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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

“Things just aren’t the way they used to be.” At least, that’s what Grandfather always said. What did he mean? Isn’t it obvious that things aren’t the way they used to be?

While living in Washington DC, my family and I enjoyed visiting many national monuments together. For our toddler children, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial was a particular favorite not only because of the many beautiful waterfalls – but also because of the bronze sculpture of FDR’s little Scottish terrier, Fala. We visited the FDR memorial frequently. There are many sculptures and inscriptions that our young children could not understand, including George Segal’s life-size sculpture of a 1930’s breadline that captures the hunger, both literal and figurative, that many Americans felt during the Depression years.



One evening at the FDR memorial, I noticed two tour groups, one from China and the other from the United States. Both groups were comprised primarily of youth approximately 10 to 14 years old. Both groups

arrived at Segal’s breadline sculpture at the same time. As I watched, I noticed a few things about these two groups that have caused me to reflect, time and again, upon principles of education, religion, and history.

The first thing I noticed was the manner of dress: the American boys wore clothing that advertised their favorite rock bands, athletes, and clothing designers; the American girls wore clothing that revealed their figure, their underclothing, and their skin. The Chinese boys and girls wore clothing that was plain, modest, and, for the most part, without advertisement.

Within moments of arriving, the American youth surged past their guides and flung themselves onto the breadline sculptures as if on a playground (many of the FDR memorial sculptures, including the breadline sculptures, are intentionally placed so that they can be accessed, viewed and touched from various angles by tourists). The Chinese youth remained together, waiting patiently and quietly for information or a signal from their guide. Next, the American youth began striking as many poses as they could contrive while simultaneously yelling to their friends for a picture of each pose. By this time, one of the Chinese guides was pointing to the sculpture and attempting to explain the historical significance of the Great Depression—but not without considerable distraction from the boisterous and irreverent American youth.

Pictures tell a thousand words. If I could have taken a picture at that moment, the picture could have been the front cover for a story entitled “Things Just Aren’t the Way They Used to Be.” It would be a story that includes a day in the life of two tourist groups, but it would begin in 1930 with five men standing in a breadline during the Great Depression, frustrated and humiliated. It would be the story of their sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters—all of whom were good Christians in a Christian Nation—but all of whom eventually forgot their grandfathers and their grandfathers’ God.

I’m not sure how the story would end. I guess that’s up to us.

No, things aren’t the way they used to be. Yes, children will be children. And yes, we all forget sometimes. Maybe that’s all part of God’s plan:

*“And also that God hath set his hand
and seal to change the times and*

seasons, and to blind their minds, that they may not understand his marvelous workings; that he may prove them also..." (D&C 121:12).

May we prove ourselves worthy to stand with our grandfathers in quiet dignity, humility and honor. May we teach our children the responsibility that comes with our inheritance as heirs of a covenant land and a covenant faith. And may we and our children never be guilty of giving less honor and respect to our land, our forefathers, and our faith than is given by children of another land and another faith.

Sincerely,

--Grant Beckwith

FAMILY LECTURE SERIES



KAYE TERRY HANSON

"THE PLAY'S THE THING"

BRINGING FINE ARTS TO CHILDREN

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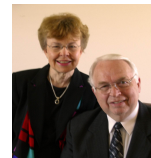
Fine art, theater, music, and literature offer adventure, creativity, and understanding to children. Even young children respond to experiences with Mozart, Shakespeare, and Michelangelo, and they enjoy it more if their favorite grownups are with them!

Dr. Kaye Terry Hanson graduated from Brigham Young University with a BA in English, an MA in Theater and German, and a PhD in Theater History and German. Dr. Hanson is a faculty member in the BYU Marriott School of Management where she teaches communications, business and religion to graduate and

undergraduate students. Dr. Hanson served for nearly three years as the Associate Director of Brigham Young University's Jerusalem Center in Israel. Dr. Hanson co-edited "Finding God at BYU," a book about remarkable stories of emerging faith in faculty and students. She has also written a communication book called "Say It Right".

Dr. Hanson's favorite pastime is writing and binding books for her grandchildren, which has led to co-ownership in a company called Bamma Books that creates and develops children's books. Born and raised in Beaver, Utah, she has two children and five grandchildren.

THANK YOU TO GARY AND JOY LUNDBERG



Gary and Joy Lundberg presented "The Secret to Happy Kids and a Happy Home." At our Family Lecture Series on November 11th. All who attended were enriched. Gary and Joy are the authors of the nationally published books: *I Don't Have to Make Everything All Better*, and *Married for Better, Not Worse*. They are also the authors of the pocketsize guidebook for youth, parents and leaders called *On Guard! Seven Safeguards to Protect Your Sexual Purity*. A transcript will be available with December's issue of *Libertas*.

THANK YOU TO JAMES MACARTHUR



Dr. James MacArthur presented "Building a Healthy Family" at our Family Lecture Series on October 14th. All who attended were enriched. Dr MacArthur's remarks were taken from his book, "How Do Regular, Everyday Parents Successfully Build a Healthy Family." We appreciate the insights and spirit that he shared the material with each of us. A transcript is available online at: <http://www.american-heritage.org/pdf/MacArthur.pdf>

FAMILY LECTURE SERIES CALENDAR

January 13 Kaye Hanson
February 10 Paul Keen
March 10 Jack Christensen

The Family Lecture Series is offered the second Friday of each month during the school year at the American Heritage School north auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please be seated by 7:25 p.m. Admission is free of charge. All are welcome – ages 14 and up.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Custodial Positions Available

Part Time custodial positions are available at the school! A tuition scholarship as well as an hourly rate is offered as compensation. For those who are interested, please contact Leslie Clark at the front office for application and to set up an interview.

Teacher Positions Available

We are seeking a full-time teacher for the new Eighth Grade Class Beginning August 1, 2006. We are also seeking a full-time teacher for First Grade beginning August 1, 2006

CHAIRS FOR SALE



The School is selling used maroon and white MityLite folding chairs for \$17.00 each. They are lightweight, store easily, and are great for family gatherings. If interested please contact Blaine Hunsaker at the school (801) 642-0055 ext 306