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Heritage from the Lord

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

Psalm 127:3-5

The second perspective for us to consider about children being compared to the arrows in the hand of a warrior in Psalm 127 is their need for direction. A warrior with an arrow would only be as good as his aim. To strike the bullseye of a target takes great focus. A warrior must find the target, block out distractions, focus on the bullseye, and let the arrow fly. To successfully raise a child to do God's will take these steps as well. Well, how can it be done?

Parents must take careful aim with their children if they are to successfully raise them into a faithful relationship with God. The first step involves asking "What is your spiritual goal for your child?" This seems rather simple, but it is a very important part of raising a child. Where do you want them to be spiritually in 5 or 10 years. Without focus on a target the warrior is just shooting into the wind. Secondly, you must then assess what is most important in my child's life, and block out possible distractions. There are so many things that a child can do during their early years, a parent must use great discretion to decide what will help them reach their goal and what is a distraction to this task. Once your goal is clear you must keep your eye on the target. Life is busy, schedules are hectic and it is easy to take your eyes off the prize. We only have them for a little while so make sure to focus intently in the few years you have them. Finally, as parents we must let them fly. As bad as we may want them to, our children are not meant to stay at home and remain under our wing. They are meant to go out into the world, and be a faithful disciple of Christ. Raise them with this in mind. They must develop their own faith, start to create their own spiritual goals, and have a relationship with God that is independent of their parents. Arrows are not meant to stay in the quiver of the warrior. They are meant to go out and make a difference. May God bless us with the way we use the gift of children. See you Sunday!

John

My Church

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

The Lord asked the twelve to answer a question. Who do men say I am? They answered that some thought he was John the Baptist, Elijah or another one of the prophets. Peter responded by saying that Jesus was the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God. Today's verse was the answer that Jesus gave to these men. Jesus came to establish the church. This is the first fact he wanted them to know. The second was that the gates of Hades could not overcome it. To this very day there is much misunderstanding of these two concepts.

The rock was the statement made by Peter - Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Without faith in this statement, salvation is impossible. The church that Jesus came to build was based upon this statement. The church is God's kingdom on earth. The church contains those who will obey God's word. Christ is the head of the church and all authority belongs to him. It is Christ's church and it belongs to no other. There is only one church - the body of Christ.

Jesus wanted all to know that nothing could destroy his church. The gates of Hades led to the realm of the dead. Death could not stop the church. Satan attacked Jesus and inspired men to bring about his death. Jesus' death on the cross could not stop the church and actually was necessary for its beginnings. No attacks of Satan could destroy the church. He may harm individuals and destroy congregations but the church will never be destroyed. In the end the kingdom will be presented to God. The church is important. Are you part of it?

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-B
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman-treatments
- JoAnn Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A
- Melba Pollard
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, Rm. 6
- Suzanna White
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Great grandson of Myrna & Clayton Jett**, born early, weighing 2 lb in Kentucky Hospital
- Bill Harris** - NHC room 1204
- Tracy Bolton**, cousin of Brian Stone
- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason Kelley
- Patricia Vaughn** - aunt of Lisa Kelley
- Rick Heavner** - friend of the Britt's
- Joyce Crowe** - Debbie Massey's mother
- Johnny Andrews** - friend of Kim Fitzgerald
- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- George Ervin** - Angie Massey's dad
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stacey Brown**-niece of Cindy Hargrove-double lung transplant
- Jean Posey** - sister of Jean Sims

WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 1, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

- Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
- Song Leader:Greg Lusk
- Prayer:.....Jim Pollard
- Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Boyd Wood
 - Alex Jones Andrew Sullivan
 - Colton Hixson David Thomas
 - Gary Boyd Lenny Davis
 - Jerry Ballard Greg Gray
- Read: 2 Peter 3:14-18.....Daniel Thomas
- Sermon: Growing In GraceJohn Thomas
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
- Prayer.....David Thomas
- Read: 1 Peter 3:1-7.....Brandon Potts
- Sermon: Grace In The Family.....Joe Macer
- Presiding.....Patrick Sullivan
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie G. Davis

Ushers: Larry Nicholson, Jacob Pollard, Tracey Wilkins
 Greeters: Ed & Jackie Hargrove, Byran & Rachel Farris
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 Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - Jason Kelley, Jim Anderson

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NURSERY CARE

- A.M.....Libby Moss, Jan Thomason
- P.M.....Teresa Lyle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:30 P.M.

- Song Leader:Ryan Grice
- Prayer:.....Charlie Willis
- Announcements/Speaker:.....Shaun Townsend