



From the Pastor's Pen...

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Aren't grandchildren grand?

If you are a grandparent, you've probably told others that before, and if you aren't yet a grandparent, you have a lot to look forward to.

The Bible has a lot to say about the subject of grandparenting. For example, Psalm 103:17 states, "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children...."

And in Proverbs 17:6 we read, "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children."

In Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Moses provided a blueprint for parents and grandparents to leave a lasting legacy by spiritually preparing children and grandchildren. After affirming their commitment to the one true God (v. 4), Moses urged the Israelites toward heartfelt obedience to God's word (v. 5), then encouraged them to have specific times for Scriptural instruction and to take advantage of opportunities to discuss spiritual matters during the course of everyday life, and even to provide tangible reminders of God's truth. (vs. 6-9)

I believe these and other passages indicate that we are not only given grandchildren to enjoy them, nor even to spoil them, but to influence them toward righteousness so that they can have

an impact on coming generations for our Savior. The question is, how can we best do this?

- First, we need to pray for them regularly-- in fact, daily. Kathy and I have made it a point when we pray together at the end of the day to specifically pray for each of our grandchildren, and now in our case great-grandchildren. If you have a prayer list, be sure you include them there, and it would be good to ask them from time to time, is there something specific I can pray for you about?'

- Second, spend time with them. Sometimes that's difficult because they may live in a different part of the country. But look for ways to intentionally get together with them.

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thing Kathy and I have done; we have taken specific trips with each individual grandchild, some of them internationally in conjunction with ministry opportunities. What a great way to build memories they will never forget!

- Third, look for opportunities to listen to them, and ask them specific questions about what's going on in their lives. When you do this, remember that you are not the district attorney interrogating them about suspected misbehavior. Instead, you are looking for opportunities to speak biblical truth into their lives and to offer support when they are facing challenges.

- Finally, I think one of the most important roles for grandparents is that of an encourager. Be there for them, look for opportunities to affirm them when they do well, be willing to provide godly counsel when the opportunity arises. .

There is much more I could say on the subject, and there is a website where I have a number of articles posted on grandparenting. Check them out on www.grandcoaching.org.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The CMF meets every Tuesday at 1:30. They are enjoying the fellowship and discussion of God's word, current events, and, in general, solving all the world's problems.

All men of the church are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

NEW TIME The CWF will meet Tuesday the 22nd @ **10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Garage sale Saturday April 5th 8 am- 4 pm.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Easter Events:

[Wednesday, April 9th](#) Everyone is invited to a Passover Seder on April 9th at 7 PM hosted by JoLynn Cookus' small group. If you plan to go, let JoLynn know. Email her at jolynn.cookus@ourlivinghopefellowship.org This is a very moving and interesting time.

[Sunday, April 13th](#) – **Palm Sunday Church Service-** Please join us for church on Palm Sunday and stay afterwards to help stuff Easter Eggs for the Community Easter Egg Hunt later that week! We will be filling 1,000 eggs. Half of these will be filled with toys which will be provided. The other 500 eggs will be filled with candy. We will need a few bags of candy for these eggs. Please **DO NOT** bring chocolate (due to the weather) nor hard candy (due to the younger children at the hunt).

We are also still needing regular size, plastic eggs.

Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Evening Service

If you have never attended a service of this type, you will not want to miss this one! This is a time of remembering the evening of the last supper and the struggles of Jesus that began that night. We will have communion by intinction and there will be a brief time of darkness at the end.

Saturday, April 19th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Community Easter Egg Hunt

This is a free event for the community and sponsored by our church. Please invite your families, neighbors, and friends with children!! The event will include 2 Egg Hunts, a visit from the Easter Bunny, free face painting, games, crafts, and live music! **Remember to wear your Church shirt!**

8:00 or 8:30 am Set-Up- Help is needed to set up bounce houses, tables, chairs and awnings.

Choir News- The choir is inviting everyone to attend our Easter Morning Service on Sunday, April 20th at 10:45 a.m. We are preparing special music for that day and Pastor Don always delivers a meaningful, thoughtful message. It is a great time to celebrate our Risen Savior and to invite extended family and friends!!

Sunday, April 20th; 10:45 a.m. – Easter Church Service

We will celebrate our risen Lord as a church family with special music and a stirring message from our pastor! Invite your family and friends!

Bible Study with Barbara meets online on Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 pm. Zoom ID: 822 7343 9137 Passcode: 563080



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Scripture: Acts 4:33

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Birdays</i> Mischa Casteel 5th Esmeralda Cantu 9th Jan Klein 11th Russell Golden 14th Jonathan Cantu 16th Jo Murphy 30th</p>						
		<p>1 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir</p>	<p>2 1:00 PM Bible Study Online 6 PM FCC Choir 7 PM Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>3 10:30 Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p>4 10 AM Fitness 6 PM Family Game Night</p>	<p>5 8AM Garage Sale 1:00 PM Anago Cleaning 7:05 PM Encouragement Live AFR (90.5FM)</p>
<p>6 8:45 AM OLHF 10:00 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM FCC Worship 3:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir</p>	<p>9 1:00 PM Bible Study Online 6 PM FCC Choir 7 PM Christian Passover Seder Presentation</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10 AM Fitness 6 PM Wylie Stars</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM Anago Cleaning 7:05 PM Encouragement Live American Family Radio (90.5FM)</p>

<p>13 PALM SUNDAY 8:45 AM OLHF 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 12 Stuff Easter Eggs 3:30 Girl Scouts</p>	14	<p>15 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir</p>	<p>16 1:00 PM Bible Study Online 6 PM FCC Choir</p>	<p>17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM FCC Service</p>	<p>18 10 AM Fitness 6:30 PM Good Friday Service</p>	<p>19 11AM-1 Community Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM Anago Cleaning 7:05 PM Encouragement Live AFR (90.5 FM)</p>
<p>20 Easter Sunday 8:45 AM OLHF 10:00 AM Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship</p>	21	<p>22 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 5:30 PM CWF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir</p>	<p>23 1:00 PM Bible Study Online 6 PM FCC Choir</p>	<p>24 7 PM OLHF Board Meeting</p>	<p>25 10 AM Fitness</p>	<p>26 1:00 PM Anago Cleaning 7:05 PM Encouragement Live American Family Radio (90.5 FM)</p>
<p>27 8:45 AM OLHF 10:00 AM Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship</p>	29	<p>30 10:00 AM CWF Meeting 1:30 PM CMF Meeting 6:30 pm OLHF Hand Bells 7:15 OLHF Choir</p>				