

The Art of Pitching

In his book, *Men at Work*, George F. Will takes a close look at four baseball players. One of those examined is Orel Hershiser (of Dodgers fame), who talks about his philosophy of pitching.

“There are two theories of pitching,” Hershiser says. “One is that you try to convince the batter that a particular pitch is coming and you throw something different. The other theory that you don’t hear as much, but that I use, is that if the batter expects a particular pitch, you throw it, but you throw it in a place where he can’t hit it.”

That is: Know what a batter wants or expects and throw the ball almost there. If he is a highball hitter, throw it a bit too high. His eagerness will prevent him from laying off it, but it will be hard to hit well.

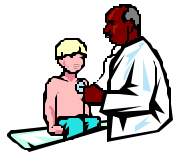
Isn’t that the way the enemy works in our life? He knows just what kind of pitch that we are a sucker for and then throws it our way. But, it is just a little higher or just a little bit more outside than where we like it, and most likely we will bite on it every time. After all, it looks so good. It feels so right.

Know your weaknesses when life throws temptations at you.

- the elders

Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:



Marguerite Charles,
Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Crawford
& Martha Keith, Mariam Majors, Steve
Harrah, Edith Crigger, Paige Horne, Dot
Tucker, Brad Spencer, Francis Hicks.

Nancy Benefield had surgery on Friday.

Lynn Anderson has been moved to Room 312, Richfield
Recovery and Care Center along with Mary.

Georgia Pyott—Pat Gwaltney's mother is in ICU.

Jean McCracken, Jeanny Gilpin's mother is recovering
from hip replacement.

Bud Maness, Charles & Hazel's son, is recovering at
their home from a broken ankle.

Berkley Tew, 17-month old niece of Mitch Jearls, had a
MRI on Thursday.

Connie Rippey, Glenna's sister, is in Galax Hopsital.

Happy Birthday this week to:
Bradford Durham—9/24
Lyn Shrader—9/25
Ivy Bush—9/25



Happy Anniversary this week to:
Gene & Nancy Benefield—9/23
Herb & Shirley Baker—9/23
Paul & Yvette Mays—9/25
David & Hazel McFalls—9/26



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Attention all primary teachers!



Deadline change for email lesson
plans, activities, (and giving visuals to
Tommy) etc. to Tommy Richardson
and Danny. You now have one year (not 9 months)
from your last teaching qtr. to do this. For example: Fall
teachers deadline is now Nov. 30th, not August 30th.
Thanks!

Primary Teachers Meeting will be on October 26 at
4:30. All teachers are expected to attend so mark your
calendars now. 4th & 5th Grade teachers are in charge of
snacks.

Upcoming Gospel Meetings

September 28-Oct. 1

Central Church of Christ with Ron
Laughery

October 5-8

Southside in Galax with Tom House

October 12-15

Fort Chiswell with Dennis Curd

October 19-22

West Side with Gary Hampton

Upcoming Lectureships (See Board for details)

October 4-7

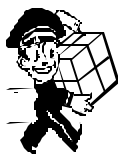
Rugby Avenue in Charlottesville

October 5-9

WV Christians Lectureship in Martinsburg, WV

November 6-9

Cold Harbor Lectureship In Mechanicsville, VA



**SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR THE
STAFFORDS:** Dryel (at home dry
cleaning) & tea bags (mandarin orange
or mango). Give your items to Jeanny
and she will ship them over!

Note of Thanks!

Josh Shrader would like to thank
everyone for their cards and prayers
during his recent surgery!

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For Your Information



Teens

October Dates
October 12—Teen Bible Study—7:00

UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETING

Address labels for Gary Hampton are available on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a label and write a note of encouragement to Gary in his preparations for our upcoming meeting (October 19-22). Include him in your prayers and let him know you are doing so. Gary Hampton, 6612 Beaver Ridge Rd., Knoxville, TN 37931.

TURN, TURN, TURN

T3 flyers and registrations are located in the foyer. Return to the office by today!

AFRICA MISSIONS

Jim Bush and others arrived safely and are enjoying the area before getting down to work!!

WEST SIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th Annual WS Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 27 at 11:00 AM at the Blue Hills Golf Club. Today is the last day to sign up!

EDP MEETING

The bi-monthly EDP meeting will be on October 5 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.

BIKE & PICNIC

The first (and hopefully not last) Roanoke River Greenway Bike Ride and Picnic will be on October 11 at 3:30. Bring your bikes and come out to Smith Park to ride approx. 10 flat miles and enjoy a picnic afterwards. Those who don't want to ride can come by the park and plan on picnicing around 5:15. Sign up sheet on the board. See Greg Edwards for details.

