

SUNDAY NEWS

October 24th, 2021

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Will You Be Faithful Ten Years from Now?

By Nathan Adams

A preacher once told the story of the congregation he grew up in practicing the Biblical doctrine of church discipline. He remembered sitting in the pew and hearing the name of the man that the church was withdrawing its fellowship from due to an unrepentant sinful life. However, it was not what was said about the sinful man that he remembered most, it was what his fellow teenager said next to him. He whispered, "One day, they will be reading my name up there."

That is such a sad comment by a young man sitting in the Lord's church. His outlook on his spiritual future was very dark. What about us? Where will we be 10 years from now? Will there be some we worship with today who will turn their backs on the Lord in the next 10 years? It is a sobering thought and judging from people I have known in a number of congregations over the past 40 years, the answer is sadly, "Yes." All a person has to do is go back through past pictorial directories and ask why some of those people in those pictures are no longer there. There will be those that we know have abandoned the Lord. It is disconcerting. We know that far too many of our young people leave the church after graduation from high school. When one examines the statistics, that number significantly jumps by an additional 20% when you project out to 10 years after graduation.

So what can be done about this problem of people turning away from the Lord? How do we retain the young and the old that are leaving the church for the world? Here are a few suggestions:

First, we must realize that mediocrity does not work. It's a proven failure. You cannot simply be a "nominal" Christian and expect to weather the spiritual storms of life. Christianity must be a person's core and not something they do on the side. Parents must realize the spiritual weakening that not attending services causes within their children. A congregation once did a 20 year study on this and found that sporadic attendance led to only 53% of those children remaining faithful. Parents who rarely brought their children to church or Bible class saw only 6% of their children remain faithful. There is a direct correlation to mediocrity in the Christian life and faithfulness over a span of time. Rise above mediocrity by attending services, studying your Bible at home, and demonstrating that nothing (including school, sports, homework, work, hobbies etc.) is more important than the Lord and His church. Show your children mediocrity and they will most show even less 10 years after leaving home. That mediocrity will also insure that your spiritual life at that time will be no better. Mediocrity and compromise have been tried extensively and shown to always fail.

Second, realize that today's actions determine tomorrow's destiny. Our future is shaped beginning today. If you want to be faithful 10 years from now, you are going to have to choose a path today that will take you there. You cannot travel the wrong road and arrive at the proper destination. Purposeful living leads to success in life.

Third, develop your faith. Get into God's word and study. Do this daily. Make it a priority and daily routine. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (**Romans 10:17**) — your faith will be proportional to your knowledge of God's word. "What the preacher/father/friend said..." will not cut it when you are called upon to make tough moral, ethical, and biblical decisions. You

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Today

📖 **Worship Services** — 9:30 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

📖 **ASL Class** — 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, October 26th

📖 **Men's Bible Class** — 10:00 AM at the church Library.

📖 **Ladies Bible Class** — 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Room

Wednesday, October 27th

📖 **Midweek Bible Study** — 7:00

Thursday, October 28th

📖 **Thursday Night Class** — 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 30th

📖 **Trunk or Treat** — 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

2021 THEME

“Increasing in Christ Daily”

“He must INCREASE, but I must decrease” John 3:30

2021 Upcoming Events

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| 📖 Congregational Bonfire | November 6 |
| 📖 Friends & Family Day | November 7 |
| 📖 Parents Night Out | November 18 |
| 📖 Visitors Night | November 21 |



If you are visiting with our church family today, we are thankful and overjoyed to have you with us. It is our hope and prayer that you are encouraged by your time with us. We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing with you the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Friends & Family Sunday

Our Sunday morning service on November 7th will be focused on visiting friends and family. Invite you friends and family to this time. Make sure your loved ones have this chance to hear the gospel.

Bible Class Videos

I have had several people ask me about being able to watch the videos of the Acts and Daniel classes. While they are not posted on our website at this time, they can be seen at:

www.christianworldmedia.com/livechannel/whcoc1

Select “Watch Videos” and you can find the classes simply by going to the dates on which they were taught.

10 Years

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cannot sustain a relationship with God with someone else's faith. Study and grow your own faith.

There are more things that can be done beyond what our space will allow. Yet, if you leave these things undone, you will most likely be unfaithful in 10 years. Will you be faithful in 10 years? What do you predict for yourself? If you don't like your answer, get off the road you are on and get on one that will strengthen you spiritually. Make sure that 10 years from now, you are not only still faithful to the Lord, but stronger in faith and action. May God bless each of us as we move forward as His children and servants in His church. 10 years from today, I pray that each of us will either be faithful or at home with God. The other options are too terrible to consider. Move forward in a wise manner.

