

## Lesson # 3

### Introduction:

#### A. Theme scripture, bookmark: Philippians 4:13

1. Distribute.
2. Discuss.

### I. Embarrassing Moment

#### A. Think about who does a noticeable job of giving a speech about an embarrassing moment.

1. Watch for a skill that you would like to develop.
2. Be a "good finder."
3. Be ready to vote for a winner.

#### B. Begin the Speeches

#### C. Evaluate, reinforce, compliment after each speaker.

#### D. Vote for winner to be presented at conclusion of class.

1. Hand out voting cards.
2. Vote for one person.
3. Hand in voting cards (please fold the card if you vote for yourself.)

## II. Making Announcements

### A. MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT PROMOTE THE WORK OF THE CHURCH AND HELP CHRISTIANS DO THEIR WORK

1. Promote church work.
  - a. Special services.  
Meetings.  
Workshops.
  - b. Inform Christians of opportunities of service.

Sickness.  
Death.  
Births.  
Marriages.  
Special needs.

B. BE SURE OF THE FACTS -- KNOW AHEAD OF TIME.

1. Time.
2. Date.
3. Place.
4. Person.

C. REFLECT THE MOOD OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

1. Enthusiasm and joy.

Workshops.  
The arrival of a new baby  
Marriage  
Baptisms  
New Members

2. Solemn.

Sickness.  
Death.

D. BE BRIEF.

1. Omit all facts that are unnecessary or that should not be announced.

"There may be others I don't know about."

Condition of sick

Do not read the bulletin

Don't apologize for announcements

**Don't ask if there are any other announcements!**

2. Arrange similar announcements. Such as sickness, death, gospel meetings, etc.

E. SPEAK SO THAT EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND.

1. Speak loudly - speak to the people on the back seat.

2. Pause between announcements.

3. Repeat vital facts.

### III. Ushering

A. Ushering is something that we ask the Deacon of the month to do here at Park Central. But there are times that most of the responsibility falls to whomever gets to the building first or who will do it by default. But do you know who does what?

Who prepares Sunday morning communion? / Sunday evening Communion?

Who serves Sunday evening communion?

Who turns the light's on? / Who turns the lights off?

Who unlocks the building? / Who locks the building?

Who regulates the thermostats?

Who rings the bells?

Who counts the people in the auditorium?

Who takes up the slack when the person is not here?

B. Family Secrets rule the world.

1. There are so many unwritten rules.
2. How do we pass information from one generation to the next?

C. General ways that everyone can help with ushering

1. Keep an eye on the front door to help people who might need assistance.

People in wheel chairs, walkers, or crutches

Those carrying bulky items into the building

2. If there are visitors, help them find where they need to go.

Get them connected with someone.

Help them find a place to sit in the auditorium.

Answer any questions they might have, like location of the Restrooms.

Hand them a visitor packet.

Conclusion:

A. Next Weeks Class: Practice making announcements.

B. Next week we will discuss

1. Leading Public Prayers.

2. Presiding over the Lord's Table.

C. Award prize.

## SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Instruction:

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Mr. Eugene Curl is in Southwest Medical Center, Room 235. He had an appendectomy Thursday. They had to make an incision 10 inches long and it took 42 stitches to sew him up. His temperature was 106 yesterday but was down to 99. 5 when I talked to him this afternoon.

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They are going to have a workshop in Houston.

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There will be a Holy Ghost healing and tongue-speaking service at Nederland Methodist Monday night at 8:00 p.m. There will be a special band with Bill Mahoney at the organ to furnish soul stirring music. All are invited and urged to attend.

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Roger Gary had a bad wreck Friday night. He is in intensive care in the local hospital. He was going down the interstate toward Winnie and crossed all the way over the median and hit a car going in the other direction. He had his driver's license taken away just about two months ago. Somebody told me he was drunk when he had the wreck. It sure was bad it had to happen, but maybe if he pulls through, it will teach him a lesson. The doctor told his parents this morning that he probably won't live over the weekend. Maybe these people will learn someday that driving and drinking don't mix.

