

Parenthood: The Parent's Priority

September 8, 2019

Announcements

1. Vigilant Hope is hosting a Poverty Simulation in the fall this year. The date is November 8-10. The cost for the event is \$50. IT is open to anyone, adult or student, who has completed the 8th grade. It is an amazing and enlightening experience. You can register and find more information at (<http://vigilanthope.com/poverty-simulation>)
2. A new Journey 101 experience will begin Sunday October 6 at the Hogan Home. The meeting is weekly for five weeks and lasts about two hours each meeting. The purpose is to help folks understand the story, journey, and purpose of The Journey Church so that one may choose to become a Stakeholder at The Journey Church.
3. Baptism and Child Dedication Sunday was AMAZING!!! So we are planning on having another in November on the 10th. Sign up [here](#)
4. We have the awesome opportunity to have a Serving Sunday on Sept. 22nd! Mount PLeasant Christian School is having a carnival all weekend. As for us, we'll have an online message at 10am and then meet together that afternoon to serve at the MPCS Carnival. There will be two shifts from noon - 2:30pm and 2:30 - 5pm. If you can serve with us, please sign up ASAP at the Next Steps Table so we can let our friends at MPCS know how much support we can provide to them. MPCS would love for you and your families to come enjoy the carnival - it will be open all weekend. We'll see you online at 10am on Sunday, Sept. 22nd! :jccircle:
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Sunday Setlist:

Glorious Day - Passion
Stand In Your Love - Bethel Music
Always - Kristian Stanfill
Living Hope - Phil Wickham

The Parent's Priority

Parenting begins before birth - and never ends.

A Parent's Priority is to gradually transfer a child's dependence away from them until it rests solely on God.

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

—Deuteronomy 6:1-2 NIV

1st Principle: Love Your God.

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

—Deuteronomy 6:4

Love the Lord means

1. Presence with Him and others.

2. Engagement.

- (a) If **mom and dad** went to church: **72% of kids will** as adults.
- (b) If **mom only** went to church: **15% of kids will** as adults.
- (c) If **dad only** went to church: **55% of kids will** as adults.
- (d) If **neither** mom nor dad: **0.6% of kids will** as adults.

2nd Principle: Lead your family.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the

road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

—Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Lead your Family

1. Intentionally.

2. Relationally.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

—Proverbs 22:6 ESV

Train: *chanak* (khaw-nak'); to initiate, dedicate, or train.

Seven ways to train your children. Train them to:

- 1. manage God's money. (Prov. 3:9-10)**
- 2. carefully select friends. (Prov. 13:20)**
- 3. watch their words. (Prov. 4:24)**
- 4. be responsible. (Prov. 6:6-8)**
- 5. guard their minds. (Prov. 23:7)**
- 6. be generous. (Prov. 11: 25)**
- 7. fear God. (Prov. 1:7)**

Reflection:

- 1. Are you leading your children or are they leading you?**
- 2. Are you modeling that you Love God as the center of your life?**