

From the Minister's Desk



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God's Counsel to Parents

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). This is a difficult saying for most of us, because we feel we have failed our children in so many ways. My first child is now 20 years old and the other is about to graduate from high school. I wish that I would have had more lessons about training children.

Training is more than teaching. The word may be defined "to mold character, instruct by exercise, drill, to make obedient to orders, to put or point in an exact direction, to prepare for a contest." All parents are training their children in one way or another. It is not until the parent has told the child at least twice, raised his voice and threatened him that he has been trained to obey. While others are trained to immediately respond to their parents. How is one to train up a child in the way he should go?

1. Apply the rod of correction. "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15). This is not the rod of abuse, but correction. An abused child will suffer great trauma, but children will not resent being properly corrected.

2. Discipline promptly. "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly" (Proverbs 13:24). A parent does not love his child if he fails to apply the rod of correction when it is needed. "Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell" (Proverbs 23:13-14). "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother" (Proverbs 29:15). "Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give you delight to your soul" (Proverbs 29:17).

3. Begin training early on. "Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction" (Proverbs 19:28). How many lives have been ruined because parents have waited too long to discipline their children? If children are allowed to be disobedient when they are small, it will be too late to train them later.

"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). "Fathers" often occurs in Greek literature to mean "parents" (Compare Hebrews 11:23). Both Dad and Mom have a part in raising their children (1 Timothy 2:15, 5:14; 2 Tim. 1:5; Titus 2:3-5).

Negatively, parents are told, "do not provoke your children to wrath." This could be translated "frustrate" or "irritate." A parallel passage adds, "lest they become discouraged" (Colossians 3:21). One survey of junior high young people revealed the following ways that parents commonly frustrate their children:

- An automatic "No" to almost anything asked.
- Parents inconsistencies or partiality in dealing with all the children in the home.
- Poor communication, i.e. "My parents don't listen to me."

Parents must not be too overbearing or expect the absurd, but allow their children to be children. Otherwise, they will become angry and rebel or become so discouraged they quit trying and destroy themselves. What is needed? Positively, "nurture them". This is the American Standard Version for "bring them up." It involves providing for our children the food and nourishment necessary to grow not only physically, but mentally, emotionally and spiritually as well. Only parents can provide this kind of care and environment for their children.

Like tending a garden, weeds need to be removed that would choke out good growth and stimulation applied for healthy growth. Hence, the need for the training and admonition of the Lord. We miserably fail our children if we do not teach them the Word of the Lord and discipline them accordingly. - copied

P R A Y E R L I S T

Mozella Burton	Terrell & Nicki Hodge	Loria Jackson	Creo Davis
Melissa Clements	Willie Morgan	Lorie Moore	Lillie Tyler
The Bagby Family	Brad Harris	Betty Hayes	Belinda (Abrams)
Adria Morgan	Cathy Harris	Consuelo Jackson	Harrison
Jerome & Vanessa	Tiffany Perkins	Tra'Cleri Jackson	Isacque & Shona
Hodge	Elizabeth Perkins	Willie Morgan	Nixon

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MINISTRY / COMMITTEE / ZONES NEWS

Zone 3 Meeting – Zone 3 will be having its July meeting on Saturday July 14 in the West End auditorium at 10:30 a.m. We will be discussing our July canvassing and welcoming new converts and those who recently placed membership or moved into our zone. Please call Steve Langford (404-349-5419) or Elwyn Mapps (404-892-0125) with any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

West End Vacation Bible School Tomorrow – Thursday @ 7:30 Nightly

Join us as we examine the role of newspapers, magazines, TV, movies, music and technology and their impact on the daily lives of the young and old Christian. You will not want to miss this exciting week of hearing speakers from the media and entertainment fields, interactive learning and fellowship for all ages! The guest instructor for the adults class is Cedric Thomas from the Flatlands Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY. Classes begin at 7:30 each night but plan to arrive early.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

The **audio recording** from the 10:45 a.m. worship service from July 1 (last Sunday) is unavailable due to equipment difficulties. The 8 a.m. sermon will be automatically substituted, as this was the same sermon preached at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Anita Banks requests our prayers. She will be admitted into Emory Hospital on July 18.

