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Sunday Services

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A.M.
Pastoral Teaching: 6:00 P.M.
Evening Worship: 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday Service

Prayer & Bible Band 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Rehearsals

Youth Choir: 6:00 P.M.
Inspirational Choir: 7:30 P.M.

Thursday Services

Y.P.W.W.: 6:30 P.M.
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From the Pastor's Desk

Obedience Requires Sacrifice

Reference Scriptures: *I Samuel 15:22-23b; Mark 10:17-22*

*A selection submitted by Pastor Martin to help those in need.

All through history we have observed that people would rather do something than to be obedient to the Spirit of God. We would rather give material things to people than to love them. Monetary gifts are cheaper than love. We would rather give money to Jesus than to take up our cross and follow him. So, in this study we will emphasize the fact that obedience requires sacrifice.

Although obedience requires sacrifice, you cannot substitute sacrifice for obedience. In *I Samuel 15:22-23b*, we see the consequences of Saul's disobeying God to offer a sacrifice. God instructed Saul through Samuel that the Lord does not delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much in obeying the voice of the Lord. "To obey is better than sacrifice." Because Saul rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord rejected Saul as king. As disciples of Jesus, we must make sacrifices. However, our sacrifices must grow out of our obedience to

the Lord rather than a substitute for obedience.

In the *Mark 10:17-22* passage, we see that sincere submission is essential to salvation. In order to be saved, one must be willing to do whatever Jesus asks of him. Often Jesus asks us to do things that seem drastic to test where our affection is.

Disciples of Jesus must seek spiritual things above material or visible things. In both scriptures above, both Saul and the young man who came to Jesus had their minds focused on material things rather than spiritual things.

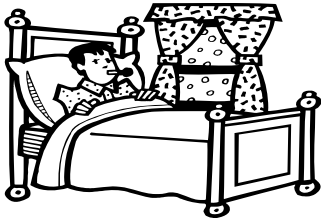




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Sick and Shut-In



Please remember those who are sick and shut-in. Keep them in your prayers.

Sometimes a kind word, a phone call, or even a smile can make a world of difference.

**Please remember Mc. Fields in prayer.*

Message From the Sunday School

***If you know your Bible, the Sunday School needs you. If you don't know your Bible, you need to come to Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:30am.

Elder Reginald Jordan - Sunday School Supt.

Education Connection:

Nutrition essential to school improvement

Source: <http://www.lockhaven.com/page/content.detail/id/512172.html?nav=5003>

By JOSEPH A. QUATTROCCHI

Much attention has been paid in recent months to twin ills plaguing our schools - flagging academic achievement and rising obesity among students. Whether in print, on TV and radio news, or in cyberspace, the focus of what is happening in the nation's education system and the students who populate it has heightened the awareness of many Americans to a current and growing problem.

To be sure, the health and education of children must be our top priority. In this regard, prescriptions advanced to improve the current state of affairs target aspects of the problem: school buildings should be smaller; the ratio of students to teachers should be reduced; teachers should be incentivized or screened out of the system based on job performance; physical education should be stepped up (or re-instituted). These ideas all have merit and should be pursued to whatever end they may produce. And they will most likely cost more money to implement.

There is, however, another approach for simultaneously addressing the educational attainment prospects and the long-term health prognosis of today's youth. It can best be underscored by the practice employed in many schools where students get free breakfast for the week leading up to standardized tests, only to see it disappear the day after testing is completed. This "stunt" on the part of too many educators acknowledges - however inadvertently - the link between adequate nutrition and learning, a relationship confirmed in numerous studies conducted over the past several years. Research also indicated that hunger and obesity can co-exist, as those with insufficient resources to purchase nutritionally adequate food can still be overweight. (Because low income families must stretch their food dollar as far as possible, purchasing decisions are driven by the need to maximize the number of calories they can buy so that their members do not suffer from long-term hunger.) This quantity versus quality argument can best be put another way: the stomach knows only that it is full, not whether the meal was nutritious.

