the material appears.

A student may not be excused under this Policy from curriculum or instruction that is required by Kentucky law or Kentucky administrative regulation, including but not limited to any course of study, instructional content, or assessment mandated by statute or by the Kentucky Board of Education. The right of excusal established by this Policy applies only to discrete instructional materials within a course and does not authorize excusal from a course or subject area in its entirety.

All requests for excusal under this Policy shall be submitted in writing to the Principal of the school in which the student is enrolled and shall include:

- The name of the complainant;
- The name and grade level of the student;
- A reasonably detailed description of the specific material to which the parent/guardian objects, sufficient to allow the Principal to locate and evaluate the material; and
- a statement that the parent/guardian sincerely believes the identified material conflicts with their religious beliefs.

For the policy/procedure associated with notice, please view Policy 8.231 and Procedure 8.231 A.P. 21.

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**Answers to
EMERALD
Crossing**
An Irish Adventure
Through Psalm 23

Aills Christian Church

August 4-6 5:30-8:30 PK-12th grade

Family Night August 9 6:00 Presentations, Food, Fun

Lewis County School District

251 Lions Lane

Vanceburg, KY 41149

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Sections 1112(e)(2)(A)-(B) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the following regarding testing transparency.

(2) TESTING TRANSPARENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL. — At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the local educational agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency, which shall include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.

(B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. — Subject to subparagraph (C), each local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall make widely available through public means (including by posting in a clear and easily accessible manner on the local educational agency's website and, where practicable, on the website of each school served by the local educational agency) for each grade served by the local educational agency, information on each assessment required by the State to comply with section 1111, other assessments required by the State, and where such information is available and feasible to report, assessments required districtwide by the local educational agency, including—

- the subject matter assessed;
- the purpose for which the assessment is designed and used;
- the source of the requirement for the assessment; and
- where such information is available—(i) the amount of time students will spend taking the assessment, and the schedule for the assessment; and (ii) the time and format for disseminating results.

Information about these requirements can be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's Assessments webpage (<https://education.ky.gov/AA/Assessments/Pages/default.aspx>). For further questions or to obtain a hard copy of this material please direct your inquiry to [name and contact information of the District Assessment Coordinator or other preferred contact person].

Sincerely,

Timothy Underwood

Director of Federal Programs

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STUDENTS

09.14 AP.112

NOTIFICATION OF PPRA RIGHTS

Distribute this notice annually to students and parents

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents and eligible students (those who are 18 or older or who are emancipated minors) certain rights regarding conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations. These include the right to:

- Consent before minor students are required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one (1) or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:
 - Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 - Sex behavior or attitudes;
 - Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - Legally recognized privileged relationships such as with lawyers, physicians, or ministers;
 - Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parents; or
 - Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).
- Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
 - Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 - Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student (except for any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law); and
 - Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. NOTE: If the parent/eligible student has indicated no directory information is to be provided to third parties or if the marketing activity involves provision of social security numbers, consent form 09.14 AP.122 should be used.
- Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:
 - Protected information surveys to be used with students;
 - Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The District shall annually provide parents and eligible students notice of these rights under law in the Student Handbook, the District *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*, or other avenue designated by the Superintendent/Designee.

The District shall also notify parents and eligible students at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the activities listed above. A new or supplemental notice shall be given as necessary to provide the opportunity to consent or opt out under the standards set forth above. Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, D. C. 20202-8520

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