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NO!

Psalm 127 tells us “Children are a heritage from the Lord”, and it implies a parent’s need to give them direction in life. I would like to spend the next few weeks giving some advice to our parents of young children. My first piece of advice to parents today is to Say No! Most young parents I see today make the mistake of not saying no, but I am not talking about saying no to your children. I mean say no to the world’s attempt to claim all of your time. I want you to know it is ok to say no to sports, no to constant recreation, no to spending more money on things your children will not be interested in in a few months. It is ok to have a simple birthday party, a nice Staycation (vacation at home), or a nice night at home with no activities other than time with family. Its ok to threaten your child’s profession career prospects (and help improve their overall health) by a mandatory 2 months a year break from structured physical sporting activities. It is ok to say no.

The problem is it is easy to think “Everyone else is doing it!” I remember the same pressure with our boys, and I will tell you what help me to see the power of no. I looked around at the families that were saying yes to everything and saw way too many of those families falling apart. I saw parents who were too invested in children and not vested enough in their marriage. I saw exhausted parents who thought this is just what it is like if you have kids. I saw way too many kids caught up in a rat race they didn’t really enjoy. I saw students make it to high school tired of a crazy schedule, and decided to quit the activities that had dominated their life because they did not enjoy these activities anymore.

The danger I saw was replacing purpose with busyness. We believe that if our kids are busy doing things then it will make them successful or help their self esteem. This is rarely true. The children I have seen with the healthiest self esteem are those who know they are loved, their family has time for each other, and they have real purpose in what they do. You cannot avoid the crazy busyness of having children, but parents must manage it. Take time off. Schedule a season just for the family. Save your money. Have a meal at home. Take an evening walk, or a trip to a park. Use your Saturday to spend time together and find rest to prepare for Sunday. Create times for family talks, passing on values with your activities, and talk about what God has done for you. It is amazing what you are able to say yes to when you find the power to say no. See you Sunday!

John

The Whole World

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

Paul was determined to make it to Rome to visit the Christians there. He is thankful for this congregation and continually remembered them in his prayers. He prayed that God would allow him to make it to Rome to help them become stronger. One thing that he did know was that the Christians at Rome had a strong faith. Paul had heard of this faith in various locations. In fact, he said their faith was known throughout the world. The Christian faith is to be known around the world. God has always desired that the world know about him. It happens by people spreading the message. Long ago David killed the giant named Goliath. His stated reason was that the world may know that there is a God in Israel. Christians are to let the world know what God has done through his son Jesus Christ.

Is South Gate's faith being reported? Are we known for our faith? The Maury county congregations are aware of our faith. This faith was exhibited from the beginning of Eastside and continues to this day. Is the world aware of our faith? We have supported missionaries in Greece, New Zealand, China, and Brazil. Over the course of time we have helped various congregations in the United States. Our web site has been looked at from several locations around the world. Our weekly bulletin has been read far and wide. Yes there are locations that know of our faith but much of the world does not know. How can we let the world know that we believe in Jesus Christ? This question should always be a part of our thought processes and an ever increasing desire. Let's let the world know.

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 2400
- 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 12, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

- Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
- Song Leader:Greg Lusk
- Prayer:.....Mike Lyle
- Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Barry Cross

Conner Arnett	Ryan Massey
Ed Hargrove	Dustin Stutts
Sonny Hargrove	Lee Winchester
Eric Hixson	Tommy Hight
- Read: Acts 15:7-11.....Sam Quirk
- Sermon: The Solution for Sin.....John Thomas
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Trent Thomason
- Prayer.....Max Ballard
- Read: Jonah 2:1-10.....John Massey
- Sermon: Grace in the Depths.....John Thomas
- Presiding.....Jacob Pollard
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Byran Farris

Ushers: Chris Lewis, David White, Austin Winchester
 Greeters: Tommy Rita Skelley, Gary & Tonya Boyd
 A/V Operators: Alex Jones, Chase Thomason
 Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - Chris Mobley, Lenny Davis

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

NURSERY CARE

- A.M.....Jennifer Winchester, Sharon & Jennifer Davis
- P.M.....Teri Wilkins

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:30 P.M.

- Song Leader:Blair Keeling
- Prayer:.....Byran Farris
- Announcements/Speaker:.....Trent Thomason