NEW DATES

The Area-Wide Preachers meeting will be October 20 and the WOW Group meeting will be October 21 with guest speaker, Gary Hampton.

WOW

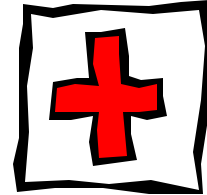
Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Autobiographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, at 10:30.



Team 2 (Garby) will be hosting a Pounding for the Laplante and Oldham families on September 28. See Bob for details. Baskets are located in the foyer.

Mary Halling is in Dumas, Louisiana assisting with the Red Cross efforts for those affected by the recent hurricanes. She is the shelter manager at a local Jr. High school. She has 83 patients over whom she has oversight for providing care. She is off today (Friday). She is working the late night shift starting at 11 PM. She misses everyone at West Side. If you would like to send her a note, here is her e-mail address: maryhalling@gmail.com



MILITARY

Kyle Nester, Erich Felps, Chris Coleman, & Angela Ridgeon—in Iraq
Katy Halling—aboard a Navy Ship
Ty Stricklin will be returning to Iraq in October.

Yes, It Is Infanticide!

September 2008

Announcements	Squeaky Valentine
Song Leader (AM)	Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (AM)	
9/7	Charlie Maness
9/14	Danny Guard
9/21	Gene Benefield
9/28	Jerry Anderson
Preside at Communion	Tom Rogers
Serve Table	Adam House Jeremy White Jim Harrington Bob Garby
Closing Prayer	
9/7	Roger Mays
9/14	Barry White
9/21	Tom Richardson
9/28	Greg Edwards
Song Leader (PM)	Jeff Durham
Opening Prayer (PM)	
9/7	AC Janney
9/14	Richard Simms
9/21	Glenn Hartman
9/28	George Mellon
Scripture Reader	Ethan Rogers
Closing Prayer (PM)	
9/7	Herb Baker
9/14	Josh Whitlow
9/21	Mike Durham
9/28	Don Pettit
Serve Table (PM)	
	Sam Valentine Shawn Simms
Song Leader (Wed)	Eric Earnhart
Prayer (Wed)	
9/3	Mark Brooks
9/10	David Brown
9/17	Garrett Durham
9/24	Jim Cooke
Open/Close Bldg	Richard Simms
Greeters	Gilpin Bush
Nursery Attend	Sandra Altizer Evelyn Scott
Ushers	David McFalls Norris Gearhart
Handouts	Mike Durham Garrett Durham Bradford Durham Sam Valentine
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	
	Jo Hartman Hazel Maness
Cards & Pencils	
	Sydney Durham Rebecca Doss

Last weeks attendance 9/7&10/08

Bible Class—169 Worship Service—181
Sunday Eve.—122 Wednesday Eve.—146
Contribution—\$4724

The political arena is heating up now that the nearing election is in the home stretch. What was earlier touted as a more civil election based on policy instead of personality is showing itself to be typical “politics as usual.” Each side is hurling accusations at the other and penning each other with views not held and conclusions not necessarily warranted from the facts.

One conclusion that has been drawn and that is being vehemently denied is the accusation of infanticide. Though tragic, it is of interest to note how the liberal agenda pushes for abortion rights and yet does not want to be tagged with the conclusions such a stand warrants. They travel far and wide to deny that what they propose is in any way infanticide. For example, the Illinois Born Alive Infant Protection Act would have prevented babies that survived an abortion attempt (and were thus born alive) from being left to die. It would have afforded them the legal status of “person” and therefore provided them with the right to receive medical care to sustain their lives. It stated, “A live child born as a result of an abortion shall be fully recognized as a human person and accorded immediate protection under the law.”¹ One member of the Illinois state senate spoke out against this provision. That man was Barack Obama.² Mr. Obama now denies that he did such, but the evidence is clear that he did. It was from this that Alan Keyes originally charged Obama with favoring infanticide in their 2004 Illinois Senate race.

An even greater point, however, is the fact that abortion itself is indeed infanticide. An infant in the womb is just as much a human being as one outside the womb (cf. Jer. 1:5; Ps. 139:13-16). To kill one inside is as much murder as killing one outside. Regardless of the attempts to avoid being tagged with the label “infanticide,” those who support abortion are practitioners of that very thing! And shame on anyone who calls himself a Christian who would support such- with his voice or with his vote! Yes, it is infanticide!

-Eddy

¹http://www.factcheck.org/elections-2008/obama_and_infanticide.html

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