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Mrs. Laura Smith is dead.

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Sanderson's is having a special Sunday dinner, if you bring in your church bulletin. Roast beef, corn, creamed potatoes, and tomatoes, with peach cobbler and drink, only \$6.25.

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Janice Winters is at Saint Elizabeth's following the birth of her son. She was in labor for 18 hours and the baby got stuck. They had to do an emergency C-Section and she has a 6-inch incision at her bikini line. The doctor used 16 staples to close the incision and the Baby had an Apgar score of 3 and then 5. Both mom and baby are doing fine, but they are having a struggle with Emily the big sister; she is having fits of jealousy.

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A group of folks are going to Bounce Zone with their kids next weekend.

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Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church is starting a catechism class in an effort to evangelize the neighborhood. It starts Monday night at 7:00 and will last for 2 months.

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Geo Burrito in Port Arthur is having a buy one Burrito get one free on Sundays. This is the Houck's favorite place to eat.

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We have learned that the Johnson family is having some difficulties and the Bill has lost his job. They don't know how they are going to be able to pay their bills, and Sandy is afraid that they might loose their house. She is having panic attacks that are a result of her lack of faith. They have asked that we pray for them during this difficult time.

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The Kountz Congregation is having a Gospel meeting next week. The speaker is Jerrie Barber. He is a famous speaker from Tennessee and he has spoken at Jubilee, the East Tennessee School of Preaching, as well as held Gospel Meetings in 38 different states and 6 different countries. The times of the meeting are 10:00 am Sunday morning with a meal at 12:00. 7:00 Sunday evening through Wednesday evening. They will have a meal Monday through Wednesday at 5:30. All are invited to attend.

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The Salvation Army is looking for recruits to help them in their annual Spring Giving campaign. Anyone who is interested should contact the Offices of the Salvation Army and see how you can help. They plan on distributing food, clothes, and bibles. They also need help conducting Bible studies, and they have a brochure that you can use that will better explain their beliefs.

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The radio this morning said that there was a fire at Navroski's.

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We have recently learned that Jamie and Pat Isenberg are getting a divorce. You may remember that Jamie's dad was an elder here for about 10 years but he had to step down after Pat became pregnant. Their marriage has always been rocky and there were always rumors that Jamie was having an affair, so their divorce will be acceptable in the sight of God.

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Jerome Lucas was in the paper this week. He was honored for an act of bravery at the Valero plant, where he shut off a gas leak that had the possibility of causing an explosion. The explosion could have been horrible for the company and the homes that are around the factory.

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There will be a teachers meeting next Sunday evening. All teachers and anyone interested in teaching are asked to attend.

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The Youth Group will be taking a trip this Saturday to Lamar to see the Lamar Cardinal Baseball team in action. The cost will be \$15.00 a person and that price includes admission to the game, a hot dog, and a drink. Please sign up on Brian's door if you would like to go.

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Jerry Johnson is in Saint Mary's room 245. He was involved in an accident sharpening his hunting knife. While he was sharpening the knife the crock sticks slipped and the knife cut an artery in his leg. The sight of blood made him pass out and he was alone at the time and lost a lot of blood before Misty came home and found him. When they got him to the Hospital they gave him a blood transfusion and some morphine to dull his pain. They did not know that he was a recovering drug addict and we hope that this will not make him fall off the wagon.

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Billy Smith will be hosting the Youth Devotional tonight at his home. Billy's daughter Betsy is in the Youth Group.

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A group is taking the church van to Baton Rouge to watch Wrestling. It is the first time that the Junkyard Dog will be in action with this wrestling company.

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Sissy Smith had her baby last Thursday a little girl. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Mom and Baby are doing fine. However, the baby's father cannot be found. Last we heard he was headed back to Mexico, please pray for Sissy and the new baby.

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This is It in Port Arthur is having a buy one all you can eat Buffett get one free today.

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A group needs to go help clean out Mrs. Trout's home. Her house has sat there since she passed and she has no family that cares enough to come and clean it up.