

Please take a few moments to tell us about you and your family. It will help us if you fill out all the information, but only fill out what you are comfortable sharing. Please fill out both sides and place in the offering bucket or drop off at the information desk.

Date September 5, 2010 Saturday Sunday AM Sunday PM Other

Name _____ Male Female

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Wk Phone _____ Cell _____

Place of Employment _____ Email _____

DOB _____

Which best describes you?
 1st Timer 2nd/3rd Timer Sometime Regular Attender Visiting from another church
 I am only filling out this card to add to/update my contact information that is already on file

African American Asian Caucasian Hispanic Other

Married Single Other

Spouse's Name _____ Wk Phone _____ Cell _____

Home Phone _____ DOB _____

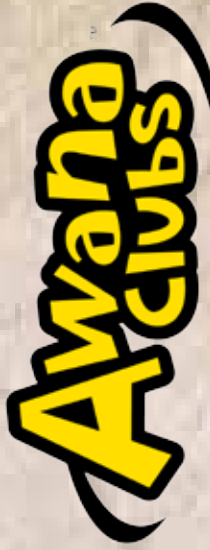
Place of Employment _____ DOB _____

Email _____ DOB _____

Names and Birthdays of Children _____ DOB _____

IRON MAN

classes September 7 and 14 at 7pm



has begun on Wednesdays at 6:30.
Pick up a registration form in the foyer.

calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 4 NO Saturday 6pm service - Labor Day Weekend
- 5 NO Sunday 6pm service - Labor Day Weekend
- 7 IRONMAN class - 7pm Conference Room A
- 8 New Member Class - GT 101 - 7pm Conference Room A
- 8 AWANA, Revolution and Extravagant Love - 6:30pm
- 10 Tucker Prison Ministry
- 12 Life Group - 6pm
- 14 IRONMAN class - 7pm Conference Room A
- 15 New Member Class - GT 101 - 7pm Conference Room A
- 15 AWANA, Revolution and Extravagant Love - 6:30pm
- 19 Life Group - 6pm
- 21 New Member Class Cookout - 7pm Conference Room A
- 22 AWANA, Revolution and Extravagant Love - 6:30pm
- 26 Heart To Heart Service - 6pm
- 29 AWANA, Revolution and Extravagant Love - 6:30pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Life Group 6pm
- 10 Movie Night - "I AM" www.iamthemovie.com
- 17 Life Group 6pm
- 24 Ironman Service 6pm
- 31 Fall Festival 6-9pm

SERVICE | 6pm Saturday, 10am Sunday, 6pm 2nd and 4th Sundays
 TIMES | Life Group - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6pm.
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SERMON at the MOUNTAIN



September 5, 2010

7 Steps To Better Parenting

by Pastor Stephen Harrison

There was a song back in the 1980's written by the actor Will Smith (Fresh Prince) called "Parent's Just Don't Understand". Why would I mention a secular song in a spiritual article? Those lyrics came from a teenager who was acting rebellious toward his parents. It was totally the wrong view kids should have toward their parents. Sometimes, kids still their parents don't understand them. But good parenting is more than being "cool" or relevant. You are not trying to be their best friend It involves modeling Christ to them.

Those who were the kids when that song came out are now the parents and we DO understand. The older we get, we realize that our parents were not really crazy after all. They, just like we do, have a tough time communicating truth. You are really never fully ready for parenting. I remember when the hospital let us take our first born daughter home. They gave us no instruction manual (not that guys would read it anyway). The first night we were home alone and all the company left I was faced with the reality - I was a parent!

So how do we do parenting well? I think we act out what we preach to them by living our lives for Christ.

1. **We radically love them!** John 3:16 says God radically loved us and we don't have to work for His love. When we mess up, He still loves us. We need to show them what real forgiveness and repentance looks like. When we mess us, we repent. When someone wrongs us, we forgive. When someone is in need, we love them. Model this with your spouse and closest friends.

2. **We should bless and discipline them.** Psalm 2:8 says, "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession." This doesn't mean we should buy them any and everything they desire. We cannot buy their love or pay them off when our relationship is bad with a present. But, our hearts should want to bless them and ensure they have all they need to be what God wants them to become. We should also discipline them. The parameters of discipline should be wrapped around Biblical principles and scripture with the goal of making them more like Jesus. God disciplines us. Proverbs 3:12 says, "because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in." Don't just try to be the good guy or their best friend. Be their parent and steer them on the right track towards a relationship with Christ.

3. **Spend time with them.** God did not just send Jesus to the earth so we could go to heaven one day. He sent Him so we could have a relationship with Him. God desires to be close to us and we should desire the same closeness with our kids. Be creative and do something meaningful with your children each day.

4. **Teach them about God when trouble comes.** God wants us to know Him intimately. He is always teaching us, even when we don't want to be taught and even when life throws curve balls at us. When your kids or family go through rough times, point them toward Christ. James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." Don't compromise.