Sorry, No Change – As you cheerfully give as you prosper this Lord's Day, please be prepared with the exact amount you have determined to contribute. Our ushers are unable to "make change" during the collection or afterwards. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Bereavement – Tisha Phillips and Tawania Thigpen mourn the loss of their grandfather, Chester Terrell. Keep them in your prayers.

Marriage Retreat – All married couples – whether you have taken the Marriage Enrichment Course or not – are invited to sign up for and attend the upcoming Marriage Retreat August 23-26 at the Winshape Retreat Conference Center in Mt. Berry, GA. Contact Robert and Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774 with any questions and to sign up or visit www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com.

West End's Ladies Retreat – There will be a brief meeting on July 29 immediately after the 10:45 a.m. worship service for all ladies planning to attend the ladies retreat in Hiawassee, GA, August 17-18. Please see Deborah Degree or Barbara Hall for payments or for more information.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth Retreat Sponsorships and You – Thanks to those that have already provided sponsorships! There are numerous ways to provide sponsorships for the \$90 fees for the youth retreat. 1.) You may offer to provide a full or partial sponsorship for a specific youth. Please see the parent of the youth you wish to sponsor. 2.) A youth may approach you about sponsoring them for the retreat – coordinate with parent. 3.) You may provide funds to a general pool of funds to be distributed to those needing assistance to make up for balances due towards the deadline. Give those funds to David Bishop. Put "youth retreat" in the memo if you are writing a check. Check donations are tax deductible.

West End is participating in an area-wide **Youth Jamboree '07** hosted by the Bouldercrest CoFC. This event is for 7th to 12th Graders only, and will be held NEXT SUNDAY at the Clayton County International Park in Jonesboro, GA (just off Highway 138). There will be a worship service at the park starting at 11:30 a.m. followed by food, fellowship and games up to 4 p.m. This event does not include any swimming or water activities. If you are interested in attending, please sign the list located in the foyer. See David Bishop with any questions.

AREA EVENTS

A Gospel Meeting/Revival will be held at the **CoFC at Bouldercrest**, July 22-25 (Sun-Wed). The guest speaker is Jerry Houston, minister of the East Henrietta Rd. CoFC in Rochester, New York.

Mandatory Youth Retreat Parents/Youth Meeting TODAY

There will be a meeting for all those planning to attend the Youth Retreat will be held TODAY following the 10:45 worship service. If you are planning to send your children to the retreat, your attendance is specifically required. The meeting will be held in the main building auditorium. Have your payments or payment arrangements ready. If your child's name is on the participant's list, you and your children should attend the meeting. Families not represented or no-shows may jeopardize their ability to participate. See David Bishop with any questions. This meeting will be repeated following the 6 p.m. services only.

YOUTH RETREAT PARTICIPANTS

The following youth have signed up for the July 26-29 Youth Retreat at the YMCA Hargis Retreat in Chelsea, AL.

