

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This is written for parents who trust their children are getting a good education in life. Each student departed Thomas Jefferson high school in Port Arthur, Texas with the promise of a successful future. Jimmy Johnson (ex-Dallas Cowboy coach) and Janice Joplin (rock & roll music) were classmates, but we separated into distinctive life-styles. The school system did not truly prepare any of us for the real world. We were told that our generation was destined to catapult science and medicine into great realms never before known. Did any teacher actually think that we were being prepared to better our society by indoctrinating us with the theory of evolution and humanism? (1 Cor 15:33). I received corporeal punishment in the ninth grade at Woodrow Wilson Jr. high, because I stated to my teacher that I did not believe in evolution of monkey becoming human.

The important standard of living a complete life was missing. For the years of schooling no one taught or demonstrated how to build righteous living. State or federal schools are not set up to instruct children in the right way of life (pathway of righteousness).

Parents trustingly give their children in their formative years to people who have no knowledge of how to bring up children to be aware of the real issues of life. Yet, parents still believe that education is what makes children grow up into perfect adults. School districts are forbidden to instruct against sin and the deadly pitfalls of evil living. Christianity (i.e., the inner man) is taboo among secular activities.

This year the world will receive millions of young graduates who will be on their own completely without perception of how to establish The Good Life (1 Pet 3:8-15). Father and mother, look within and answer what role model you are to your family. A godly father sees the necessity to be a strong spiritual leader in the home and diligently taking time each day with his children to plant in their hearts the value of faith and hope through home study from the Bible (Eph 6:4; Deut 11:18-22).

Our children still have the same questions: “Why was I born?” “I have no clue of what I will do with my life.” “What is my life about?” And “what about dying?” Who can they turn to for the answers? Who will guide them into mature service to the Lord?

Show the way out of the world into the footsteps of the Master Teacher. Proclaim the good news of salvation, and the peaceful new life, which will lead to the day when a new heaven and a new earth wherein, dwells righteousness will come. Spiritual nourishment is the most important counseling you can give your children, which will endure forever.

*Jerral Kay*

# Spiritual ABC's

As we strive to be faithful children of God, let's consider the following spiritual ABC's.

Add to your faith. (2 Peter 1:5-11)

Be brave and be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Care for one another. (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Do your part. (Ephesians 4:16)

Endure hardship. (2 Timothy 2:3)

Forgive one another. (Ephesians 4:32)

Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. (2 Peter 3:18)

Honor all people. (1 Peter 2:17)

Increase and abound in love to one another. (1 Thessalonians 3:12)

Judge with righteous judgment. (John 7:24)

Keep the Lord's commandments. (John 14:15)

Love the Lord thy God with thy all. (Mark 12:30)

Mind your own business. (1 Thessalonians 4:11)

Never grow weary while doing good. (Galatians 6:9)

Obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. (Lamentations 3:26)

Rejoice in the Lord always. (Philippians 4:4)

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. (Matthew 6:33)

Teach others. (2 Timothy 2:24-26)

Understand the will of the Lord. (Ephesians 5:17)

Visit your brethren. (Acts 15:36)

Walk worthy of the Lord. (Colossians 1:10)

EXercise thyself toward godliness. (1 Timothy 4:7)

Yield not to temptation. (James 1:12)

Be Zealous for good works. (Titus 2:14)

I encourage all of us to strive to make proper application of these ABC's as we seek to be right in the sight of God!

*✍️ Brad Phillips*

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .....	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00 p.m.

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