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Informer

August Parenting Class

As I spend time this week preparing for our parenting class, I am taken back by the task at hand. I don't know any work that is more challenging, humbling, and rewarding than trying to raise children to serve the Lord. It has often been said the only ones who have all the answers about raising children are those who don't have them. I feel underqualified for the job as I struggle daily with wondering what is best for my children. I believe this is a common struggle for all parents, and I hope our class can help us take a serious look at this question.

Scripture tells fathers to bring up our children "in the training and admonition of the Lord Ephesians 6:4." This is easy to say and hard to do. It will not happen on accident, and I believe fathers need a lot of help in completing this command. It takes many people focusing on the spiritual development of a child to for him or her to become a real disciple of Jesus Christ.

In this passage we see two things that young people need. Let's consider the first one. Paul said to train them. Notice, he did not say tell them. There is a difference in telling and training. Telling means I told them right thing to do, while training means I helped them to learn how to do the right thing. When you are training someone they get to practice the desired activities while being given the guidance that will help them succeed. Training takes patience, a steady hand, and constant redirection. As parents and as a congregation I hope we will all think about what we can do to help train or support the training of our young people to successfully follow the Lord.

John

The First Woe

Matthew 23:13 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

The Lord and his apostles often commended good and godly leaders. Faithful elders were worthy of double honor. Elders are pictured as receiving the crown of gold when the Chief Shepherd appears. Faithful Christians will receive the right to eat of the tree of life, authority over the nations, a crown, the New Jerusalem and they will walk with the Lord. However not all leaders are doing what the Lord considers faithful. The religious leaders of Jesus' day were the teachers of the law and the Pharisees. Jesus had a very stern warning for them that applies even to this day.

These leaders claimed to help people. Their leadership may have increased their morals, helped them to overcome some problems, calmed their emotions, and possibly improved their relationships with people but they were leading them down the path to destruction. These men pretended to know God, to speak for God and to know how to be part of the kingdom. The truth is they knew none of this. The Lord pictured them standing in front of a gate to God's kingdom and preventing people from entering. They did not know what they were talking about. The sad fact is they were standing outside blocking the gate and did not realize they were outside. This first woe is a strong warning to accept Jesus as the Messiah. The words of Jesus must be followed and obeyed. This verse calls upon us today to examine ourselves. Are we really a part of the kingdom? Are we preventing anyone from entering the kingdom? Let's take seriously this warning from the Lord.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady - Home
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell - tests
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman - cataract surgery Aug. 1 & Aug 24
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Margaret Johnson
- Heather Jones - recovering from surgery
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Barney Roland
- Melissa Stutts - chemo & radiation
- Donald White - radiation
- Elaine Whitehead

Baby Tea for Sarah Thomason

It's a Boy!

Sunday, July 24, 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Registered at Itty Bitty, Fisher's Pharmacy, Target

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Greg Grissom - MRMC, Rm. 676, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer returned, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad - Life Care, Rm. 227-A, Jane Wells, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Tracy Worley, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Joyce Runions, Susan, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Dora Bolton - mother of James, Ginger Chesnut, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Ronnie Springer-leukemia - friend of John & Debbie Massey, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8, Sanai Pettus, 5th grade student at CA - cancer - 8041 Fenwick Lane, Spring Hill, TN 37174.

WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 24, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
Prayer.....Dennis Thomason
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Sam Quirk
Randy Jones Jim Anderson
Greg Grey Mike Lyle
Jacob Pollard Daniel Thomas
Jerry Thornton Lee Winchester
Read: 1 John 3:11-18.....Bobby Daniels
Sermon: Love One Another.....Joe Macer
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

YOUNG MEN CONDUCT SERVICE

Lord's Supper Presiding.....Blake Daniels
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

**Bible Bowl participants meet Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
Study: Leviticus 17, 19**

Ushers: Benny Bolton, Byran Farris, John Massey
Greeters: Jim & Myra Thomas, John & Debbie Massey
Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Greg Lusk, Dustin Stutts P.M. Greg Lusk, Dustin Stutts

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)
Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Reba Jones, Jackie Hargrove
P.M.....Lisa Kelley

WEDNESDAY JULY 27, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderJoe Macer
Prayer.....Dennis Thomason
Announcements/Speaker.....David Thomas