Kurtis East, 17	Karleigh Sledge, 7	Dracilia Smith, 13	Raven Bates, 12
Madeline Livingston, 14	Jayla Sledge, 12	Emmanuel King, 8	LaKisha Ferguson, 17
Parys Grigsby, 14	Shemika Sledge, 16	Justin Jester, 9	Carmen Williams, 17
Khaliya Ross, 8	Meyisha Sledge, 14	Darius Glover, 12	Yvannie Earlington, 14
Jabari Hardy, 10	Freddie Sledge, 12	Kendall Glover, 8	Mahalia Earlington, 13
Kizmet Witherspoon, 18	DeAna Wallace, 14	Tyria Horton, 13	Melanie Earlington, 12
Amaris Clements, 18	Tremise Ward, 13	Parys Middleton, 12	Brianna Hall, 8
Blake Mitchell, 11	Nia Bullock, 7	Dezsjon Harrold, 11	Davyon Johnson, 11
Amari Clements, 16	Geoff Wilson, 11	Nakeem Middleton, 8	Divinity Johnson, 9
Gordon Glover, 7	Arthur Wilson, 13	Victoria Glover, 12	Shon Johnson, 15
Todd Small, 9	Jonathan Bishop, 9	Joirdin Cooper, 11	Trey Johnson, 14
Joy Mitchell, 8	Larisa Bishop, 12	D'andre Brown, 15	Precious Harris, 9
Ryan Clements, 6*	Alkita Jackson, 15	Jacoby Williams, 16	Amber Scott, 15
Taylor Flewellen, 11	Sheyana Beach, 16	Kris Williams, 11	Jasmine Scott, 14
Kyle Flewellen, 10	Stasha Martin, 7	Monique Jackson, 14	Tiffany Walton, 16
Aundrey Flewellen, 13	Zachery Anderson, 15	Frederick Hall, 9	Kalina Harrison, 16
Jordan Williams, 9	Sariah Lomax, 7	Aria Alexander, 17	Kadija Ramon, 15
Brianna Smith, 10	Marion Carswell, 11	Karon Moore, 10	LaShana Brown, 16
Tiana Smith, 9	Savion Carswell, 14	Briana Wilburn, 13	Kiana Brown, 14
Jalen Smith, 6*	Stephon Combs, 14	Devon Daniels, 10	
Markeita Jackson, 15	Stephen Brown, 8	Dejae Daniels, 9	

Youth Retreat Chaperones: Debbie Sledge, Denise West, Anitra Patrick, Yonita Rowell, David Bishop, Rickie Clements, Terence Grigsby, Cynthia Mitchell, Lisa Bishop, Clark Brown, Anderson Flewellen, Knox Bates, Jabari Sykes, Reggie Rowell and Natasha Hartry.

New Converts

7/1 - **Juan and Brandy Ramos**
406 Ivycrest, Dallas, GA 30157
678-363-4798
Ramos4798@comcast.net
DOB: 5/16/75 and 11/18/76

7/1 - **Terrell Hodge**
2184 Springdale Rd., Atlanta, GA 30315
404-768-8900
lhodgesenior@yahoo.com
DOB: 9/4/73

7/1 - **Tiffany Grant**

2160 Daytona Dr., Atlanta, GA 30331
404-838-0050 DOB: 7/28/82

You can view many of our new converts online from West End's web site. Click "New Christians" on the top menu.

New Address:

Keesha Chapman & son, Michael Spanks, Jr.
7340 Yountville Dr., Apt. 303
Gainesville, VA 20155
703-743-9467 (hm), 571-247-2335 (mob)

SICK & SHUT-IN

To be included or to have someone included or removed from this listing please contact Gayron Johnson at the church office.

Joyce Mapp is at home ill. 3371 Hyland Dr., Decatur, GA 30032. 678-668-4562. Lillie Tyler – 419 Crossing Dr, Lithia Springs, GA 30122, 770-732-8914. Annie Glaze – A.G. Rhodes Home at Wesley Woods, Room 421, 1819 Clifton Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30329. Barbara Edgerton is at home ill. Robert Fuzell – 10413 Southhampton Ct., Jonesboro, GA 30238, 678-479-7942. Tallulah Latham – 320 Fairburn Rd., Apt H-6, Atl., GA 30331, 404-505-1581. Willie Mae Morrow – 3060 Continental Colony Pkwy., Apt. 502, Atl., GA 30330. 404-344-9990. Elizabeth Perkins – 1392 Maynard Rd., NW, #31, Atl., GA 30331. 404-691-0268. Elnora Bethel – 3700 Potomac Dr., East Point, GA 30344. Daneka Vickers, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman. Annie McArthur – 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA, 30331. 404-699-2939. Anrenea Johnson.