

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 5, 2016

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Gene McDonald, Sandy Richardson

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Jamie Sanford, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles, Terry Galloway, Jon Sanford, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Diane Chambers

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "GOD'S PLAN FOR PARENTING"

PM - KALEB HALL

OUR VBS STARTS TODAY! WE WILL MEET TONIGHT AT 5 AND THEN 7 PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR AREA FOR OUR GUESTS

OUR 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: JULY - L.T. GURGANUS, OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN

BIRTHDAYS:

June 10: Allie Chambers & Linda McDonald

ANNIVERSARY:

June 11: Fred & Romaine Elliott

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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GOD'S PLAN FOR PARENTING
(Ephesians 6:1-4)

1. _____ the Lord's standard (Ephesians 6:1).

- a. Paul told children to _____ their parents in the Lord.
- b. God has a way for us to live and it must be _____.
- c. God has let us know that children develop in four areas (Luke 2:52).
 - i. Wisdom = _____.
 - ii. Stature = _____.
 - iii. Favor with God = _____.
 - iv. And man = _____.

2. _____ the Lord's standard (Ephesians 6:1-3).

- a. In order to learn the Lord's standard, we must:
 - i. _____ them to obey us.
 - ii. _____ in them an attitude of honoring us.
- b. We must live it _____.
- c. How do we provoke or anger our children?
 - i. _____.
 - ii. Show _____.
 - iii. By pushing _____ and not _____ for that which is achieved.
 - iv. _____.
 - v. Make them feel like an _____ in your life.
 - vi. _____.
 - vii. _____ or _____ abuse.

3. _____ to the Lord's standard (Ephesians 6:4).

- a. A child without discipline will bring _____ to his parents later in life (Proverbs 17:21,25; 29:15).
- b. How do we _____ and teach to this standard?
- c. Four keys to preventing children from becoming _____:
 - i. Firm _____ by the father that was _____.
 - ii. Mother's _____.
 - iii. Father and mother demonstrating _____ for one another.
 - iv. Spend time together as a _____.
- d. Five key things to have a proper parent/child _____:
 - i. Parents _____ each other and the children.
 - ii. _____.
 - iii. _____.
 - iv. _____.
 - v. A _____ at the head of the home.
- e. Sounds _____ doesn't it?

Trash Can Be Hazardous

Rick Laing

In December 2006, a 7'9" Mongolian man was called in to Orlando, Florida to save a dolphin. Why? The dolphin had swallowed some plastic trash that was choking it, and the Mongolian man had arms long enough to reach in and remove the trash. We have to be careful with our trash, as it can kill cows, goats, ostriches and many other innocent animals that cannot tell the difference between trash and treats.

We can do the same with children. We forget they are present, and they ingest our trashy talk. They too, cannot tell the difference between trash and treats. They swallow our half-truths, rudeness, poison, bitterness, bad opinions and ugly attitudes, and we wonder why they choke on the word of God when we try to feed them real food. Trash is hazardous to children.

Jesus said, "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). Jesus was referring more to new Christians, but He said it while holding a child (Matthew 18:2). It is incumbent upon us to be careful how we influence children and young Christians, as trash is hazardous.

WHY CAN'T THEY BEHAVE LIKE CHRISTIANS?

Steve Higginbotham

The story is told that a former Prime Minister of Great Britain, while discussing the hatred and bloodshed that existed between the Jews and the Muslims, was quoted as saying, "Why can't the Jews and the Muslims sit down together and work things out like good Christians?"

Well the answer is rather obvious, isn't it? Why should we expect the Jews or the Muslims to behave as Christians? What would make us expect that they would adopt the peculiar values of Christianity when they, themselves are not Christians? It's an unreasonable expectation.

But now, here's my point. How can we expect our children to grow up and be "good Christians" and live by "Christian values" if we aren't instilling these values in them now? Funny how so little training is given to our youth, and yet placed upon them are such great expectations. It's incongruous! How can we expect our children to exemplify the values of Christ when those values have never really been instilled within them?

In a large way, the values your children will embrace as they enter adulthood won't be determined by choices they make when they're 18 years-old. They will be determined by the choices you make for them while they are still young.