

# Family Matters

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## Making God known to the next generation

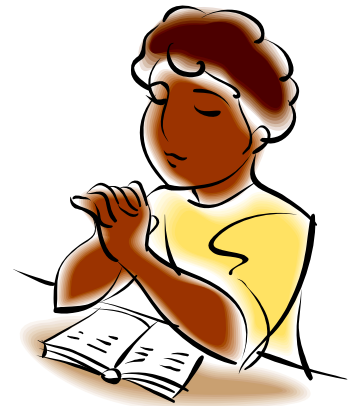
In the Hebrew system of education, learning took place in the context of relationship. Parents were instructed to teach their children diligently when they sat in their houses, when they walked by the way, when they lay down, and when they got up (Deuteronomy 6:7). In other words, instruction was continual—everywhere, at all times. Instruction in the Scriptures took

place in the course of everyday life.

Instruction can and should happen in a church setting but it will never replace the humble, face-to-face context of loving relationships in the home. It is in this relationship of trust and love that head knowledge becomes heart knowledge. Anyone can share information with a child, but when a child learns something from a trusted and loved

person, the child is more likely to embrace that knowledge as truth. Especially if that truth is demonstrated in everyday life as it is modeled by that trusted mentor.

God has placed a unique call on parents to pass on His glorious deeds and the wonders He has done to the next generation (Psalm 78:4). This is a sacred trust. God is calling His people to



make Him known to their children so that the next generation will set their hope in

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**Wed, April 30**

**Sun, May 4**

**Wed, May 7**

We will launch the new computerized check-in/check-out system soon. The new system will require photos of children, parents, and those that have authority to pick up your child(ren). The photos will be one-time setup to get the system operational. We have designated 3 dates in which parents can handle this administrative issue. However, if you do not take advantage of one of these dates, you will need to take care of this on the first Sunday the system is operational. Thank you for your patience.

### WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?



Struggling with getting your kids to be ready when you're trying to get out the door? Keep an alarm clock in the room where you leave the house. Set the alarm for 10 minutes BEFORE you need to actually leave. When it goes off, someone should hit the snooze button. Designate one of your kids to be the snooze patrol. Now, everyone knows you have just 10 minutes until it's time to go. When it sounds again, reset it for the next morning and head out the door. It may take time to become routine.

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**Making God known . . . cont. from front**

Him (Psalm 78:7).

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So many short-lived efforts to gather the family together for devotions fizzle out, and parents feel an acute

sense of failure in the spiritual training of their children. This need not be the case. Although the enemy rages against the consistent and sincere attempt to impart the teachings of God to

the next generation, God Himself works to preserve His Word in every generation. He has promised to be the Christian's strength in every weakness. Humbly look to Him each day to give you the



**VBS 2008, JUNE 16-21**

Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger each day as kids take the love of Jesus into their neighborhoods and communities.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



"...and a little child will lead them."

**Isaiah 11:6**

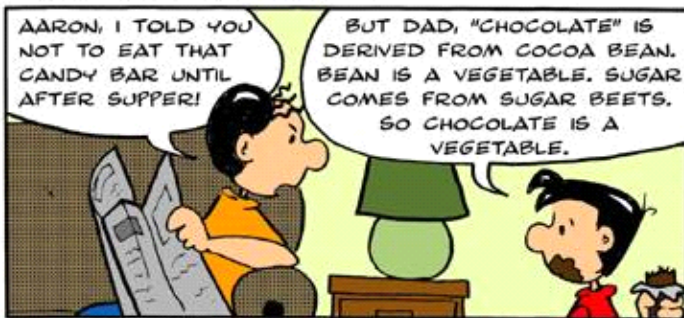
All praises to God for using our children to have an impact, not only in Lexington, but around the globe. **Since January, our children have given approximately \$475.** We will be mailing the children's donation to Rice Bowls for \$275, which feeds

orphans in many countries. (Children may still turn in Rice Bowls.) An additional donation of \$200 will be given to Church Under the Bridge to assist in starting a Children's Ministry for homeless children in Lexington. For May, we will be collecting NEW stuffed animals to donate to emergency personnel such as

hospitals, fire and police departments, or social workers who deal with children in crisis. Remember Wal-mart and Dollar Tree are great places to pick up stuffed animals. Offerings for May will be donated to Jarrett's Joy Cart for more on this local charity visit [www.thejoycart.com](http://www.thejoycart.com). Jarrett's Joy Cart provides toys and visits to children with extended stays in

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