

THE NAME

It's not easy to keep up with the shorthand that accompanies today's fast-paced, youth-oriented electronic communication. In IM-speak (Instant Message talk) or text-message language, "laughing out loud" becomes "lol." "By the way" is "btw." And regrettably, some people use "omg" for "Oh, my God!"

This last phrase seems to be on the lips of many who receive startling news. But as Christians, we need to stop before we utter this or any other phrase that flippantly uses God's name.

In Matthew 6, when Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, the first thing He told them to say was this: "*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name*" (v.9). Clearly, God's name itself is special. It encompasses His nature, His teachings, and His moral authority. To speak the name of God is to call on the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

In every way possible, we should honor and protect God's holy name, preserving its use for those occasions when we are speaking of Him or addressing Him in faith.

Let's be careful never to turn the hallowed name of our awesome and mighty God into just another flippant phrase on our lips or in a text message.

- David Branon, *Our Daily Bread*

*May all I am and do and say
Give glory to my Lord always;
And may no act of mine cause shame
Nor bring reproach upon His name.*

- Anonymous

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Exodus 20:7.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14.

"Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts." Psalm 96:6-8.

"He hath sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name." Psalm 111:9.

God's name: handle with care.

News & Notes

CONFESSION: Lori States, Pat Allison.

ADD TO JUNE CALENDAR: Bryan Noland, Jr. - June 13th. Sorry for the omission.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies invited.

OUR FRIDAY NIGHT SING: This coming Friday, June 6th, 7:00 p.m. See Donna Stevens if want to help with the refreshments following the sing.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: This coming Saturday, June 7th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: Money donations or the following items are needed by June 8th: Ladies anti-perspirant, Rice Krispies cereal, AAA Alkaline batteries, Icing sprinkles, Bisquick. See Jerry Shultz.

GRADUATION PARTY: For Rebecca McClung, Sunday, June 8th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Building. All are invited.

WEDDING: Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Geiselman, Sr. request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Tamara Dawn to Jason Allen Sprout, Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., Chester Church of Christ. Reception to follow at the Multipurpose Building. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

CHESTER'S VBS: June 15-18. Speakers: Sunday, a.m. - Frank Higginbotham; Sunday p.m. - Jeremy Main; Monday - Steve Smithbauer; Tuesday - Denver Cooper; Wednesday - Bob Noland. Money donations for the VBS picnic should be given to Don or Crystal Spencer.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: June 23-28. See Gerald Clutter if want to help with the camp.

PANTRY: Soup & crackers.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Bob Cyphers - will have open heart surgery June 10th. Kita Miller (Patty McCullough's daughter), recovering from hip replacement surgery. Kita's address: 304 W. 4th St., Brookston, IN 47923. Also remember others who have serious health concerns or need encouragement.

REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S: Harry & Imogene Nice.

SICK: AT HOME: Dan Williams, Ruth Brewer, Bette Gentry, Bertha Seman. Brightwell Nursing Home, Follansbee: Gary Evans. Others confined to their homes and in nursing homes are listed on the bulletin board.

WHAT OF TOMORROW?

I do not know what still awaits,
Or what the morrow brings;
But with the glad salute of faith,
I hail its opening wings!

For this I know - that in my Lord
Shall all my needs be met;
And I can trust the heart of Him
Who has not failed me yet.