

Learning to Back Up

Years ago, when speaking on the subject of marital happiness, the late Marshall Keeble said, "The trouble with married folks is they don't know how to back up. They have a fuss and nobody is willing to back up and say 'I was wrong.' As he reflected on the foolishness of that practice, he went on to remark, "Brethren, I just wouldn't have a car that wouldn't back up."

Many human relation problems could be settled if people could find the "reverse" position in the gearbox of their minds. I wonder how many church splits could have been avoided had contentious brethren been willing to back up. Parents and children could alleviate some of the difficulty encountered in the generation battle simply by learning to back up.

It is not a mark of wisdom and maturity to stand like a stone wall when you are wrong. The mature person owns up to his mistakes. He is not too big to say, "I'm sorry." James writes, "Confess therefore your sins one to another and pray for one another that ye may be healed" (James 5:16). He is telling the Christian that it is spiritually healthy to back up.

Why is it hard to back up? What causes a person to insist on saving face? The answer is human pride and selfishness. Satan uses these tools to deceive us. The man who will not back up is deluded. He thinks he is right. He can give you a hundred arguments in the defense of his position. Little does he realize that he has fallen victim to Satan's trickery. Proverbs 12:15 says, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." The way out of human conflict is simple, so easy to see in the lives of others; so hard to practice on a personal level. We need to learn to back up!

Souper Bowl Sunday for Grand Oak Mission February 4



Bring soup or other canned goods to help replenish the shelves at Grand Oak Mission. hygiene items, diapers, laundry soap and other non-perishables welcome.



10 "NOT'S" TO REMEMBER AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH

Getting ready to gather with God's people is an important step before you go to church. Here are 10 "not's" to remember as you go:

1. I have **not** prepared for worship if I haven't prayed beforehand.
2. Church is **not** about me.
3. I **cannot** worship well if I have unconfessed, unforsaken sin in my life.
4. Worship through music is **not** about my preferences.
5. I do **not** know all the burdens my pastor carries to the pulpit.
6. The Bible is **not** just a book.
7. The gospel is **not** intended to make me feel comfortable.
8. I have **not** given sacrificially to God's work until it costs me something.
9. If nothing changes in my life after the service, I have **not** genuinely worshiped God.
10. Many believers around the world will **not** have the privilege of worshipping that I have.

What "not's" would you add to this list?

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- Download the MYCHURCHAPP
- After downloading the app, you will see a screen that says "LETS FIND YOUR MINISTRY" Type in BROOKLINE in the top search bar. You will see our church. Tap it and "LOAD APP".

The best things you can give children, next to good habits, are good memories.

I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

Psalms 143:5

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Website



Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.



**CAN MY CHURCH BE PREPARED?
HOW DO WE AVOID AN INCIDENT?
WHAT SHOULD OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE BE?**

Church Security Team Training Event

February 3, 8 AM-5 PM

Brookline Family Life Center

Hosted by Shield Force International

Cost is \$75 per person

- ◇ Active Shooter or Intruder Response
- ◇ Armed vs. Unarmed Teams
- ◇ Nursery and Children Security
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Register: info@shieldforce.org

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Grief Recovery Support Group

Meets Wednesday 2 PM

Weather Permitting

Free event open to everyone

*Your Journey from
Mourning to Joy*

Patience with family
is love, Patience with
others is respect.
Patience with self is
confidence and
Patience with God is
faith.

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*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16



The Ozark's Berry Festival August 11, 2018

The Festival has been benefitting the Missouri Baptist Children's Home for many years. This would be a good time to start planning your contribution of Crafts and Quilts. The Festival and items to be judged should be in by August 1st.

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me:

for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

It takes a child two years to learn to talk
and a man fifty years to learn to keep
his mouth shut.

Upcoming Concerts!

New Horizon's Concert

March 4, 6 PM

For Calvary/Dave Taylor's Group

April 29, 6 PM

Joseph Habedank & Erwins Concert

June 10, 6 PM

Lore Family

August 5, 6 PM

Jones Family Singers

September 9, 6 PM

Brian Free & Assurance

October 19, 7 PM



We are excited
to announce
that the Hmong
Praise Band
will be leading
our modern

worship service on the last Sunday of
every month. We meet in the Family
Life Center at 10:15 AM for the music
service then go to the Sanctuary for
the message from Brother Dan.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Being considerate of others
will take you further in life
than any college degree.

A kind man benefits himself.

Proverbs 11:17