

**NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK**

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Rebekah White  
Cradle Roll 2: Nathaniel White  
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebarth  
Cradle Roll 2: Janet Bridges  
Wed. Eve. Service ----- Volunteers Needed!!!

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

Week of June 6, 2010

Sunday School ----- 25  
Sunday Morning Service ----- 38  
Sunday Evening Service ----- 30  
Wed. Eve. Service, 06/09/10 ----- 20

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

Week of June 6, 2009

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,398.00  
Insurance Fund ----- \$ 19.00  
**Total Received for Week of 06/06/10: \$ 1,417.00**

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00**

**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED**

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*

**Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!**



As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - OK? Thank you.

**Church Directory**

Todd W. White ----- Pastor  
Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist  
Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian  
Larry Mathews, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers  
Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford, Dwayne English ----- Outreach  
Flowers ----- Hannah and Shirley White

REMINDER



**THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING PARENT**

or

**"HUMANISM ON THE MARCH"**

A stream of initiatives flowing from our governmental institutions is directly undercutting parental authority and influence. However, the public is largely unaware that a plan to replace the traditional family unit is already underway and is successfully being implemented through various means, particularly through our educational system.

Educational blueprints such as *Goals 2000*, sometimes referred to as *Outcome-Based Education* or *Mastery Learning*, were developed by several nationally prominent individuals. Under these types of educational models, the family ceases to retain its fundamental role in society. Instead, it is displaced by the federally controlled, public school. In this manner, the hand of government asserts primacy over the family by mandating internationally uniform educational standards.

The so-called *International Children's Rights Advocates* have worked diligently to reduce the scope of influence that parents have traditionally enjoyed within their families. The intentions of these activists are most apparent when the contents of an international treaty called the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)* are scrutinized. The *UNCRC* has not yet been ratified by the United States, but pressure to do so resurfaces on a regular basis.

Parents would understandably wish to protect their children from exposure to the kind of materials and media that the Columbine High School murderers Klebold and Harris of Colorado were devouring. The *UNCRC* have something very specific to say to those parents who would like to regulate their children's exposure to violent movies, music, videos or computer games.

Under the *UNCRC*, parents could actually be

prosecuted for keeping such material away from their children. The treaty gives minors the absolute right to receive information and ideas of all kinds ". . . *either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of the child's choice*" (Article 13).

Parents would be in specific violation of the treaty if they were to restrict their child from watching a pornographic video or from reading a book with objectionable content (Article 17).

If a child wished to join a religious group that his or her parents deemed unacceptable, perhaps even dangerous, as in the case of a cult, the *UNCRC* would prohibit parents from interfering with the pursuit of any religious belief that the child so desired (Article 14).

If a child were acquiring friends that, in the parents' opinions, had questionable character, the *UNCRC* would again override parental judgment. Parents would be unable to inhibit their child's ability to freely associate, no matter what the individuals or groups were espousing.

Another recent invasion of family intimacy is a plan to place home visitors into the households of first-time parents. In a program called *Healthy Families America*, developed by the *National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse*, the traditional family is considered insufficient to accomplish the task of child rearing. The state, therefore, benevolently intervenes.

What would happen, in actuality, is that the federal government would seize the power, effectively becoming the head of the newly defined family.

It is interesting to note that, of the eight instances of school violence that have occurred within the last eighteen months, all took place in public schools. Educational

 Mr. Ryan Quinnelly   
and  
Miss Piper Martin  
request the honor of your presence at their wedding on  
Saturday, July 10, 2010  
at Seven o'clock  
at the  
Tulsa Zoo  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

settings such as these are saturated with federal influence through a myriad of mandates and regulations.

On the other hand, private school sites typically enlist more parental involvement. The miracle of home schooling illustrates even further what can happen when parents take on a more active role and greatly minimize the influence of the state on education. (And in terms of academic achievement, recent studies have shown that home schooled children have achieved much higher median test scores than the national average.)

The bottom line: ***When parents willingly accept maximum responsibility for the nurturing of their children, society is enhanced immensely.*** This fundamental principle has withstood the test of time, transcending geographic regions, cultural mores and diverse stages of history.

In these uncertain times, at the very least we must preserve and reaffirm our inherent parental functions. We must assert our rightful authority and refuse to allow a further usurpation by government, whether it emanates from the local, state, federal or international levels.

- FEDERALIST Brief #98-19

## ***WHERE ARE THE FATHERS?***

***“Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you this day whom you will serve: whether the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:14-15).***

I am greatly burdened about the family in America. The direction we are going today is total destruction. There are many reasons for this. We live in a day when words like love, commitment, responsibility, compassion, faith, church, righteousness, common sense, God, the Word of God, mean virtually nothing. I believe that much of that is due to the breakdown of the family.

***Folks, the Bible strongly emphasizes the family!*** Today, if you try to encourage a family to do as God has commanded, you will hear comments like "that church or pastor is weird, strict, legalistic, or a cult." Most of these people have no idea what a cult is and are too spiritually ignorant to see the breakdown that is affecting their family.

The weakness of the family today is the *lack of knowledge of the Word of God* and an *unwillingness to obey the Word of God*. II Timothy 3:15 says that Timothy knew the holy scriptures "from a child." It is important for our children to know the Word of God. It takes parents who are willing to make the commitment to study the Word of God and then to teach it to their children. A child must learn to have a relationship with God through His Word. A family can never be right with God as long as the parents are not having a relationship with God through His Word.