FAMILY & YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Event

- * **Trunk or Treat** is set for **October 30**. Please continue to pray that we will have another fantastic year? Signup sheet is posted in the foyer as well as the tub for donating candy.
- * Our **Annual Congregational Bon-Fire** date has been set for **November 6** at **The Hubbards**. Arrive at 6 pm, eating at 6:30 pm. We will be doing hamburgers and hotdogs. **A sign-up sheet for condiments and sides is posted in foyer.**

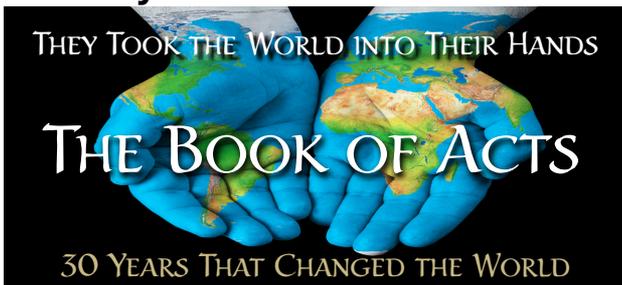
Family Thoughts & Ideas

7 Traits to Help in Parenting (continuing over the next 5 weeks)

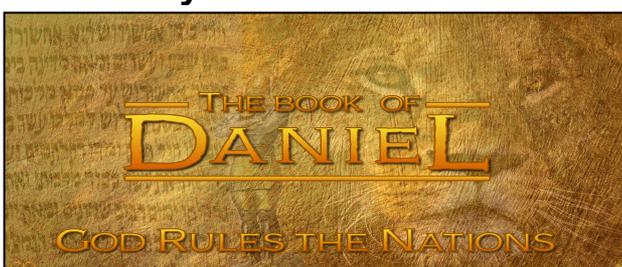
2. Respect

In *Philippians 2:3*, Paul reminds us that we need to strive to become as Christ, regarding others as more important than ourselves. We do this by understanding the importance of the power and need for respecting others. What does respecting our children teach them? That we are not better than others, or that others don't have any importance. The best way to encourage anyone, adult or child, is to show them the respect that they are valuable to you. A way to show respect in your home is to be careful what you say, your language. Decline to use cruel words, hurtful words — it does not matter if it is towards your family members or outsiders. The manner we show respect or withholding is the standard of what will become acceptable as our children grow and mature. Your Light of Christ needs to shine not just in public, at home is where it MUST start and grow — *Matthew 5:16*

Sunday Auditorium Bible Class



Wednesday Auditorium Bible Class



Pray Like David part 3a

By Chris Detkos

This week, we are looking at “How should we pray?” Our praying directly correlates to our understanding of who God is to us personally. Do we believe and live as David does in *Psalms 86*, that He is our Adonai? Do you see the dependency, and how intimately connected David is to Adonai in his prayer life? We can learn from five things to deepen our connection, dependence, and knowledge that Adonai will provide.

1. To pray earnestly

Can you see in David's prayer in *Psalms 86* his earnestness throughout his prayer? Where does this come from? It comes from David's expectation and understanding of his great need that only God can provide grace in saving David — vs. 3. Without God's answer to David's pleading and crying for grace, he knows that he is doomed. His prayer is not a formula or ritual, going through the motion in being heard. Instead, his prayer is rooted in his continual need for God from an anguished soul seeking rest, care, and protection, which prides David's his earnest prayer.

2. To pray continually

“... For to You, I cry all day long.” — vs. 3b. Again, we can see that David's continual prayers are rooted in his understanding and acceptance of his unmeasurable needs that God alone can satisfy. Paul states, “Pray without ceasing” — *1st Thessalonians 5:17*, he does not mean to pray never stopping. Instead, it is that our life, in understanding and accepting of our continual dependence upon God, will lead to our life becoming a life of prayer. That is how we will be able to pray without ceasing.

3. To pray with thankfulness

“I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart...” vs. 12a. David will give thanks to God despite how He answers his prayer. Right after, Paul tells us to pray without ceasing with the same breath “in everything give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” — *1st Thessalonians 5:18*. It is only through being submissively from the heart to His Sovereign hand working within all of your circumstances and believing completely that how He answers our prayer is always better for us. It is only then that we can give thanks to God in all cases.

Morning Service

Song Leader: Ryan Dennis
Song #2
We Praise Thee O God

Call to Worship
Chris Detkos

Song #831
Let Me Live Close to Thee

Song #821
Pray All the Time

Prayer
James Kent

Song #382
Why Did My Savior Come to Earth

Lord's Supper
Seth Huddleston

Scripture: Hebrews 11:13-16
Caleb DuPree

Song #957
This World is Not My Home

Sermon: Nathan Adams
This World is Not My Home

Song #902
Nothing But the Blood

Song #716
Sing to Me of Heaven

Prayer
Todd Hancock

**Please leave your Attendance
Cards in the pew.**

Evening Service

Call to Worship
Chris Detkos

Song Leader: Ryan Dennis
Song #230
Worthy Art Thou

Song #417
Where He Leads I'll Follow

Prayer
Ernest Bennett

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2
Keith Hayes

Song #429
Oh to be Like Thee

Sermon: Nathan Adams
Running For Your Life

Song #854
When He Comes in Glory By and By

Song #783
Tarry With Me

Prayer
J.J. Hubbard

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements: Nathan Adams

Song: Ryan Dennis

Prayer: Chris Detkos

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OFFICE HOURS
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8:00 AM — 4:00 PM
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TIMES OF SERVICES
Sunday AM Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday PM Worship. 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

2021 STATISTICS
Sunday, October 17th
Sunday AM Attendance: 106
Contribution: NA

Placed Membership: 9
Baptisms: 2
Restorations: 1

Average:
Sunday AM Attendance: 120
Contribution: \$9505
Weekly Budget: NA

We have an attended Nursery for ages 6 months to 2 years.



Online Resources Available

- Website: www.whitehousechurch.org
- We stream and archive all worship services on our website.
- Our website contains Biblical teaching tools