That research concludes proper nutrition (i.e., a consistently adequate diet in terms of variety, vitamins and other nutrients) is linked with enhanced academic performance as well as promoting good health (which includes averting obesity) should provide an answer to the aforementioned problems that weigh on schools and their students. Ensuring that all children are adequately nourished requires access to sufficient, healthy food on a daily basis when they are in school and over the summer months. The means through which this can be accomplished is to bolster participations in the School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Service Program. These federally-subsidized meal programs have demonstrated success in improved academic outcomes relative to school attendance, behavior and test scores, as well as in health outcomes resulting from the introduction of fresh fruits, vegetables and other nutrient-rich foods into diets where they did not previously exist. This idea also has merit and should be pursued. And it will save money while also generating revenue: by lessened demand on hospital emergency rooms for routine treatment; by the increased flow of federal dollars into the Commonwealth; and, by the enhanced demand for Pennsylvania's agricultural bounty.

Not matching the scientific evidence that identifies proper nutrition as the key to helping children fulfill their potential to lead healthy, productive lives is the political will to ensure kids are adequately fed. For all the rhetoric coming out of Washington and Harrisburg about the education and health of our children, not enough attention is paid to the role food plays in these matters. How can a revamped health care system be economically feasible and operationally viable if there is not a tandem effort to improve children's health by connecting them to food assistance programs that already exist? How can Gov. Rendell's commendable efforts to improve the performance of our schools succeed if the initiative is undermined because schools not participating in meals programs have hungry students who are not ready to learn?

The cost-benefit is clear: investments in childhood nutrition now will return much greater dividends later. Looking back, Congress enacted the 1946 National School Lunch Act as a "measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children" in response to an investigation into the health of young men rejected in the World War II draft that showed a connection between physical deficiencies and childhood malnutrition. Currently, declining academic performance and increasing obesity represent dual threats to our education system and its students that are every bit as much a threat to national security. The future of so many young people whose lives can be inestimably improved through nutrition supports that are readily available - the School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Service Program - must be secured now.

Joseph A. Quattrocchi is executive director of the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center.

5 Things You Need to Know About Summer Sun Safety for Children

Source: <http://www.healthtalk.umn.edu/topics/safety/home.html>

1. Sunblock Does Not Last All Day

Don't think that slathering sunblock on your child when you arrive at the beach will keep them protected. Sunblock needs to be reapplied every hour, especially when children are sweating or in the water. Kids often rub it off while playing or when drying themselves with towels. Even waterproof or sweatproof creams do not last very long. And remember, when it comes to sunblock, less is not more. Don't forget areas like your child's ears, where her hair parts and her feet.

2. Check the Sunblock Quality

Check that your sunblock has UVA protection not just a high SPF, which only affects UVB protection. UVA rays are more harmful. Newer sunblocks provide more UVA protection. Though the level of UVA protection isn't clear on over-the-counter brands, it will be required soon. Look for a sunblock that won't run into your eyes and is not combined with an insect repellent.

3. Protect Yourself Daily, Rain or Shine

Cloudy days still require sunblock protection. June gloom is common in many parts of the country and people believe that their little ones are safe from the sun. But the ultraviolet rays that get through the clouds are just as dangerous as those found on the sunniest of days.

4. Remember: All Hats are not Created Equal

It's a common mistake to assume

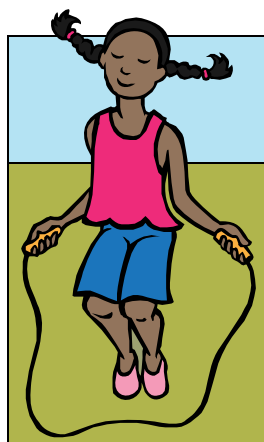
that your child is protected from the sun when he wears t-shirts or other clothing besides his swimsuit. Unfortunately, clothing gives minimal protection. The average white T-shirt has SPF protection of only 10. Many hats with small brims or thin material also do not provide protection. Tight-knit, thick material provides more coverage. However, even with a good hat, sunblock should be applied head to toe.

