

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Altamoms - Thursday, January 23rd @ 7 pm
- Women's First-Saturday Coffee - Saturday, February 1st @ 9am
- VBC Rummage Sale - Saturday, February 1st @ 7am
- Men's Ministry Toolbox Talk - Saturday, February 8th @ 8am
- VBC Winter Basketball Begins - Begins Sunday, February 9th (Registration Open)

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Always" - Jason Ingram, Kristian Stanfill

"Because of Your Love" - Paul Baloche,
Brenton Brown

"Build My Life" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin,
Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, Matt Redman

"Christ Be All Around Me" - David Leonard,
Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,979.00

Giving Last Week.....\$71,115.00

Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$69,958.00

Y-T-D Giving.....\$102,042.00

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HABITS of the HEART

01/19/20 | MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH & SARAH MENG | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Cultivating Habits in Our Families

Remember:

1. To develop a heavenly mindset you must discipline your mind. (Col. 3:1-2)
2. A heavenly mindset is rooted in an understanding your identity in Christ. (Col. 3:3-4)
3. We discipline our minds by ridding ourselves of old behaviors - (Col. 3:5-7)

And old practices -

(Col. 3:8)

And replacing them with grace that comes with our new identity.

(Col. 3:12-14)

Parents have the added responsibility to train their children to develop this same mindset.

1. Both parents have responsibility in training kids.

Eph. 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), **3** "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

Col. 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.



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2. Godly parental training produces ready obedience, not resentment.

Eph. 6:4 *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

Col. 3:21 *Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*

Godly dads (parents)...

- a. ... lovingly...
- b. ...nourish their children...
- c. ...through training...
- d. ...and encouraging them...
- e. ...through God's word.

Godly discipline is always for the child's (our) benefit.

Heb. 12:7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? **8** If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. **9** Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? **10** For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. **11** For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

How to create godly habits in our families:

1. Establish proper priorities.

3 John 3 *For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*

2. Cultivate traditions that remind us of, and connect us to, God's truth.

1 Cor. 11:33 *So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— 34 if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.*

3. Create multiple arenas for instruction to take place.

Deut. 6:6 *And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

4. Use Scripture as the basis for all training.

2 Tim. 3:16 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

5. Remember the importance of the example you set.

Titus 2:7 *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.*

1 Th. 2:10 *You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. 11 For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*