5. **Don't live your life through them.** Our jobs are not to dictate their future but to teach them to fall in love with Jesus. Yes we have to guide them but more importantly we help them to listen to His voice. Jeremiah 29:11 says God has a plan for their life. If we can get them connected to Him then He will direct them. Dance class, gymnastics, and baseball are great but if we do all of that and never lead them to a relationship with Christ, we've failed.

6. **Don't send them to church. Take them to church.** We have to model the Christian life for them. Before they were our kids, they were God's kids. We are only stewards of them. If we want them to do right, we must model it. If we want them to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, we must be practicing them. They need to see us do it and live it out for them.

7. **Pray for and with them daily.** Before they leave for school, before they go to sleep and everything in between requires prayer. Take time to intercede on your knees for your kids. Not just when they mess up but before. Let them see you praying. This will teach them a lifestyle of prayer.

FAMILY CHURCH HEADLINES

SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

Because of Labor Day Weekend, there will be no Saturday 6pm or Sunday 6pm service.

LADIES' ENCOUNTER RETREAT

The next Ladies' Encounter Retreat will be October 8-10, 2010 at the Ozark Conference Center in Morrilton. The total cost is \$140 with a \$20 deposit required at sign up. You may register at the info desk or online. Deadline for Sign-up and full payment is September 26th. Space is limited so sign up soon.

IRONMAN CLASSES

We will have IRONMAN follow up classes on September 7 and 14 at 7pm in Conference Room A. Please register at the information desk.

AWANA HAS BEGUN!

AWANA, our Wednesday night ministry at 6:30pm for those age 2 - grade 6, has begun. Pick up a registration packet at the AWANA table in the foyer.

AWANA WORKERS NEEDED

If you are looking for a great place to serve on Wednesday nights, AWANA is the place for you. We need listeners, helpers, and teachers. If you are interested in helping, sign up at the information desk or contact Pastor Richie Hegwood - rhegwood@familychurch.ws

NEW MEMBER CLASS - GT 101

Our New Member Class will begin on Wednesday, September 1 at 7pm and continue September 8, and 15 at 7pm. There will be a New Member Class Cookout on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30pm. Please sign up at the information desk.

EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

Got hurts that don't seem to heal? Habits you want to shake? Hang-ups that keep dragging you down? Come to Extravagant Love every Wednesday night at 6pm and get freedom.

HEART TO HEART

Heart To Heart, our Women's Ministry, will be Sunday, September 26th at 6pm.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Thank you so much for donating supplies and money towards our annual school supply drive. We supplied supplies to 67 kids this year!

LIFE GROUPS IN SEPTEMBER

Life Group will be on September 12th and 19th at 6pm.

JOB OPENING BULLETIN BOARD

We have created a Job Opening Bulletin Board in our children's ministry hallway. We will be posting job openings we hear about on this board. If you know of a job opening, please email it to jobs@familychurch.ws. All jobs must be posted through the church office. Please do not post anything else on this board.

PRAYER TEAM

Our prayer team meets every Saturday night at 5:15pm in the Revolution Conference Room. Join us this weekend and be part of our prayer team.

PRAISE TEAM AND CHOIR AUDITIONS

If you can play an instrument (piano, drums, guitar, bass, etc.) or are interested in singing in our choir during specials or ensembles, please contact Pastor Richie Hegwood at rhegwood@familychurch.ws or 870.247.3300.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our children's choir starts Sunday, September 12. Auditions for 1st-6th grades start at 2:00. All students need to be there at 2:00 whether auditioning or not. K4-K5 class will start at 4:30. If you have any questions, please contact Anne McGuire at 534-2951.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) will begin on Monday, September 20th in the prayer room. If you would like to enroll in this class, please register at the information desk. The cost is \$100 (\$50 needed at signup). Contact Roy Kline for more information at 247-2737 or bettyandroy@mac.com.



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TITHE & OFFERING AT A GLANCE

for August 28/29, 2010
TITHE: \$26,606.37
BUILDING FUND: \$937.50

Please make checks payable to "Family Church".

We also ask that you write separate checks for tithe and building fund.

eGiving is available on our website

How do I Join Family Church?

September 5, 2010

To join Family Church we ask that you do what God's Word says - to trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. After you have done that, we ask that you be baptized according to the Scriptures and attend our next membership class.

YES! I want to become a member of Family Church! Please sign me up for the next Membership Class.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Get Involved!

- I'm interested in the following service opportunity: ReignForest Preschool Children's Ministry
- AWANA Kids Ministry Men's Prison Ministry Revolution Students Prayer Team
- Greeter/Usher/Parker/Hospitality Sound/Computer/Lighting Praise Team Choir Extravagant Love
- Other

I WOULD LIKE:

- To commit my life to Christ
- To renew my commitment to Christ
- To be Baptized To become a member of Family Church
- More information on Life Groups
- To talk to a Pastor
- Prayer - please call me
- Information on Serving Opportunities

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