

CULTIVATING OUR CHILDREN

A friend once told the poet Coleridge he didn't believe in giving religious instruction to a small child. He insisted that every young person must have an open mind when he chooses his faith. Without replying to his statements, Coleridge invited his visitor into the backyard to look at his garden. The man was surprised to see that part of it was badly in need of attention. "Why, you have nothing here but weeds!" he exclaimed. The poet answered, "I didn't wish to infringe in any way upon the liberty of this plot of ground, so I gave it a chance to express itself and choose its own product." The guest got the point!

This point is also the theme of Proverbs 22:5-6. It is interesting to note that quite often we quote Proverbs 22:6 without observing its preceding verse.

Prov 22:5 *Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; He who guards his soul will be far from them.*

Prov 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Children left to themselves would become barbarians, they would quick be caught up in the thorns and snares of sin. Sadly this point is not debatable for we can look at our world and see how children too easily get tangled up in perverse things.

However Scripture not only issues a warning it also offers practical advice on how to avoid the thorns and snares. **First**, we must guard them from sin. **Second**, we are to teach our children how to guard themselves from sin. The best way to teach children how to guard themselves from sin is to teach them how to cultivate the fruits of righteousness. That is why we are to *train up a child in the way he should go*.

With this in mind we are truly grateful to all those who are involved in teaching our children in Bible classes and Children's Church. The task of training our children is made easier when the Church Family works together in such a noble and eternal task.

To all our teachers we say **Thank You** for helping us train our children. We thank you for your unselfish effort, your preparation, and we thank you for loving our children.

**In Jesus,
Derek**

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-877-380-7755 followed by 4651356

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Family News & Notes

- **Bobbie Anderson** hopes to be moved to rehab over the weekend.
- **Barbara Thompson's** surgery went well and are waiting results.
- **Charles Surratt** is home doing well.
- **Ann Woodson** is at home recovering from hand surgery.
- **Tucker Kuntz** had knee surgery this past Friday.
- **Savannah Williams** is doing well following tubes put in her ears and an adenoidectomy.
- **Susie Brummett** is suffering with bronchitis.
- **Vickie Eddlemon's** brother, Wyman Chism, is now at home.
- **Jimmy Eddlemon's** dad is at home.
- **Bobby Williams'** dad is recovering from a heart attack.
- Fred Whitlock has gone home. He has dialysis on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday each week.
- Baby girl, Kyriel Espinoza, whose parents attend here is in LaBonheur suffering from some facial broken bones due to a dog bite.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mabel Anderson, June Brents, Donyell Buckingham, Robert & Nora Coleman, Ruby Davis, Tim Davis, Florence Dixon, Melba Easterwood, Rose Ferrante, Janet Garrett, Irmagene Hall, Jo-Ann Heard, Elizabeth Jessiman, Jesse Jones, Elbert Key, Virginia LaCaze, Donie Lane, Scott Marino, Connor Mobley, Bentley Moore, Rick Murphy, Catherine Parker, Marie Pettit, Gene & Georgia Shocklee, James Smith, Iris Stewart, Lula Thomas, Bernice Warren, Frances Weathers, Garnett West, Fred Whitlock, Ann Woodson

SYMPATHY

Last week, former member, **Bobby Bell's**, uncle, aunt and cousin were in an auto accident. The aunt and cousin died at the scene and we just learned that the uncle passed away later at the med.

Also, we want to extend our sympathy to **Joy Shupp**, as her mother-in-law passed away. The visitation and memorial service will be held this afternoon from 2:00—3:00 with a short memorial service at 3:00

2011 TAX LETTERS

If you used envelopes in 2011 and would like a letter for tax purposes, there is a sign up sheet on the small desk in the lobby. Or you can call **Tammy** during the week @ 662-349-3600.

ROCCO PEARCE

Will be speaking and sharing the news from the Pacific Islands at our 5pm worship service. Rocco and Debbie have been full-time missionaries in the Pacific Islands with focus on Preparing Souls For Eternity in the Pacific for the past 8+ years.

Rocco has secondary responsibilities teaching for the Pacific Islands Bible College for the past 10+ years. He also worked with Randy English broadcasting the gospel over the radio waves of some of the islands in the Pacific for the past 5+ years.

5TH SUNDAY

Our 5th Sunday contributions are needed for 2 major repairs this year. Our metal roof on the original building leaks in several places. The estimate is \$35,000. Our parking lot is also in need of repairs and that estimate is also \$35,000. Our first priority is to repair the leak in room 11. After the roof is sealed we will start replacing the ceiling, walls and carpet in room 11 that were damaged.

TLC

Tuesday, January 17th breakfast at Hazel's at 8:30am

NEW ADDRESS

Scotty, Ginger, Sydney and Evan Smith have moved to: 2568 Thousand Oaks Drive, Hernando, MS 38632.

SEWING CLASS

Our sewing class meets each Monday night at 6:30 in room 1. We have several projects planned for this Winter/Spring. The first project will be a Block of the Month quilt. We will also make lap blankets for the Nursing Homes. Come Monday night for a review of what we have planned for the next few months! A supply list and instructions for the first block will be available tomorrow night. Call **Terri Pounders** for more information @ 901-757-7816.

HOPE WORKS ITEMS

We need bath tissue, paper towels, dish hand washing liquid, clothing detergent, small bleaches and Pine Sol. Please place these items in the tub in the upper lobby.

LADIES EXERCISE CLASSES

Yoga - Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30am

Zumba - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm

YOUTH NEWS

Tonight we are hosting the **Area Wide Devotional** at the building at 5. We will eat and worship in the FLC. We are anticipating between 125 and 175 youth from the area to attend. We still need help with food and cleanup this evening. The food needs to be at the building no later than 4. There is a food signup sheet on the Information Desk in the Foyer or see Mark or Laurie for more information.

The balance of the deposit for Winterfest is due January 29th. Please see Kim Billingsley, Mark or Laurie.

NURSERY WORKERS

TODAY

10:00 - Martha Foster, Pam Fowler,
Natalie Jourdan

5:00 - Vickie Eddlemon

NEXT WEEK

10:00 - Misha Kimbell, Julia Kuntz
Elizabeth Kuntz, Joni Lancaster

5:00 - Jean Kuykendall

