

Chalkboard

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For a moment I thought I was in Branson. But instead of being Highway 76, it really was the new Primary School drive. I write this after returning to my office from the first morning of the first day at the new school.

I did see some of the same type behavior at Gentry as at Branson. You know what I'm talking about- people who stop and leave a gap for you to get back on the highway. People who stop and let you get in line. People who refrain from blowing horns and yelling out their car windows and who watch out for pedestrians that are crossing at odd places.

I smiled to myself when I heard the "Word Of The Day" being broadcast from the Primary School intercom's outside speaker at about 8:10 a.m. That word was "patience".

Friends and neighbors, I saw much patience and cooperation this morning. Thank you so very much for that because for a period of time, from about 7:50 to 8:10, traffic was, to use a gross understatement, congested. It is my understanding that at one point; traffic was backed up down Pioneer Lane to Smith Street at the Fire Station on Highway 12.

At one point I walked up the driveway visiting through car windows with parents. Not one single soul had anything to say back but a kind word. Where else but Gentry, Arkansas?

Naturally, the problem should get better. Many of the vehicles carried students who will be riding a bus after a few days of being brought by mom or dad. Many parents who wanted to walk their child to class the first day will soon be dropping them off under the awning at the front entrance instead of parking out front. And so on....

Will any parent ever be able to drive right up to the front door of any campus and drop their child off without any wait time? Probably not. Will you be late to work every morning of every tomorrow because of school traffic? Probably not.

I have heard often that one picture is worth a 1000 words.

