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Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. - Ephesians 6:4

This is not going to be a compare/contrast article regarding who has the greater responsibility in spiritually training a family's children, the mother or the father, though that would be a great article because I'm afraid our culture has it exactly backwards! This is regarding who has the greater responsibility in training the children, the parents or the church. Whereas I couldn't find one single verse that instructed the church to start a children's program that would disciple them and teach them everything they needed to know about Jesus and His ways, I did find at least 13 verses that commanded the parents to do so.

Here's the difficulty for us parents once we realize just how accountable we're going to be before God regarding this one responsibility – we're instructing our children about the Lord whether we're intentionally instructing them or not. When we don't intentionally train them up spiritually in the way they should go, when we don't keep the Church in its proper place in our family priorities though Jesus Himself claimed He gave His life for her, we're teaching our kids just as much as we would be if we were doing family devotions every night. Unfortunately, we're teaching them a spiritually devastating message instead. There is no mystery why a Gallup Pew Research poll Mary Ann Smith shared claims only 47% of Americans consider themselves to be affiliated with any religious organization.

This is what fueled our motivations behind Family Bible Connection on Wednesday nights. It is not a program where parents drop off their kids to learn some "good morals" and then go shopping. It is for parents who are serious about spiritually training their children. The families that faithfully participated were blessed. Together, they learned key scriptural truths by actively engaging in studies of Genesis through Ruth and the majority of the kids memorized 22 key verses. When I say they memorized 22 key verses, I'm not referring to the usual practice of a kid learning a verse, getting it checked off, and never having to recite it again, though there is value in that. I'm describing a constant review of 22 verses that ingrained them into the kids' (and parents!) hearts and minds. With their success at memorizing them, we could tell the families were working on them together at home, too! We also sold resource material at discounted prices that the families could use for nightly family devotion times.

Thank you for your support of what we're endeavoring to do on Wednesday nights. I feel with it, our church is offering our families exactly what God wants us to offer. Furthermore, I see Him using it. Remember us in your prayers and families with children, be sure you come on board! In the long run, you'll be glad you did!

In His Grip, Pastor Fred

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Please join us as we celebrate our Graduates!

Sunday, 05/16 - 9:15 AM Graduation Breakfast in the Activity Center Sunday, 05/16 - 10:30 AM We will be honoring our graduating seniors during the morning worship service.



Thank you to everyone who made our first year of Family Bible Connection such a success! Our families learned 22 Bible verses as well as studied plot lines of the Old Testament. See you next fall!

Food Box Distribution is on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 3-5 PM. This is a FREE service to anyone who needs it sponsored by The Most Excellent Way Bible Study group.





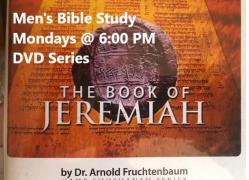
Men's "Ocho de Mayo" Breakfast Saturday, 05/08, at 8:00 AM - Activity Center

Senior Adult Luncheon/Potluck Friday, 05/21, at 11:30 AM in the **Activity Center**





Youth School's Out Party Sunday, 05/23 6:00PM at the Pate's



SAVE THE DATE! VBS IS BACK!!! **JUNE 8, 9, 10** 5:30pm - 7:00pm AGES K-6 We need volunteers! Please contact the church office for more details!



Mark your calendar!!	
05/02	5:30 PM Twice Fed - Activity Center
05/02	5:30 PM Teachers' Bible School
05/03	6:00 PM Men's Potluck
05/03	6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
05/04	9:00 PM Men's Fellowship
05/04	9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
05/04	2:00-5:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
05/05	6:00 PM Before God's Throne Bible Study
03/03	Rm 103A
05/05	6:00 PM Youth Night
05/06	6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
05/07	8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
05/08	8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Activity Ctr.
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-	Mother's Day NO Twice Fed/Teachers' Bible School
05/09	•
05/10	6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
05/11	9:00 PM Men's Fellowship
05/11	9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
05/11	2:00-5:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
05/12	6:00 PM Before God's Throne Bible Study
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05/12	6:00 PM Youth Night
05/13	3:00 PM Food Box Distribution
05/13	7:00 PM Church Council Meeting
05/13	6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
05/14	8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
05/16	9:15 AM Graduation Sunday Breakfast -
_	Activity Center
05/16	10:30 AM Graduation Sunday
05/16	3:00 PM Deacon's Meeting
05/16	5:30 PM Twice Fed - Final one for the
	summer - resumes in the fall
05/16	5:30 PM Teachers' Bible School
05/17	6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
05/18	9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
05/18	9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
05/18	2:00-5:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
05/19	6:00 PM Before God's Throne Bible Study
	Rm 103A
05/19	6:00 PM Youth Night
05/20	6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
05/21	8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
05/21	Last Day Of School - WUSD
05/21	11:30 AM Senior Adult Luncheon Potluck
05/23	5:30 PM Teachers' Bible School - Sanctuary
05/23	6:00 PM Youth School Is Out Party
	at the Pate's
05/24	Summer School Starts - WUSD
05/24	6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
05/25	9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
05/25	9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
05/25	2:00-5:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
05/26	6:00 PM Before God's Throne Bible Study
-	, Rm 103A
05/26	6:00 PM Youth Night
05/27	3:00 PM Food Box Distribution
05/27	6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
05/28	8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
05/30	6:00 PM Movie Night - Sanctuary
05/21	Memorial Day - Church Office

SAVE THE DATES: VBS 06/08-06/10 5:30PM-7:00PM

05/31 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

Closed

Memorial Day - Church Office

05/31