

*Mr. and Mrs. Paul Refior,  
believing in the sanctity and beauty  
of Christian marriage, invite you  
to join us in celebrating the  
marital union of our precious daughter,*

*Nikki Jo,  
and  
Jonathan Marc Lambeth.*

*in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lambeth,  
Saturday the sixth day of August,  
nineteen hundred and ninety-four  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
Pleasant View Bible Church  
Warsaw, Indiana*



**Jonathan & Nikki  
(in love)**

*Reception and punch reception following  
Child care provided for young children*

# HELLO !!

As you can see from the engagement photo and YOUR wedding invitation above, our precious Nikki is engaged. Pam and I heartily approve and we thank our Lord for bringing Jonathan into Nikki's life. Jonathan is the man we have prayed for for years - the type of man Christian parents want their daughters to marry. Jonathan properly met with me to ask for our permission for him to ask Nikki to marry him. Therefore we knew for several days beforehand of the upcoming proposal. Nikki's own report of the proposal is attached to this BULLETIN.

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Since the proposal there has been a flurry of activity surrounding wedding plans, wedding dates, bridesmaids dresses, tuxedos, invitation lists, invitations, cakes, catering, flowers, photographer, video, facilities, housing, ... and (a whole lot more). I told the girls, "I have an opinion about each item, but I will only voice it when asked." Well, I have not totally abided by that statement, but I have tried to stay out of the way. Fortunately Pam, Nikki and Laura get along so very well, and these have been happy times as they have planned and worked on these matters. When Purdue had its spring break Nikki was home, and the entire week was non-stop wedding-related activities. Jonathan was also here at first. Then he went down to Missouri to be with his folks.

I fully realize that since this Bulletin goes to folks all over the country and to quite a few who live out of the country, many of you cannot come to Nikki's upcoming wedding. Please NOT consider this invitation to be a request that you give or send a wedding present. It is a request that if you cannot attend the wedding, you will still note the event and join us in praying for Nikki and Jonathan and the new family they are forming. Those of you who can come, it is our delight to urge you to please come and celebrate this big event with us.

When the semester is over at Purdue Nikki will move home to prepare. She will work at the office. It will be great to have Nikki home before the wedding. She is really buried in her class work and teaching. Summer will bring much relief of pressure for her. Right now Nikki and Jonathan are dealing with Jonathan's mononucleosis (no kissing).

Let's see. Yes, other things have been going on besides the preparations for the wedding. I am writing this Bulletin while I am in Indianapolis to attend two days of continuing legal education. It worked out this time that Pam could come along. I always enjoy driving places with Pam because it gives us blocks of time to chat. Pam has been at the hotel and doing some shopping while I have been at the seminars. It has been a very nice time together. (We are still on our honeymoon even after 24 years).

On Thursday of next week we are leaving on a vacation to Florida. Nikki cannot join us. Laura's best friend, Beth Russell, is going with us. This year we are going to drive instead of fly. I have promised that I will not take any legal work with me. We are going to Vanderbilt Beach which is just north of Naples on the Gulf side. I will report about our trip in the next *BULLETIN*.

Laura is in her last 9-weeks of her last semester of high school (can you believe that?). Laura is becoming increasingly nostalgic, even while she is getting excited about going off to Cedarville College this fall. Laura's quartet and Select Chorale (Beth Russell is also in both), earned the opportunity to go on to the Indiana State competition and both groups earned a "FIRST" rating at State. We have enjoyed the choral concerts this year. Laura remains active in student government, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and SADD. Laura intends to major in pre-physical therapy at Cedarville. She is pumped up about it. Laura and I are playing racquetball once a week. That is fun. During basketball season Laura had the opportunity to open several games by singing the national anthem. Sunday morning Laura has the opportunity to minister by singing a solo during the worship serve at Pleasant View. She has been working hard at completing a long list of scholarship applications.

Our dog, "Candy," got "fixed" earlier this month. No puppies for her. We expected that it probably would cause her to slow down. After the recovery from surgery, we now are convinced it had the opposite effect. She is so cute and is a happy member of our happy family.

Years ago when we first moved to Indiana, our family happened to be in Indianapolis on the Saturday of the Indiana Girls High School Basketball Finals (the Final Four -semifinals at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., then the championship game the evening of the same day). We bought tickets and attended. We have made that a family tradition since. It worked out that Nikki could come over and the four of us had a delightful weekend together. That tradition may be coming to an end, so it was very special that we could be together this year again and to treasure our time together.