5. Protect Your Eyes

Little ones are sensitive to the sun, but they often don't complain about glare. When you are near the water, there is a lot of glare, so sunglasses are highly recommended. Let your child choose her own frames, perhaps with a favorite character or color, so that she will be more excited about wearing them.

About this Author

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*****Message Board*****

A Message From the YPWW President:

Come and be blessed. Study to show thyself approved unto God.
Every Thursday Night at 6:30pm
(Youth Service immediately following @ 7:30pm)

Going Back to School

It's school time again! You're probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over. Some kids feel nervous or a little scared on the first day of school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school. Luckily, these "new" worries only stick around for a little while. Let's find out more about going back to school.

The First Day

Most teachers kick off the school year by introducing themselves and talking about all the stuff you'll be doing that year. Some teachers give students a chance to tell something about themselves to the rest of the class.

When teachers do the talking on the first day, they often go over classroom rules so you'll know what's allowed and what's not. Pay close attention so you'll know if you need to raise your hand to ask a question and what the rules are about visiting the restroom.

You might already know a lot of people in your classes on the first day. But it's a great day to make a new friend, so try to say hello to kids you know and new ones that you don't. Make the first move and you'll be glad you did and so will your new friend!
Moving to Middle School?

Sixth grade often signals a move to middle school or junior high, where you'll find lockers and maybe a homeroom. This is just what it sounds like - a classroom you'll go to each morning, kind of like your home in the school. In middle school, you might move from classroom to classroom for each subject. Your teachers know that this is a big change from elementary school and will help you adjust.

Most teachers let you pick your own seat on the first day, but by the second or third morning, they'll have mapped out a seating plan. It's a good idea to write down where your seat is in your notebook so you don't forget.

The first day of school is your first chance to find your way around a new school, or learn the pathways to new classes in your old school. It's a lot to learn in one day, so don't be surprised if you need a reminder or two.

It might help to write a few notes to yourself, so you'll remember the important stuff, like your locker combination and that lunch starts at 11:43, not 12:10. Before you know it, your fingers will fly as you open your locker and you won't have to check your notes to know what time lunch starts!

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/9zpp5>

Inspirational Thought:



“To have fear is to lack faith in God.” – Benny Hinn
Reference Scripture: ...And He said unto them, “Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?”
Mark 4:40

Health Wise: Stress Relief a Lesson from the Bible

By: Lynne Chapman, BellaOnline's Christian Living Editor

Life is hard, in fact it can be very stressful. Stress is now accepted and thought to be an unavoidable consequence of life. It has even been described as America's #1 health problem. In fact, over nine billion dollars are spent each year in the United States to cope with stress.

If you have ever made a New Year's Resolution to begin some sort of stress management program, you are not alone. A survey by Prudential Health Care says that one third of the population have made such resolutions.

If you feel that your stress level is out of control and you can't get out from under it, you are also not alone. That's the way stress is. It is self-perpetuating and does not go away by itself.

I know of a Stress management program that will cost you nothing and may seem all too easy. It is found in the Bible, in the book of Matthew, chapter 11, verses 28 and 29.

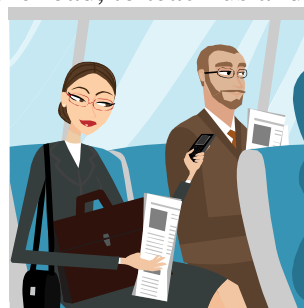
Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls”

I have often felt **weary** and as if I was carrying a **heavy burden**. I have many times had to balance working enough hours to help to pay the bills, meet deadlines at work, keep up with chores at home, and make my husband, children, other relatives and friends feel loved and cared for. Add in anything extra, like an illness or car break down or any of the many other things that can go wrong in a day, and the feeling gets to be unbearable.

A **yoke** was a double harness in which two animals pulled together. Often, one harness was larger and meant for the stronger animal, while the smaller was used for the smaller or inexperienced animal being trained.

