

# The Challenger

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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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# Senior 2021



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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

Men's Bible Study  
Mondays @ 6:00 PM  
DVD Series  
**THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH**

by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum  
CAMP SHOSHANAH SERIES

## 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 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.
- 05/09 Mother's Day
- 05/09 NO Twice Fed/Teachers' Bible School
- 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 Rm 103A
- 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
- 05/31 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
- 05/31 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

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