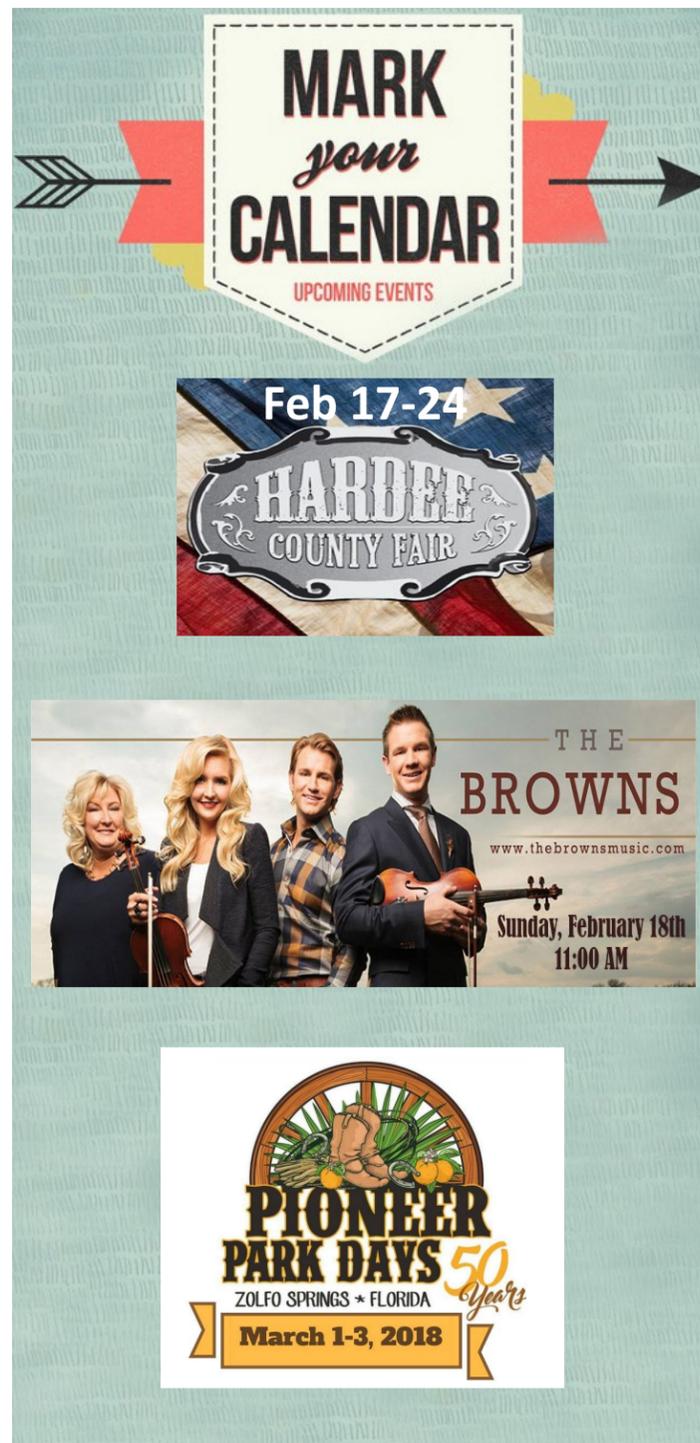


In the words of the columnist, "For parents, the findings present something of a paradox. We want our children to be clever enough to lie but morally disinclined to do so." Of course, the recommendation is not to punish the lie with any corporal punishment but to positively reinforce truth telling. Up to this point the research didn't surprise me. I have told many 2-4 year olds (including all of my own) not to do something or to do something and they disobey me when I turn my back (or sometimes before) and then lie about it. We once had a confession of biting at our house. One child, we didn't know who, bit another child on the back. We lined them up for the interrogation. All denied it, of course. In steps bad cop and we get a confession... the child who was bit confessed to the biting on his/her own back.

Some will tell the truth, some will lie to protect others, and some for self-preservation but to celebrate either is unbiblical. "Thou shalt not lie" didn't come with any exceptions and the father of lies is the devil. One more interesting note in this article is when children were paid at least 1.5 times more to tell the truth, they would confess. This is scary because if the cost of lying, either financially or some gain or not losing something is greater than the cost of the truth, the truth will not be told and we are seeing this every day. To quote our columnist one more time, "the decision to lie is very tactical one even at 5-6 years old."