Our Warsaw Tigers boys basketball team won the conference title, was ranked in the State, won the Sectional, but was upset in the Regionals. Our Warsaw Tigers girls basketball team was identical in all those ways. My Iowa Hawkeyes men's basketball team ended in LAST place in the Big Ten (but they were the best last place team ever in the Big Ten). The Iowa women had a fine year, but were knocked off in the NCAA tournament. The Iowa wrestlers were again BIG TEN CHAMPIONS! ... for the 21st straight year ! (that is an NCAA record for any sport). The Hawks ended up 2nd in the nation at the NCAA national tournament.

In the last Bulletin I reported the death of Pastor Gene Garrick. This time I report the unexpected home-going of another great man of God, ROY LOWRIE. I flew out to Pennsylvania last month to attend the memorial service. Please pray for Peg and the family. Roy and Peg loved each other so. I was able to spend some time with Helena Garrick who had traveled up to the service.

Things at church are great. All the trends are right. Things with Lakeland Child Evangelism are also great. We had a wonderful annual banquet earlier this month. The Lord has opened doors to put our films into Russian. We see these days as being critical for the distribution of Gospel films and literature around the world. This weekend Dave and Donna Brown and the kids will visit briefly on their way to Ohio. We are excited about that. My Dad and Betty took a trip to Cuba earlier this month. They are not letting any moss grow. They have been bopping here and there since their wedding.

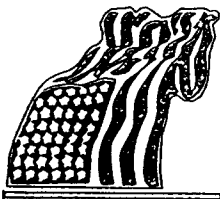
We remain busy and happy at the office. Bill's wife, Jonel, is having considerable neck pain (please join us in prayer about that). I am blessed with a SUPER staff. It is a pleasure to go to work each day. I trust that you are doing well. Please come to Nikki's wedding if you can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul, Pam, Nikki, Laura

P.S. Note Nikki's address and phone number, until May 15th, are also listed at the bottom of page 1. After that she will be in Warsaw.



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## Good Kids Make Headlines, Too

**Editor's Note:** This is the final story in a six-part series looking at "kids these days."

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While it seems the number of kids getting into trouble these days is on the rise, there are many more kids who are doing well.

These kids get into the newspaper not because of crimes they commit, but because of the good things they do: Making the dean's list, earning a scholarship, designing a school flag, winning an academic competition.

The "good kids" get public recognition, but people seem to remember only what they read about the "bad kids."

But the good kids are out there. They face the same pressures, the same uncertainty, the same fears as those who turn to drugs, crime or promiscuity to hide from their problems — but they don't cave in. What makes them different?

Area students cited parental



support as the main reason they stay out of trouble. "My parents encourage me in stuff I'm in and encourage me to get involved in more," said Laura Reflor, a senior at Warsaw. "Kids that don't have that support and that little drive behind them, it makes all the difference."

"Education always is stressed at my home — my whole family has always encouraged me to do my best," said Whitko senior Jennifer Gibson.

"My parents have supported decisions I've made — they've given me a lot of chances to do things right," said Tippecanoe Valley senior Duane Estep.

"I get a lot of support from my parents," said Warsaw se-

nior Zeb Stevenson. "They don't try to limit me, so I don't try to limit myself."

These opinions were backed up by adults who work with students on a daily basis. "The good kids" are coming from a family where parents really care and are involved in their lives," said Sandy Carmichael, guidance counselor at WCHS. "I don't think those students are going to get into trouble as much."

"The family is extremely important," said Whitko counselor Karen Imhoff. "That's where kids learn their value system."

Leo Belanger of Charter Counseling Center said parents can help children structure their lives and give them a

sense of morality — and attention. "They are involved in a lot of ways to help the adolescent grow so they don't have to go somewhere else for it."

**Attitude**  
Many felt that attitudes towards others and towards self — went a long way to influence students in their decisions between right and wrong. "If they don't feel good about themselves, they let other people sway them," said Valley counselor Jo Gamble. "They don't have the strength to stand alone."

"A lot of people blow class off because they just don't care," said Wawasee senior Mia Rinehold. "They think it's not going to affect them."

