

FAMILYLIFE™ The Murfin Minute

Help for today. Hope for tomorrow.

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A Moving Experience

On November 18th, we will pack up our home and move to Little Rock, Arkansas where we will begin to serve from FamilyLife's headquarters.

We are amazed when we look back on this journey God has had us on: The application process, interviews, new-staff training, raising support, selling our home, quitting Chris' job and stepping down from our other responsibilities. We're finally at the point we can move.

Once in Little Rock, Chris will begin serving in FamilyLife's Information Systems department working primarily on software development with also some work on the Internet team. Lisa will be assigned her role once we are settled into our school routine.

We are deeply honored for your partnership with us to bring God's message of help and hope to others. We are eager to serve from Arkansas and can only do it with your support. Thank you!

Why We Do It!

Two real stories from people YOU'VE helped change forever!

Last month, at the Weekend to Remember conference in Rapid City, SD, we heard of a couple who were married at 6pm in the hotel and, just one hour later, were attending the conference. Not only were they being equipped with the God's blueprints for marriage, but we also learned that Saturday morning they both came to know Christ. Wow!

Another couple shared this story: "My wife had been trying to get me to go to one of these conferences for 4-5 years. I finally decided that our marriage was at the point that we needed to do something. We were both living in utter isolation. We had read all the books. We knew all the lingo. After the first night, I told her, 'Our marriage has cancer, and this is only an aspirin'.

"I had serious doubts whether anything could be solved. On the second day, things began to change. I think the biggest difference was that the projects were not introduced by either of us, and therefore neutral. Neither of us could accuse the other of having ulterior motives in bringing up the subjects that needed to be discussed honestly. We were able to work through some of these issues and come to an agreement to leave them behind.

"Since the conference, it has been a wonderful time of reconnecting. I feel we are one again. As a result, the hindrance to God's working that I had placed in my life by the bitterness toward my wife seems to be gone. I am experiencing a walk with God I have not had in a very long time."

Thank you for all you do to help couples like these find help and hope. We so appreciate your continued partnership with us in the fight for the family. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! We pray you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Chris and Lisa

If divorce were a physical disease, we'd declare a national emergency.

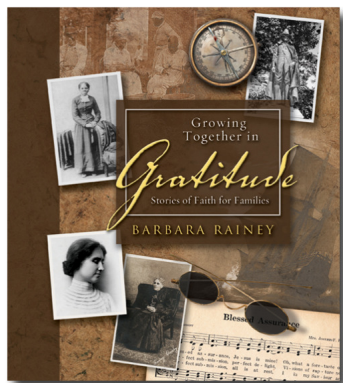
George Gallup, Jr.

Ethan's Escapades

Yeah! I am excited that we are finally moving! It's been long, but it has been worth the wait. Now I get to do more things in Little Rock than I have been able to do in Sioux Falls. (I will be a part of a home-school group again!) I have to remember to buy myself a fan though... I hear it gets pretty hot in Little Rock!



Teaching Your Kids to Have a Heart of Gratitude



Barbara Rainey has a passion for family and raising godly children, and over the years she found a “secret” that helped her instill godly traits in all six of her children—stories. Not just any stories, but real stories about real people that shared faith. In her own words: “From that experience (of telling stories of shared faith to my children) was born my dream to create a resource to help moms and dads who want to be instrumental in guiding their children toward God.”

Coming the first week of November, FamilyLife Publishing is proud to release Barbara’s newest devotional: *Growing Together in Gratitude: Stories of Faith for Families*.

We all know children aren’t born thankful. But inspiring role models can lead them there. *Growing Together in Gratitude* is a seven-day interactive devotional with captivating stories that saturate children’s minds with memorable accounts of true heroes who made noble choices. It includes stories from well-known people such as Corrie ten Boom, Helen Keller and Harriet Tubman.

Please send us an email to familylife@murfin.us or call us at 605-940-3135 if you would like a copy of this book for your family.

Praise Items

- Praise God for a safe trip to & from Little Rock in early October.
- Praise God for the way He prepared Chris with the exact skills needed at FamilyLife right now!
- Praise God for helping us to find a home in our price range that needs very few improvements.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for a safe and successful move on November 18th.
- Pray for all of the details to be in place allowing us to close on our house on November 20th.
- Pray that God would raise the remainder of our on-going support before we move.
- Pray for many lives to be changed for now and eternity through the 30 Weekend to Remember Conferences across the US during the month of November.

Right from the Start

Your blender probably came with more instructions than your child. You may not have an instruction manual for your children, but there is help.



Parenting experts Dennis and Barbara Rainey give straight talk on applying biblical principles to the daily grind of parenting and the often exasperating job of training and disciplining young children with this latest resource titled “Right from the Start”.

“All parents need a clear vision for developing their children. How you parent each child today lays the foundation for who they will become tomorrow.”

- Dennis and Barbara Rainey

The great news is that it's free online. Each of the five sessions will be released one at a time between now and Thanksgiving and includes a downloadable listener's guide.

This offer is only available for a limited time so be sure to check it out soon at: www.murfin.us/rfts

Alternatively, the DVD set is available for purchase at our online store or by calling 1-800-FL-TODAY.