Many of us would say there is a lot of ethical grey area in our lives but really it is not grey area for God. It is grey for us because we are not close enough to God. In these situations there is a right and wrong. The question is do we want to choose the right? Will we choose the right? Do we have enough Jesus in us and do we know God's Word enough to rightly apply what is right? Flexible morality is a dangerous thing. In fact, it is itself a well disguised lie from the father of lies. It is moral confusion at its worst and it is morality flipped upside down. Because only the truth will set you free, the truthful realization of God's holiness and the honest assessment of your own condition. We must be truthful in our living, consistent in the lives we speak about and the lives we live on a daily basis. Others may not pick up on verbal lies but when we are witness to discrepancies the truth always shows up. May we strive to be truthful in every single thing we do. And may we celebrate truth and confront lies with the truth of God's Word.



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Invocation & Welcome

Greater

My Faith Has Found

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Invocation & Welcome

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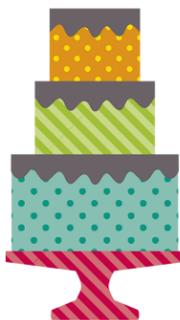
329 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

An article in the January 5th edition of the New York Times caught my attention this week. It was entitled: *Is Your Child Lying to You? That's Good*. Titles are meant to catch your attention and get you to read the article or spend time on the website so that the ad space they are selling is viable enough to sell. I digress: in reality, this is all the media sources and television do... they must keep programming on which attracts enough viewers or "hits" so advertisers will buy space and people will buy their products. Interesting to consider, but now back on point. Seriously! A child lying is good and should be "celebrated" in a major newspaper in a culture where celebrities, politicians, executives, and athletes are all lying. Should we celebrate this as the article indicates initially or "be troubled"? Most people believe, regardless of worldview, lying is a moral wrong, we should not intentionally deceive another person. However, the waters will muddy very quickly after that even among Christians. Is it ever ok to lie? What if your wife asks you the dreaded question, "honey, does this dress..." well you can finish the rest. The article we are analyzing actually states that lying is not only normal (which we know, the sin thing) but actually "a sign of intelligence".

This is the point where I go, "oh boy, guess I'll skip this article and hope I am the only one who peruses the NY Times and hope nobody asks me about this." However, trusting God I kept reading as these types of things always seem open the door to the gospel. "In one experiment, children were asked not to peek at a toy hidden behind them while the researcher withdrew from the room under false pretenses. Minutes later, the researcher returned and asked the child if he or she peeked. This experiment has yielded two consistent findings. The first is that a vast majority of children will peek at the toy within seconds of being left alone. The other is that a significant number of them lie about it. At least a third of 2-year-olds, half of 3-year-olds and 80 percent or more of children 4 and older will deny their transgression, regardless of their gender, race or family's religion. The experiment also discovered that children are "remarkably good at lying". The experiment also showed as a child ages they lie more effectively and creatively. Due to this creativity, after almost 40 years of studying, the researchers believe lying is good and develops creativity. Who doesn't want their children to be creative problem solvers? Do we want our children to be liars? How do we foster creativity and teach our kids to be honest?

Sanctuary flowers given
In Honor of
Our Dear Friend
Mrs. Betty Henderson
By
The Broken Drum
Sunday School Class

The nursery needs volunteers
 for Wednesday nights.
 Usually there are
 two or three babies.
Who doesn't love babies?
 See Julie or MaryAnn to sign up.



Happy Birthday!

Today-Helga Shackelford
 Jan 19-Binky Graham, Sr.
 Jan 20-Renee Heither

Sunday Services

Nursery.....16
 Morning Worship..125
 Evening Worship. ..36

Wednesday Services

Adult Bible Study.....6
 Students.....18
 GA/RA (elementary).....30
 Mission Friends (pre-s).....9
 Nursery.....4
 Women's Study.....11
 Leaders.....16
 Total.....94

Giving Record

Tithes & Offering.....\$6,125.00
 Designated.....\$540.00
 Budget Needs/Week..\$7,056.00

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Jan 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
14	15 6pm Stewardship Meeting	16	17 Business Meeting 7p	18 Meal Delivery: Helga Shackelford		
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COUNTING COMMITTEE - JANUARY 2018

Jo Smith, Helga Shackelford, Sandra Moore

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
 Kids' Church K-5
 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)
 G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
 Women's Bible Study
 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

USHERS OF THE WEEK

Bud Wilson
 Johnny Trammell
 Jonathan Benbow
 Bobby Calves

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 14—January 20
 David Moore 781-1550
 January 21-January 27
 Marlon Pendergrass 781-9232



If you're visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor packet in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.
We're so glad you're here!

TUPOS STUDENT MINISTRIES



January 19-21
 Cost: \$30



Guest Speaker:
Pastor Brody Holloway,
 Pastor and Co-Founder of
 Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters



YOUR GIFTS at work

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

New Hope's Goal: \$6,500
 Given to date: \$4,949.57