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Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Christian Education

Embracing the Vision of Transforming Lives Through Biblical Teaching with Life Applications

But I don't want to go to Sunday School

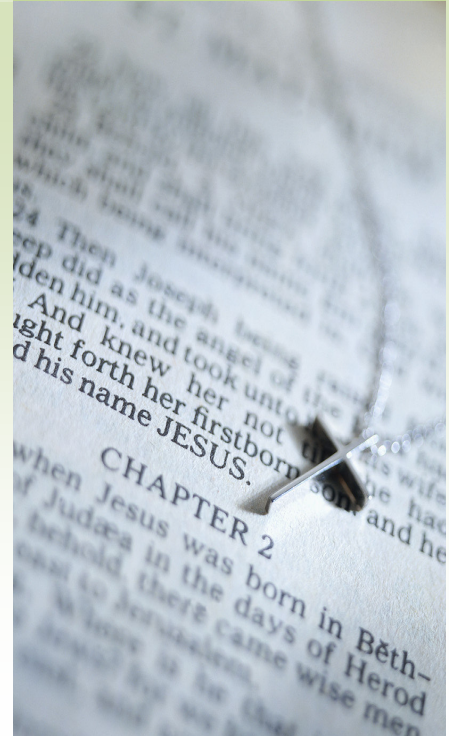
The Rev. Malcom Hughes Anglican Digest

Shall I make my child go to Sunday School? YES!! Are you startled at such an abrupt answer? Why? How do you answer your daughter when she comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces that she is not going to school? That's simple! She goes anyway. Or how about your son, after a sweaty ball game practice, when he lets you know that he is not going to take a shower before supper? He takes one anyway, right?

So then, why are we so hesitant when it comes to spiritual discipline and growth? Why do we feel that it will "warp" or "pressure" our children if we insist on Sunday School and Church? We have no problem insisting on school attendance, homework, the dentist's office, or ball practice.

Obviously, from this inconsistency, our children soon learn that we "make" them do what is important. Therefore, Christian Education and worship must not be so important as other lifestyle habits. In the long run, in terms of the eternal issues of our existence, is this the message we want to teach?

What, then, will we say when our children announce they do not want to go to Sunday School and Church? The answer is easy: be as consistent in the discipline as you are in the other important experiences of life. Tell them, "In our home, we all go to Sunday School and worship, and that includes you." It may not be appreciated at the moment, but with the attitude of parental interest, even joy-filled participation, you will make an impact on the development of their value structure which will last a lifetime ... and beyond.



Worship Services

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Worship Service

CE-Learnings

SUNDAYS

9:45 AM – Sunday School

MONDAYS (2nd & 4th)

7:00 PM – Men's Ministry

WEDNESDAYS

8:00 PM – Bible Study

FRIDAYS (3rd)

7:00 PM – Women's Ministry

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New BIBLE STUDY Series Now Underway

The Gospel According to John

Through the years many have looked for answers to life's problems only to find that man has no answers. Man has gone to great lengths to find joy in this life. They have tried every self-help book, read everything written to get rich quick, have bought all the toys of life and still they wonder why they have a feeling of dissatisfaction with life. However, the answers to life's problems are not found in the things of this world, but in Jesus the Christ.

Many Christians today know this fact but few truly understand who Jesus is and His purpose for coming to this earth. When approached by unbelievers they find it difficult to explain who He is and how He could love sinners. The question then becomes how do I, as a Christian, defend what I think I know about Jesus? The answer is to know more about your Lord and Saviour. John tells us that his specific purpose for writing this gospel is that we might know without a doubt who Jesus is. John 20:31

Come, join us as we search the scriptures, exploring the exciting truths that will enlighten the sinner and encourage the saints, while strengthening our knowledge about the direct effect Jesus the Christ has towards the answer to life's problems.



Upcoming LEARNING Events

July 5 –8	Dallas, TX
E. K. Bailey International Expository Preaching Conference	
July 13 –16	Sugar Land, TX
African American Fellowship Conference 2010	
July 19 – 23	Ridgcrest, NC
Black Church Leadership and Family Conference	
August 27 – 28	Ft. Worth, TX
TRANSFORM! Changing Lives through Sunday School*	
September 13 – 15	Nashville, TN
National Youth Workers Conference	
September 24 – 25	Broadview, IL
National Sunday School Director Seminar	
October 22 –23	Nashville, TN
National Black Sunday School Conference	

* more details to come

Next Sunday School Series

begin July 11, 2010

Adult Christian Life

Book by RH Boyd Publishing
Book Cost: None

The study this quarter focuses on Christian commitment. Its three units explore the foundation and marks of commitment as well as God calling His children to be committed to Him.

The Total Money Makeover

Book and excerpt by Dave Ramsey
Workbook Cost: \$10
Optional Book: \$10

If you will live like no one else, later you can LIVE like no one else. Instead of promising the normal dose of quick fixes, this class offers a bold, no-nonsense approach to money matters, providing not only the how-to but also a grounded and uplifting hope for getting out of debt and achieving total financial health. It debunks the many myths of money (exposing the dangers of cash advances, rent-to-own, debt consolidation) and attacks the illusions and downright deceptions of the American dream, which encourages nothing but overspending and massive amounts of debt. This class is all about "renewing your mind", using God's ways of handling money (over 800 scriptures deal with money) to be "transformed" (made over). It's a plan to stop being "conformed" to the ways of the world and as ridiculously broke as the rest of our culture. And this isn't theory. It works every single time. It works because it is simple. It works because it gets to the heart of the money problems: **YOU**

YOU

Book by Lifeway Publishing
Book Cost: None

God Knows My Heart. Why don't I obey all the way! Excuses. We start giving them at such an early age. In many instances, we are so quick to give an excuse that we don't even consider the alternative. And some of us never grow up and take responsibility for our actions. "God Knows My Heart" – I'm sure you have heard someone say that at one time or another. You may have even said it yourself. This is one of the most popular excuses "church folks" give. But in the upcoming lessons, we are exposing the truth that God desires our obedience, not the most religious-sounding excuse we can give. This quarter's lessons will challenge us to consider our excuses – for disobedience, for avoiding tough issues, and for not stepping up to serve God. It may be a bumpy ride but we all will be blessed and will grow spiritually if we take these lessons to heart and respond with obedient action.