

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Our motto for 2010:

**"Do you
know my
Jesus?"**



Teaching your Children

The law of Moses included the instruction that parents were to teach their children in the ways of Jehovah. Deuteronomy states, "and you shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up" (6:7). The New Testament also indicates that parents should teach their children the ways of the Lord (Eph 6:4). All of us know that kids can learn things.

Children can learn spiritual truths.

Timothy did (2 Tim 3:15). Children can learn the sounds that animals make, the ABC's, how to count and to identify different colors, but they can also learn Biblical truths. They can learn the words to the hymns that we sing. It is amazing what children can learn and remember.

Children can learn from an early age.

Little three-year-olds can name all the books of the N.T. in order. Four-year-olds can name the judges of Israel and Five-year-olds can quote some passages. It is amazing what children can learn. Try saying the books of the Bible while you are in the car. Use other occasions to remind and teach your children.



Children learn by asking questions. Again in Deut. 6, "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the Lord commanded you?' then you shall say to your son..." (v. 20-21a). The 'how comes' are a great time to teach spiritual lessons. They want to know. Your answers do not need to be deep but thorough enough to answer their questions.

Children can learn by watching adults.

They learn that the Lord's Supper is taken each Sunday and it is a time to think about Jesus. They learn that we pray to God. They learn that during the sermon we follow our Bibles and listen. They learn that we spend time talking to one another after services. They notice that everyone sings, not just a few. They notice a variety of men who help lead our worship. They notice the smiles, the hugs and the love that we have for each other.

Are you bringing your kids to Bible classes? You ought to. That is just one place where they can learn and connect with others their same age. Bible quizzes and games are a wonderful way to help your children learn the Bible. What a great opportunity you have to teach your children. These lessons may stay with them the rest of their lives.



The Lion

The apostle Peter warns Christians to look for the Devil, as he describes him as a lion. He said, "*Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls about*

like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Pet 5:8). Satan is our opponent ('adversary'). Satan is on the hunt ('prowls'). Satan is seeking to destroy us ('someone to devour').

Who is Satan likely to catch?

- **Those who are alone and separated from the flock.** Those independent Christians who do not make the church a part of their lives are an easy catch for the lion. They are alone and don't have the encouragement of other Christians. The early Christians 'were together' (Acts 2:44). They were encouraged to become close and involved with each other (Jas 5:16). You need association, closeness and the companionship of your fellow saints.
- **Those who are weak.** The Bible tells us that some Christians are weak (Rom 14:2). Some of the Corinthians were described as being 'weak, sick, and a number sleep' (1 Cor 11: 30). Without strength, a Christian will give in to temptation. A weak Christian can be easily convinced of things that are wrong. The Bible tells us to 'grow in wisdom and understanding' (2 Pet 3:18). We are to 'put on the full armor of God.' When we do this, we will be able to STAND FIRM against the schemes of the Devil (Eph 6:11).
- **Those who are slow.** There are some Christians who never seem to come to a conclusion about the 'rightness or wrongness' of a matter. They are slow. And while they are trying to make up their minds, the lion moves in and makes its kill. The Bible warns us to 'be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil' (Eph 5:15-16).
- **Those who are careless and foolish.** There are some Christians who like to take chances with the lion. They want to get as close as they can to what is wrong. Some even want to put one foot into sin, just to see what it is like. The lion will catch them because of their foolishness. Peter says, 'be on the alert' (1 Pet 5:8).

The lion's trying to get you...don't let him!



Family Connections

News for You

- **Roger** is preaching this morning. Our summer preacher, **Kevin** is preaching this evening.

VBS

June 13-16

- Todd Chandler will be teaching the adults.
- Children's theme: As God Said
- Adult class theme: Everyday Christianity
- Flyers for our VBS are available. Take some and hand them out to someone you know.
- There are now wheel chair doors that open automatically in the bathrooms and one side door to the auditorium. This is to make it easier for folks with walkers and wheel chairs.

For your Prayers:

- **Rodney Kosfeld's** mother fell and broke her hip last week.
- **Carter Jacobi** had outpatient surgery on Monday
- **Donna Bloyd's** father passed away last week. His funeral was Monday.
- Remember in your prayers: **Eva Floyd, Jeff Hunt, John Matthews, Debbie Beckham's mother, Steve Kirchgessner, Dauphus Crase, Rex Hauger, Gene Fleming, Gail Stein, Paul Smith, Louise Morris, Dick Dewhirst.**

Group 7 meets today

*It is great to be with each other today.
Let us sing out this morning to our Lord and God.*

***"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it"
(Ps 118:24)***