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In reflecting on these two experiences, I am convinced that praising your spouse in public is one of the most important investments you can make—in your family and in your leadership.

This is important for at least five reasons:

1. You get more of what you affirm. Have you ever noticed that when someone praises you, you want to repeat the behavior that caused it? This is just human nature. It can be a form of manipulation if it isn't genuine. But it can be a powerful way to motivate others when it is authentic.

2. Affirmation shifts your attitude toward your spouse. Words are powerful tools. They can create, or they can destroy. They can build up, or they can tear down. I believe most people have a drive to align their actions—and their attitudes—with their words. If you start speaking well of someone, you start believing what you say.

3. Affirmation helps strengthen your spouse's best qualities. Encouragement is also a powerful force for good. All of us need positive reinforcement. This is why when we are losing weight and people notice, it gives us the strength to stick with the program. This is true in every area of life.

4. Affirmation wards off the temptation of adultery. When others see you are happily married, they are less likely to proposition you. It's like a hedge that protects your marriage from would-be predators. You simply stop being a target.

5. Affirmation provides a model to those you lead. To be a truly effective leader, you must lead yourself, and then you must lead your family. Your marriage is a powerful visual of how you treat the people you value the most. When you speak highly of your spouse, your followers are more likely to trust you. It takes your leadership to another level.

Affirming your spouse in public is an investment that pays big leadership dividends. In a world where fewer and fewer marriages last, it can be a difference-maker.

Mike Hewlett



## Trophy For Sale

One day last summer I was on my way to lunch when I drove by a house that was having a rummage sale. Even though I did not stop for the sale, I could not help but notice the display closest to the street -- what caught my eye was a table filled with old trophies that were now for sale on someone's driveway.

I had to wonder why anyone would be interested in purchasing a used trophy. What could they possibly do with it? The trophies for sale probably had the name of the recipient engraved on it, along with a brief description of their meritorious actions. Who would want to put someone else's trophy on their mantle?

Later, I began to wonder why the seller wanted to get rid of their old trophies in the first place. I am sure that at one time those trophies held a lot of value, or at least some emotional attachment. Trophies usually signify some accomplishment -- they serve to remind us of some success in our business or personal life. Maybe a bowling trophy loses its luster when one stops bowling. That trophy from a winning high school football season might not seem as important thirty years later when your own children are in college. What we value today might wind up in the trash or on a table at a rummage sale tomorrow.

The truth of the matter is that there is nothing in this life we can carry with us into the next. The trinkets and knick-knacks we treasure here on earth will be of no value in eternity. This being so, it makes one wonder why we spend so much time acquiring earthly possessions, but so little time preparing for the life which is to come.

Suppose you gained all that this world has to offer -- what would you really have? A handful of tinsel? Jesus told His disciples: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" ([Matt. 16:24-26](#)). *David Padfield*



**Carla Williamson**, Cameron's wife and daughter-in-law of Doug & Marsha Williamson, is finally scheduled for her kidney transplant on Feb. 22, 2013. Her mother, Charlotte Robertson, is the donor. Please remember them in your daily prayers as well as the surgeons who will be involved in this serious procedure. In all things, GOD's will be done!.

**Joyce Johnston** ...Has gotten much worse in her continued battle with health problems.

**Helen Darnell....** Will be having back surgery soon. Please keep her in your prayers.

## Leading in Worship

### Sunday Morning Worship

Coordinators: Bill Knighten / Bud Porter  
Ushers: Bob Trefethen / Gary Hart  
Announcements: Neal Smith  
Scripture: Sam Smith  
Lead Singing: Craig Sims  
1st Prayer: Neal Smith  
Preaching: Marshall McDaniel  
Closing Prayer: Jess Hart  
Sound System: Jim Keith

LORD'S Supper Preside Bud Porter

Bread Cup

Mike Howard John Demas  
Darrell Puckett Gary McDaniel  
Aaron Smelser John Williamson

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements: Neal Smith  
Scripture: Doug Williamson  
Lead Singing: John Burch  
1st Prayer: Paul Puckett  
Preaching: Marshall McDaniel  
Lord's Supper: Curt Williamson  
Closing Prayer: Bill Knighten  
Sound System: Jerry Hensley

### LORD'S Supper Preparation

02/17 Sherry Guy  
02/24 Janis Hart 03/03 Michele Hensley

### Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers: Ragan Ingram / Bud Porter  
Announcements: Neal Smith  
Lead Singing: Chris Lloyd  
1st Prayer: Sam Smith  
Invitation: Todd Thayer  
Closing Prayer: Gary McDaniel  
Sound System: Darrell Puckett

### Count Contribution

Kerry Lashlee Ragan Ingram  
Doug Williamson

## To our visitors:

- The people who assemble at Perry Hill Road are simply a group of Christians who belong to Christ and are devoted to serving God.
- Our aim is to glorify God by following the Bible, His inspired word, which is our only guide in worship and service.
- Our commitment is to preach Christ, who is man's only hope for eternal life, and live in such a way so that others may see Christ in us.
- We encourage an open study and discussion of the Scriptures in all our Bible classes and extend to all a sincere welcome.
- Personal studies are available upon request.

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes 9 AM  
Worship 10 AM  
Evening 5 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes 7 PM

### Attendance

Sunday AM 112  
Sunday Class 79  
Sunday PM 75  
Wednesday 77  
Contribution \$ 4,614..



*Kerry and Linda Lashlee are the proud Grandparents of Baby Peyton Elizabeth Lafferty. Peyton was born Thursday February 14, 2013 to Phillip and Lauren Lashlee Lafferty.*

### Group 2 Meets this month.



### Bible Study Eastdale Retirement Center

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Eastdale Retirement Center

### Isaiah study

Friday's at 8:30 a.m. - Study Isaiah with John Humphries at church building

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## Perry Hill Road Bulletin

## Why Speaking Well of Your Spouse Is So Important

As a leader, the health of your marriage directly affects the impact of your leadership. I have witnessed this time and time again. Being effective at work or in ministry begins by being effective at home.

Early in our marriage, Gail and I attended a church led by a dynamic, thirty-something preacher. He was an extraordinary communicator. He was a wise and empathetic counselor. As a result, the church grew rapidly.

But as we got better acquainted with him and his wife, we started noticing a disturbing trend in the way they related to one another. They would often make disparaging remarks about the other in public. At first, it seemed cute. Their comments seemed playful and humorous. Everyone laughed. But over time, they became more and more pointed, thinly masking their frustration with one another.

We ultimately left that church. But several years later we learned they suffered an ugly divorce, both admitting to multiple affairs. They lost their family, and, of course, their ministry. To this day, it grieves me to think about it.

Conversely, I noticed that Sam Moore, my predecessor at Thomas Nelson, always spoke highly of his wife. He would often say, "I hate to leave her in the morning, and I can't wait to see her in the evening." They have been married now for nearly 60 years. Last time Gail and I were with them, they were holding hands. It was obvious they were still in love. *Continued on the next page...*