The family is a Divine creation. ***Genesis 1:27-28*** says, “So

***God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them; and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”***

The family was created before the church. The family is a unit. Certainly, the family affects the church. The family is a Divine institution. One of the Ten Commandments is, “***Honor thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee” (Exodus 20:12).***

I want you to notice something very important here, "father and mother" is a unit. It is important to understand that there is fidelity in that unit.

The family is important in the eyes of God, especially a godly family, which is rare today. See Ephesians 6:22-33.

How far away have we gotten from a godly family today? How far are we away from what the Word of God says on this issue?

***Unfortunately, very far.*** It is like night and day. The church today has done a miserable job. Most pastors are under tremendous pressure today to compromise the Word of God for entertainment. Many do compromise because they are afraid they will lose people. Many church bulletins look like an airline flight and departure schedule. The less time we can give to the Bible the more the average Christian likes it. They believe that activities make them spiritual rather than a relationship with God through His Word. Many Pastors seek to find out what works to draw a crowd rather than what is right. You have homes that are running themselves to death thinking they are doing the work of God.

Many churches today have ungodly music to appeal to the flesh so they can get a crowd. They cancel services where the word of God should be preached so they can have a gospel sing. These people do not worship God, they worship music and activities. It is nothing more than idolatry. Then, they wonder why their kids grow up to live wicked, immoral, ungodly lives and have no desire for spiritual things!

Divorce is rampant and we have many people living after the lusts of the flesh right in the church ministry. ***II Timothy 4:3*** warns that “***the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.***”

**FOLKS, THAT TIME IS NOW!** You have people today running from church to church until they can hear it like they want it rather than what God really says. The way to build godly families is to have a good church that preaches the Word of God and stands for it. The parents who attend that church must desire the Word of God and take the time and have the commitment themselves to study the Word so they can teach the Word to their children!

I looked at some statistics for America. The numbers are alarming:

1. Divorces granted in 1970: 708,000.  
In 1980: 1,170,000 (up 65%).
2. Unmarried couples in 1970: 523,000.  
In 1980: 1,346,000 (up 157%).
3. Persons living alone in 1970: 10,851,000.  
In 1980: 17,202,000 (up 58.5%).
4. Children living with two parents -  
In 1970: 58,926,000.  
In 1980: 48,295,000 (down 18%).
5. Children living with one parent -  
In 1970: 8,230,000.  
In 1980: 11,528,000 (up 40.1%).
6. Families with both husband and wife working -  
In 1970: 20,327,000.  
In 1980: 24,253,000 (up 19.4%).

These statistics reveal some serious problems that we are facing in the family, and these numbers were from 19 years ago and are much worse now.

### ***THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE BREAKDOWN OF THE HOME IS THAT THE FATHERS ARE NOT FULFILLING THEIR BIBLICAL ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE HOME!***

This is the most important reason for unhappy families.

God says worship is to be led by the father. “***For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgement; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him” (Genesis 18:9).***

And, you know - most fathers I know could care less. This is a wicked thing. There is more to being a father than just producing children. The lack of leadership by the father today in every area is the most important factor in the breakdown of the American home. I pray the Lord will give us more men like Joshua -

***“Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD” (Joshua 24:14-15).***

There has to be a consecration by dad. There is more to a marriage than just living together in a physical relationship!

Lack of godly male leadership brings about the disastrous consequences of rebellion, delinquency, and sexual promiscuity. Divorce is usually caused by a father not taking his Biblical responsibilities and is something God hates. (See Malachi 2:12-17 and Matthew 19:5-6).

The most important cause of divorce in America is the lack of

proper, godly leadership by the father and husband. It is also the most frequent cause of children's feelings of rejection, behavioral problems, and anxieties. See Ephesians 6:1-4. “***And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).***

The word "wrath" means a strong desire to avenge. How does a father provoke a child to wrath? By not bringing him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Nurture means training with structure. Most fathers have no desire for the Word of God and they are raising angry vengeful children because they are not committed to training their children in spiritual principles as God commands. Of course, they cannot train the child if they are ignorant of God's principles themselves. That is a picture of the typical American father today.

David Blankenhorn, in his 1995 book, ***Fatherless America***, says, “. . . ***the culture change from a stable, two parent home to the father's abandonment of his responsibilities of marriage and parenting is America's most urgent social problem. The father's absence is the main reason for unhappy homes, many current social problems, and is a national crisis of our time.***”

According to the *National Fatherhood Institute*, 40% of the children in the United States have not seen their father for a year! In the last 15 years "fatherless" children jumped from 10.2 million to 15.6 million. 70% of juveniles in detention centers and reformatories are children of fatherless homes. Statistics indicate that "violent criminals" are overwhelmingly males who grew up without a father's leadership. This includes 60% of America's rapists, 72% of adolescent murders, and 70% of long-term prison inmates. One out of every four high school seniors graduate functionally illiterate. It is more than a physical presence. There are many homes where a father is there, but that is all. They want all their needs fulfilled, but do not want to take the spiritual, godly, or normal leadership that God intended. Instead children grow up listening to their parents fight, cuss, yell, scream, spend money on all kinds of entertainment and material possessions trying to be happy.

The father's failure to take responsibility and leadership in the home has created a valueless, unhappy, fractured home and society. This failure has had a devastating effect on our children and has spawned a multitude of wicked societal problems including delinquency, sexual promiscuity, drug use, and violence.

The family is in trouble in America because the men have failed to be the leaders God wants them to be. We desperately need to pray for the men of this country to do as God has commanded. The results of the men not obeying God have been disastrous. The great need is for men to repent of their sins, to really come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and then to be obedient to the commands of God from His Word. Men must be the leaders God desires them to be. May God help us to pray for the men of America!

- Terry Coomer, Pastor  
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