The larger side of the harness is for Jesus for He is stronger and He knows the way, the smaller side for us.

This is God's stress relief program and is available to anyone who believes what Jesus said and chooses to take His yoke. He offers to give us rest and to walk with us and to help to carry the load, to teach us and give us rest for our souls.



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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

“Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

US diplomat & reformer
(1884 - 1962)

Calendar Events

August Events:

10th – Women for Christ 7p
 13th – 15th – J3 Women's
 Convention
 18th – 20th – Back to School Revival
 22nd – Women's Dept. Luau
 25th – Fundraising Event at
 Applebee's in Highland, CA
 28th – 30th – Men's Conference

September Events:

3rd – Bishop's Executive Board
 Mtg. 9a
 5th – Dempsey-Hardy Walk-a-thon
 9th – 11th/13th – Bountiful Blessings
 Dist. Convocation
 14th – WFC Mtg. 7p
 18th – Singles' Mtg. 6p
 19th – Couples' Mtg. 6p
 25th – J3 Friday Night Fire
 28th – Men's Dept Mtg. 7p
 28th – Women's Dept. Mtg. 7p

The Summer Food Service Program is a 100 percent federally funded program and 100 percent free to all children 18 years of age and under.

This program was created to ensure that children whose families have economic hardships receive nutritious meals and snacks when school is not in session. The California Department of Education administers the program in California.

Meals are available now at these locations, Monday through Friday until September 30, 2009.

San Salvador Preschool

(909) 876-4240

Boys and Girls Club

(909) 888-6751

(909) 384-5417

Rudy C. Hernandez Community Center

(909) 384-5420

Phoenix Center West

(909) 881-8008

Phoenix Community Center

(909) 881-8008

*More locations are available!

"GV YOUTH PAGE"

Words from Our Youth Minister – Elder L.D. Hawley

I want to thank everyone who supports the youth department. We have a lot of activities planned for the youth this year and the Lord is truly going to bless. So, youth don't stay home, come out and get involved. The bible says "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh, when no man can work" John 9:4.

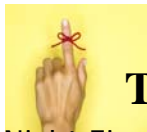
MISS YWE PAGEANT: MISS CONGENIALITY

Congratulations to Miss Keliyah Harris who won Miss Congeniality at this year's Youth Congress. In addition, she was 1st runner up. We are so very proud of you and keep up the good work.

YOUNG MEN OF VALOR

This year at the 2009 Youth Congress, Jr. Minister Malachi Flagg-Martin took home many trophies. He came in 1st place in the Young Men of Valor Contest, Raised the Most Money award, & received the Most Likely to Become a Bishop award. Truly, Malachi Flagg-Martin is a Young Man of Valor. Congratulations to you!

Congratulations to William Schuler who came in 1st runner up in the Young Men of Valor Contest! Keep up the good work and continue to seek God in your walk with Christ.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Friday Night Fire is September 25, 2009 at *Great I Am* in Fontana at 7 p.m. Please everyone, let's come out and join our State Youth President Elder George Martin II and Chairlady Evangelist Hawley. You don't want to miss it because you will be blessed.

Youth, please don't forget we are reading the New Testament. You all should be in II **CHORINTHIANS** now. Don't give up. If you are having trouble reading every Thursday night at 5:30 we will be having an audio reading of the New Testament.

YOUTH CONGRESS

We would like to thank all those who came out and helped make this year's Youth Congress a success. We had a really blessed time in the lord. The youth's lives were really impacted.

Accomplishments of Our Youth

The youth are a vital part of our society in these days and times. We would like to take out time to acknowledge our youth here at Greater Victory and let them know that we are proud of them and we encourage them to keep up the good work. CONGRATULATIONS to you all!

Kids Korner

Places in the New Testament

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Athens

Bethlehem

Capernaum

Colossae

Corinth

Damascus

Ephesus

Galatia

Joppa

Lystra

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Nazareth

Pergamum

Philippi

Rome

Sardis

Thessalonica

Troas