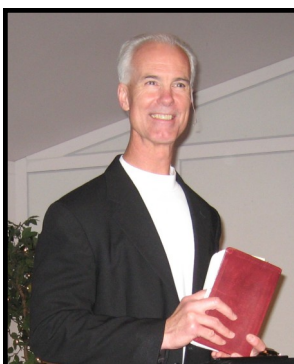


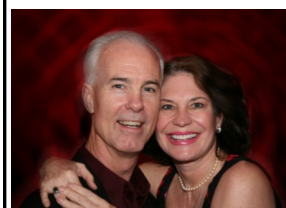
# Grapevine

"I am the vine, you are the branches..." John 15:5



Jim Tiefenthaler, Sr. Pastor

## Angry With God



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## ANGER

Rita Rudner (the famous theologian from Las Vegas) has said; "My mother buried three husbands - and two of them were just napping". Pretty funny! It does point out how angry we can get at each other.

Anger is one of the most common and most destructive emotions we have. It has caused more wars, divorces, crimes, broken relationships, physical ailments and etc. It truly is one of the 7 deadly sins. We are told in Ephesians 4:26, "to be angry and not to sin". That's a difficult task.

Part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to help us control our anger (just read Galatians 5:22-23).

In Genesis 4:5 Cain became very angry when God rejected his offering. My assumption is that Cain was angry at God. So here's a question: Is it ok to get angry at God?

The short answer is "No".

The long answer is "No", and comes with this explanation. Anger comes when we judge a person or situation to be wrong or unfair. Anger at God is totally wrong because it accuses Him of being wrong, unfair or even evil, and God is never any of those!! The Bible is full of verses like the following:

*O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Psalms 34:8*

*Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow. James 1:17*

At other times we can get angry at God when He did not do something we thought He should do. So we are foolish to think we know better than God.

Look at what Romans 11:33-36 says:

*33 "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."*

We can never know as God knows!

Anger at God is always wrong.

We are not responsible for figuring out God, but for knowing, trusting, and pleasing Him.

**God Bless,  
Pastor Jim**



Pastor  
Jay  
Schilling

## They Freeze

## So What Makes The Difference?

# Preparation is Key

**Jay's Corner...** September is here and so begins another season of beginnings... (school, football, river fishing for salmon, etc...) I recently read this short article by Greg Koukl from *Stand to Reason* ministries and immediately thought I should share it with you. Enjoy.

Do you know what the survival rate for airplane accidents is? You won't believe it. Take a guess right now. I bet you won't be anywhere close.

On average, 96 out of every 100 people involved in airplane mishaps survive the ordeal. Amazing, isn't it? Even with serious accidents, as long as there was some chance of surviving, three-quarters of the passengers get out alive.

And here's another shocker. Many of the people who do perish **could** have survived, but didn't. So what makes the difference? If you guessed panic, you'd be wrong. Yes, panic kills, but it almost never happens in desperate situations like airplane disasters, earthquakes, or terrorist attacks like 9/11.

Most people don't panic. **They freeze.** They do nothing, be-

cause they don't know what to do. And that's what kills them. Usually, two things make the difference between life and death: **planning and action.**

Since I learned those statistics, my preparation at the beginning of flights has changed. Before, I never paid attention to things like exits, flight attendant emergency instructions, or reviewing the safety card. What was the point? If something went wrong, I figured, I was a goner anyway. Now I know differently. I note the exits and try to get a seat close to one (seats two to five rows away are the safest). I review the safety card so I know how each emergency exit door on the plane works. I am fully alert with my seatbelt tight and my shoes on during the most vulnerable times—the first three and the last eight minutes of any flight.

And I have a plan in case something goes wrong, a plan I review every flight at take-off and just before landing. Here's the point: Our preparation is different when we have an expectation that preparation will make a difference. And when we have a *plan*, we are more likely to *act*.

A great reminder to always be prepared for action. The writer goes on in the article encouraging us to always be prepared to share your faith and answer the tough questions. "How" you may ask? **Preparation is the key.** Why not take some time now to research the answers to tough questions of the faith like "*What about those who haven't heard about Jesus?*" or "*Why is there evil in the world?*" Or "*Why are there so many religions if there is only one way to God as Jesus said?*" Come up with a strategy and instead of passing on those tough questions in your next conversation, you can respond with a solid and biblically accurate answer: Give it a try!!!

