

Parenting's Greatest Challenge

Children are a heritage of the Lord (Psa. 127:3). God gave human beings the ability to procreate (have children) in order to fulfill His divine purpose for them and for all the earth (Gen. 1:28). God desires that the covenant of marriage be honored, stating that He hates divorce because He desires a godly offspring (Mal. 2:15-16), clearly pointing out the tremendous challenge that damaged marriages introduce to the task of raising godly children. God desires godly offspring because He never intended that the earth be filled with people whose every intent and thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually (Gen. 6:5), but with people who know and fulfill their purpose to fear Him and keep His commandments (Ecc. 12:13).

The greatest challenge of parenting is that of raising godly children (Eph. 6:1-6; Col. 3:20-21). The task cannot be accomplished without purpose or plan. Children begin to learn from the adults around them by observation, and remain greatly influenced by the examples they are exposed to long after they begin to learn by instruction. Earlier examples that are set by adults lay the foundation for all later teaching. No house is stronger than the foundation upon which it is built. Since children will generally mimic the behavior of the adults in their lives, it makes sense for adults to model good behavior. It is a cruel joke upon children for the adults in their lives to buy into the modern myths of "adult" entertainment, beverages, movies, magazines, video games, or any other "adult" thing. Advertisers know that the naming of some things as "adult" makes them instantly appealing to children. Behavior that is damaging for children is also damaging for adults, and damaged adults raise damaged children. Let's not fool ourselves. Timothy knew the holy scriptures from childhood and became a faithful servant of God because he was taught by a mother and grandmother in whom the faith first dwelt (1 Tim. 3:15; 1:5). Children must be taught the right things by the right people, for only godly people can bring up godly children. It is true that not all children may attain to the spiritual level of their parents, but it is also true that children will seldom rise above the spiritual level of their parents. Some old sayings are worth remembering. "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

– Randy



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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth

Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Dave H.
Song Leader:	David N.
1 st Prayer:	John
Table:	Adam N.
Serving:	Gary, Don, Chris, John, sub: Dave H.
2 nd Prayer:	Doug
Scripture:	Larry - I Samuel 17:44-47
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Rod

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Dave H.
Song Leader:	Song Service
1 st Prayer:	Randy
Sermon:	Song Service
Closing Prayer:	Allan

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

6/6 - Rod
6/13 - John
6/20 - Allan
6/27 - Dick

Birthdays and Anniversaries



6/3 – Kim and Rod Thomas

6/4 – Ethel Eshbaugh

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Adam Neill |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | June Rhines |
| May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | Landon Fawcett |
| Linda Reichart | Waylan Whitten |
| Florence Homolek | |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Craft night will be this Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 at Karin’s. Please come and bring a craft buddy!
- There will be a Ladies Bible class on Monday, June 11th, 6:30 pm, at Allison Park’s home. Her address is 218 Madison Ave. All ladies are encouraged to come and bring a friend!
- VBS is scheduled for June 21 – 23 from 6:00 – 8:00 each evening. It is coming up very quickly. The sign-up sheet is on the back board.

Memory Verses of the Week:

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name’s sake!

Psalm 79:9

Bible Question of the Week:

What was the name of Timothy’s grandmother?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

Which OT servant took a thick cloth, soaked it in water, spread it on the king’s face so that he died and then became king himself?

Hazael, II Kings 8:15

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Dick: What did the plug say to the wall?

Barb: Socket to me!