

Sunday, July 16, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Teach the Children

Series: Vacation Bible School 2023

**Text: Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:1 - 9;
Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 5:1 - 2**

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to remember in prayer, assist, support and Encourage ministry to children.

Introduction:

Last Sunday the devotional was entitled

"The Characteristics of Apostate Individuals":

- 1) They Reject Authority
- 2) They Blaspheme Authority
- 3) They Blaspheme What They Do Not Understand
- 4) They Walk in the Manner of an Unholy Trinity

~ This assembly of saints for a number of years has sponsored, hosted and supplied the workers for an annual VBS.

~ You have also sponsored children to attend Circle Square Ranch at Wolf Creek.

~ This is simply to state that we, as a fellowship, are committed to "Teach the Children."

~ Today we want to acknowledge and pray for the workers and children attending the VBS.

1. God Chose Abraham for a Purpose:

~ Genesis 18:19, "*For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.*"

~ Abraham had NO Scriptures to teach from; he had a living RELATIONSHIP with Almighty God!

~ He walked with God, and talked with God, and obeyed God.

~ And God made COVENANT with Abraham!

~ Every Believer has Covenant with Almighty God through the blood of the Son, Christ Jesus!

2. God's Instruction to Israel Regarding Teaching Children:

~ Deuteronomy 6:1 - 9 (in particular verse 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.*"

~ As I reflected on this verse it struck me that this is NOT a classroom setting; it is a living setting. It reminds me of the old saying, 'More things are caught than things that are taught.'

~ Notice the words: "diligently", "talk", "sit", "walk", "lie down" and "rise".

3. God's General Instruction to Parents on Teaching Children:

~ Proverbs 22:6, "*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*"

~ Train up is more than transmitting information. Illustration of Kim and Malachi (July 12) regarding baseball. Train: "teach (a person or animal) a particular skill or type of behavior through practice and instruction over a period of time."

~ Video of Sargent Stubby

4. God's Desire for Adults to be Examples:

~ Ephesians 5:1 - 2, "*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. (2) And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*"

~ To teach the children is much more than short classroom settings; it involves a commitment of time and energy walking with them through life's ups and downs.

Conclusion:

Hymn - In the Garden



VBS 2023

July 17 to 21

9:00 am to 12:00 noon