

First Family News

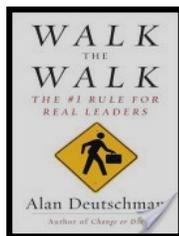


July 2013

Our Second Century Together

What's Jay Reading

Over the last 2 months, I've been reading in the area of business for innovative insight and application for the church and its leadership because the times ahead seem to be turbulent and rapidly changing. The old ways of doing "business" no longer seem to apply.

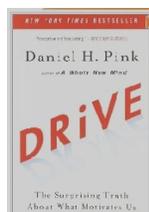


4 out of 5 stars

With that in mind, I thought I'd report on several management books which were reviewed as bestsellers and excellent reads:

Most leaders focus too much on what they say and not nearly enough on setting an example.

A personal nugget: If you want people to follow you, you must be an example. Our actions speak much louder than our words.



4 1/2 out of 5 stars

Drive is a 2009 non-fiction book by Daniel Pink. In it, he argues that human motivation is largely inborn, and that the aspects of this motivation can be divided into aptitude, control and purpose. He argues against old models of motivation driven by rewards, such as money and fear of chastisement actually do little to motivate.

Personal nugget: People have an innate inner drive to be autonomous, self-determined and connected to one another. The example of the pronoun effect is powerful. Former U.S. labor secretary Robert Reich has devised a smart, simple (and free) diagnostic tool for measuring the health of an organization. When he talks to employees, he listens carefully for the pronouns they use. Do employees refer to their company as "they" or as "we"? As a church, what pronoun is primarily used to express the First Christian Church of Lawrenceville?



4 1/2 out of 5 stars

In this extraordinary book, Charles Duhigg, an investigative reporter for The New York Times, tackles an important reality head on. That is, people succeed when they identify patterns that shape their lives--and learn how to change them.

Personal nugget: 40% of the actions we perform each day aren't actual decisions, but habits. Most behavior is changed in small increments, not with one time grand resolutions. In other words; baby steps- or the saying- *inch by inch* holds true as we try to break old routines. Also most successful habit modifications occur in community. In other words; we need each other to support winning and desired change.

Women's Wisdom Circle July Activities

Wednesday - July 3rd - Lawrenceville Square - Pre-4th Celebration. Check the egram and bulletin for meeting time and details to be decided when more information is available.

We are also considering attending one of the Moonlight and Music concerts on the Square in Lawrenceville, like we did last year, possibly July 26th or August 30th but are awaiting details to become available.

Deadline for August Newsletter Thursday, July 25th

July Birthdays

- 1 Zachary McAfee
- 4 Rafael Evatt-Machado
- 6 David Trantham
- 8 Betty Huff
- 11 Chris Sutherland
- 14 Jan Baker
- 15 Karen Jensen
- 15 Carla Ouzts
- 17 Maribeth Fisher
- 17 Barbara Phyfer
- 18 Shirley Hutchins
- 18 Nancy Moss
- 20 Jim Kling
- 23 Margaret Parris
- 23 Casseigh Austin
- 25 Joey Baker
- 27 Jan Trinks
- 28 Linda Gulden



July Anniversaries

- 16 Ralph & Elizabeth McElhanon
- 17 Brian & Libby Ballew
- 17 Craig & Candace Richardson
- 18 Dorrie & Tom Toth
- 22 Bruce & Karla Johnson
- 27 Jay & Sandy White
- 31 Lynn Boren & Margaret Parris



Young Helpers in Worship - July

- July 7:** Youth Responsive Reader: Kaeden Carter
Acolytes: Vacant
- July 14:** Youth Responsive Reader: David Britt
Acolytes: Riley Ballew
- July 21:** Youth Responsive Reader: Rafael Evatt-Machado
Acolytes: Vacant
- July 28:** Youth Responsive Reader: David Trantham
Acolytes: Molly Ballew

Worship Helpers

- July 7:** 8:45 Reader - Lynn Lane
10:50 Reader - Joey Baker
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker
- July 14:** 8:45 Reader - Rosie Tripp
10:50 Reader - Mabel Simmons
Communion Meditation - Elizabeth McElhanon
- July 21:** 8:45 Reader - Julie Mowrey
10:50 Reader - Joey Baker
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker
- July 28:** 8:45 Reader - Melissa McAfee
10:50 Reader - Sandy White
Communion Meditation - Sandy White

Sign-Changers

- July 7:** Joey Baker
- July 14:** Jim McCollough
- July 21:** Brian Ballew
- June 28:** Tommy Hlass

July TONTO

TONTO will be hosted by Gen Ashby on July 2nd. If you have any questions, contact Gen.

July Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

Elders: Beth Thompson, Elizabeth McElhanon (7th & 14th), & Tadd Huff (21st & 28th)

Deacons: Gen Ashby, Scott Britt, Leigh Britt

Deacon-in-Training: Nick Anders

Lead Server: Gen Ashby, lead server, can be reached at 678-546-6996. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call her as soon as you know.



Servant-Leaders

Lead server: Gen Ashby

Prepare Communion/Cleanup: Elizabeth McElhanon (7th & 14th), Connie Worrel (21st), Patricia Taylor (28th)

Greeter/Bulletins: Linda Gulden (7th), Lee Thompson (14th), Candace Richardson (21st), Tommy Hlass (28th)



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Music Director: Kim Peeples

Administrative Assistant: Linda Rowe

Joys and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Chris K; Kris J; Eileen Mc; Nancy W; Dorrie T; Betty H; Blanche, Ray & Harry E; Mildred P; Bill & Barbara P; Reba & Virgil T; Faye & ML R; Mary Jo; Leona C's father passed away; Melissa Mc's friend, Melissa H; Brian B's family; Linda G's children's paternal grandmother, Adriana G, passed away; those suffering from depression.

A Spiritual Reflection on The Christian Journey

Too many times, we want to see God's rewards, the miraculous, the success, the applause. God calls us only to obey, do our best and leave the rest in His hands. We can rest in the assurance that God is at work, even when we do not see the results we anticipate.

St. Francis Xavier died on a small island six miles off the coast of China, his ultimate destination in sight. Not having reached his goal, Xavier felt himself something of a failure. Here is Walter Burghardt, in his book **Saints and Sanctity** reflecting on times of failure even after we have worked hard.

This is dreadfully difficult for human beings to accept -even for a Xavier. Just because I'm trying to do God's work with every ounce of my being is no guarantee that my plans will prosper. There is no guarantee that an effective Christian apostle will not be cut down in his prime.... There is no guarantee that because you have given yourself to a Christian marriage your openness will be lasting... That because you love God deeply you will not lose your job, your home, your family, your health... There is no guarantee that because you believe, you will not doubt; because you hope, you will not despond; because you love your love will not grow cold. There is no guarantee that a Xavier will reach China. In this sense there is a Christian frustration a Christian failure.

You do your Christian task as God gives you to see it; the rest the increase, is in God's hands. God still uses what the world calls foolish to shame the wise, still uses what the world calls weak to shame its strength, still uses what the world calls low and insignificant and unreal to nullify its realities... In this sense, there is no Christian frustration and no Christian failure.

-Jay White