Family life is often related to the attitudes teens develop. "Kids who come from families who have always included their kids in family activities develop a sense of responsibility," said Imhoff. "... They have better self-concepts, a sense of belonging, and they don't need to seek other activities."

Poor attitudes may also grow from their parents to try new things."

from labels given by peers and adults. "If you hear something long enough, it becomes true to you," said Stevenson. "If they hear 'You're stupid' long enough they start to believe it, and they find acceptance in another way."

**Involvement**  
Some suggest that the key to "keeping in line" is keeping positive role models because they choose healthy activities to be involved in," said Triton counselor Hugh Rettinger.

Many students share Rettinger's opinion. "You've got to be involved in as much as you can," said Valley senior Gene Law. "If you have more time on your hands, you have more time to do something wrong."

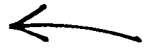
"If kids get involved, they know they're important; they have something to look forward to," agreed Mindy Phillips, also from Valley. "It gives them goals and expectations."

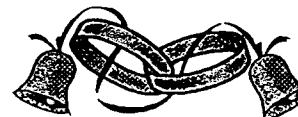
When kids don't get involved, it's because "they're afraid to try, afraid to fail," Phillips added. "They don't get support from their parents to try new things."

**Faith**  
Some students make lifestyle choices based on their religious faith. "I come from a Christian home, so I have Christian priorities," said Whitko senior Matt McKeighen. "My family's a Christian family and I was raised with Christian values. That was the biggest contributing factor in my life."

"A strong faith in God has kept me strong," said Reflor. "Because I have that faith in God, I know He's got a purpose. (Things don't) become burdensome, and I know I can go on."

*It was nice our niece identified that our Laura was one of "Good Kids"*





*It is my great pleasure to announce that  
Nikki Refior is engaged to marry  
Jonathan Lambeth on August 6, 1994!*

That's right. I'm getting married. For those of you who have heard me extol the wonderful qualities of Jonathan, or seen the light of love in either of our eyes, I'm sure the news is no great surprise. But whether I have told you all about Jonathan or not, let me tell you how he proposed to me.

Friday, February 11, Jonathan had planned a special date as a surprise to me. Because of my hectic schedule this semester, most of our time together the couple weeks prior to that date had been spent with me studying or grading papers, so we were both looking forward to an evening spent together just having fun. After class, Jonathan took me home and told me to get dressed up for dinner. I obeyed, and he came back for me around 5:30. I assumed that we would have a nice, quiet dinner somewhere in Lafayette and then just goof off for a couple hours, but Jonathan drove right past the Lafayette exit, and turned to me grinning, "Oops, I missed it. I guess we'd better go on to Indianapolis." We ended up at Rick's Cafe where we had gone for my birthday dinner last year. We had a fun time talking and laughing over supper, then went out to the car to get the Valentine's presents we had for each other. I suggested to him that we go to the back of the train in Union Station's Holiday Inn to exchange gifts. He quickly agreed (I found out later that he had planned to go there all along). As we started to enter the hotel area, a guard stopped us and asked us if we had passes. We responded "no." The guard then informed us that the NFL was holding meetings there and because they had rented the entire place, it was closed to the public. I explained to the guard that we simply wanted to exchange our Valentine's presents on the back of the train and that it was special to us because he had kissed me for the first time there. The guard rolled his eyes, then smiled and told us to go on back, and if anyone stopped us, just tell them that Paul said it was ok. In fact, another guard did stop us, but after Jonathan explained to him what we were doing, and assured him that we were not NFL agents, he allowed us to pass. Finally on the back of the train, facing the windows looking out to the city, and out of others' view, I gave Jonathan my card and present (nothing romantic -- he had told me many times how much he had wanted a turbo football, so that's what I got him ☺). He then handed me a very sweet card. When I finished reading the card Jonathan held out a pretty gift bag. I pulled out the tissue paper, then reached inside to retrieve the heart-shaped candy box at the bottom. On the top Jonathan had cut a piece of paper to fit the box exactly, and wrote on it "Nikki, will you be my valentine?" I opened the lid and saw another paper that said: "... and my wife?". Jonathan immediately dropped to his knee, took my hand and said, "Nikki, will you marry me?" By this time I was smiling from ear to ear, and quickly answered "Yes!". Jonathan reached for the candy box, removed the piece of paper, and from under the candy pulled out a ring box, and presented me with a lovely solitaire. We then had the second guard take our picture standing in front of the train steps.