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15b)*

In HIM, Pastor Jay

**Meet  
The  
McDonald  
Family**

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**Focus Family**



Here's a story about the McDonald family!

Ed was born in Arizona then lived in Japan for 6 years before moving up here to Parkland and Yelm. Ed is the older brother to his sister. His favorite childhood memory was playing baseball. Ed attended Washington High School and Pierce College. Ed grew up Catholic and didn't understand that the relationship with the Lord is not a bunch of rituals and regulations.

Kim was born and raised in the South Hill area. Kim is the baby with an older brother and sister. Her favorite childhood memory was going to visit her dad in California every summer. They would go fishing and she got \$1 for every fish they caught. Kim attended El-Shaddai High School and EWU. Kim came to know the Lord at age 8 at Our Savior Baptist in Federal Way. She was in the kindergarten classroom and she remembers the little chairs in a circle better than when she had a better understanding of her sins. She had a talk with her mom while she cleaned the bathroom and accepted Him to be her Savior (just in case!).

Ed worked for Ford. He would often call Kim who worked for a distributor for Ford. He brought Kim and her co-workers lattes just so he could meet Kim. She tried to break up with Ed three times, thinking he's just not the one, until God gently reminded her that He wasn't the one saying "No!" Since then Ed and Kim have been married for 9 years. Ed came to know the Lord through Kim and her family's example. Once he learned that knowing the Lord is a relationship, the Bible made a lot more sense. They have two great boys. PJ

is 6 and Sammy is 3. Ed is a Back Counterman in parts at Lakewood Ford and Kim is now a substitute teacher for the Bethel School District.

Kim's hobbies, when they have time, are walking marathons, gardening and cooking. Ed tries to play guitar (he has 3). He also works on cars; he loves his mustang and likes to do things around their 5 acre place. If you ask Ed and Kim, their favorite thing to do right now would be getting sleep-deep sleep. When asked what their best vacation would be they both said Maui. Their favorite thing to do on their day off is working outside with the kids. Their favorite food is Black Angus Prime Rib for two. Ed's favorite ice cream is anything with chocolate or coffee, preferably both. Kim loves strawberry cheesecake ice cream.

They came to GEBC through Kim's cousin Diane Stracener and Ron who encouraged them to come and try it out. They wanted to be somewhere close where their kids could get really involved and grow up. They have been at GEBC for 3 years as of the last all church campout. They know this because the first time they tried to come to GEBC there was a sign on the door. They obviously came back. They love the down to earth, friendly people and they felt right at home when they came to GEBC. Now they both help with Youth Group and Ed is also on the Security Team. They pretty much help where they can. Kim's favorite Bible character is David, her favorite book of the Bible is Philippians, and her favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 10:23. Ed's favorite Bible character is Paul, his favorite book of the Bible is Revelations, and his favorite verse is Isaiah 61:1-3.

Hopefully you will get the privilege of knowing them and serving with them this year. They are a family that loves the Lord and they are lots of fun to get to know.

By Andrea Cummings

## Teaching and Instruction for Children The Fear of the Lord

### Avoiding the Fear of Man

*Proverbs 29:25 - The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.*

Peer pressure is not unique to adolescents. It is everywhere. It is peer pressure that causes children to chaff against their parents: "I don't want my friend to think I'm weak and cooperative." It causes one sibling to leave another out: "This game is just for the big kids ... not for you."

The Bible has a term for what we now call "peer pressure" ... it is "fear of man." This does not only mean that you are afraid of a playground bully or a nasty neighbor. It means that you fear the opinion of another, and that fear controls you. It is important to note that, nearly everywhere you find "fear of man" in the Bible, you will find "fear of God" or "trust in God" right alongside it. These two "fears" are in conflict with one another and cannot reside peacefully together.

If we are to be successful in cultivating a healthy fear of God in our families and with our children, we must at the same time train ourselves away from the fear of man. Learning and memorizing this proverb will benefit your family now and throughout your lives.



U be the Judge 5 to 6:30 pm

## Sat. Oct 10th

When you're finished with the Chili buffet  
stay for the chuckles

## Laugh n Lounge

### 6:30-8pm

Espresso & Italian Sodas  
Childcare provided 6:30 to 8pm

## Fall Carnival

### Oct. 31

## Volunteers needed

The Cook Off, Laugh n Lounge & Fall Carnival are great opportunities to reach out to our community so lets invite them..:)