Praying Over Our Children

Introduction

The culture and our children.

- Are our children a priority?
 - a. In the Bible, children are not viewed as baggage to lug around, they are blessings.
 - b. Mark 9:36-37.
 - c. Pray over our babies and their families.
- II. Two things the Bible says about children.

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- i. Luke 18:15.
 - 1. Jesus liked the sound of children.
 - 2. They were never a distraction to Jesus.
- ii. Mark 10:13-16.
 - 1. Both Jesus and the disciples were angry.
 - 2. The disciple's view of children shows their lack of understanding about the kingdom.
- iii. Jesus gave children three precious gifts: time, touch, and prayer.
- iv. If the King values children so much, shouldn't his subjects?
- v. Pray over our young children.
- b. Children need a
 - i. Not just in the home, but in the congregation and in the school system as well.
 - ii. In the Bible raising children is not a solo act.
 - iii. How many children do we have in this church?
 - iv. What are you going to do to bless them and their parents?
 - v. Pray over our teenagers and "older children"

Conclusion

When it comes to the matter of children the church has just one answer, "They all matter."

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Worship Order – February 27th

Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Song:

Welcome: Michael Nelson

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Thought: Bryce Taylor

Song:

Sermon A: Jason Tomlinson

Sermon B: Doug Austin

Invitation Song:

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer: Alan Warboys

Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)

1st & 2nd Thessalonians – Lee Rogers (Rm. 25) Parables – Doug Austin (Rm. 27)

"Now That I'm a Christian" - Oscar H, Quinton F, Jesse M (Small F.)

Revelation (Spanish Class) – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22) **Jr. High/High School** – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

JL 1st - 3rd grade - various classrooms, look for red flag JL 4th - 6th grade - various classrooms, look for blue flag

3's, 4's, 5's & Kinder – Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

Nursery up through age 2 – Various teachers (Rm. 1)

"Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Instagram.

Prayer Requests

- Sharon Christian has returned home from an E.R. visit yesterday & is being medicated for a virus. Continued prayers for healing are appreciated.
- Leah Williams had a biopsy done today. The doctor said the spot looked good and was very encouraging. Leah will return to the doctor on Mar. 3rd.
- Marcine McDaniel is doing well following recent knee replacement surgery. She will return to the doctor on Tuesday, March 1st.
- Britannie Burden would appreciate prayers as she seeks medical help for a ringing in her ear that will not go away.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Elaine Britt, April Puckett, Pablo & Cecilia Contreras, Landon Bennett

This week's prayer of unity is to pray for guidance from God to help parents & grandparents show children their mission in the Kingdom.

New Mexico Christian Children's Home

February is ordinarily the time that the Children's Home truck would stop by for donations of food. They are currently undergoing a phasing out of the grocery runs and respectfully request you consider contributing funds in lieu of the truck coming by. Please make the make your checks payable to NMCCH and write "commissary" on the memo line. We will accept donations through Sunday, March 6th.

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	88/82
Sunday AM	192
Weekly Contribution	

Life@CCR

- We are excited that Jason Tomlinson (U.S. liaison for Lar Mana) will be here to give us an update on the work there, as well as offer a presentation on why children matter. He will co-preach with Doug this Sunday, Feb. 27th.
- Recharge Meals are coming back...please join us next
 Wednesday, Mar. 2nd for a hamburger/hotdog cookout.
 Meal time is 5:30 p.m. We still have additional slots for
 food that need to be filled. The sign up sheet will be
 located on the foyer table this Sunday.
- We have secured several willing volunteers to take over our Community Garden, however, it needs some clean up in preparation for planting. Please consider joining us next Saturday, Mar. 5th at 10 a.m. to help with clean up. Be sure and bring your tools and gloves!
- Thanks so much for your generous donations for the local fire victims. All totaled we raised \$810 to donate in the form of a Home Depot giftcard.
- We continue to seek volunteers for our upcoming Vacation Bible School! Please let a member of the office staff know or inform Taryn Houghtalin if you would be willing to help.

Now that we have secured dates for our Mileston Celebration, we would like to get the word out to all former members. If you would like to mail a "save the date" postcard to a former member that you are still in touch with,



we will be providing pre-stamped informational postcards that you can drop in the mail. These postcards will be available for pickup on the foyer table on Sunday morning.

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Dan Montgomery, Jose Baeza, Brandon

Cometti, Brian Houghtalin

Men on Duty: Brian Doyle, Kevin McCormack, Thomas

Beard

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

27 th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.	
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,	
	Facebook Live & YouTube.	
	Ernest Zuniga's b-day.	
1 st	Wayne Fenter's b-day.	
2 nd	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.	
	Recharge Meal @ 5:30 p.m.	
	Wednesday Evening Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m.	
5 th	Garden Clean-Up @ 10 a.m.	

Study Guide

- Explore the culture of our children. How different is it from the culture you grew up in? How about your children and grandchildren? Are the temptations different for 21st century children?
- 2. Does the world place as much emphasis on children as they should? What changes do they need to make? How should the church be involved in this process?
- 3. How can we be a source of encouragement to the parents of the congregation? To the children of the congregation?
- 4. Do you consider Country Club Road to be a nurturing community? How can we become even better at nurturing our children as a congregation?
- 5. Stats tell us that the church is losing their children at an alarming rate. What steps do we need to take to stop losing them? To win them back?
- 6. Read Mark 10:13-16. Why would the disciples want to keep the children away from Jesus? What childlike qualities was Jesus encouraging in verse 15? Why does the church need to recapture some of these qualities?
- 7. What does it mean to "receive the kingdom of God like a little child?"