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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. The Philistines (1 Samuel 6:7–14)

2. Solomon (1 Kings 10:26)

3. The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:27–28)

4. Joseph (Genesis 41:41, 43)

5. Jehu (2 Kings 9:20)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Corwin Richardson

Announcements: Josh Emerson

Encouragement Talk: Tyler Blazek

Opening Prayer: Eddie Bowenn

Scripture Reading: Truett Blazek
Luke 12:49–59

Song Leader: Kevin Buckner

Table Talk: John Van Baale

Contribution: Billy Lovell

Helper: Aaron Heald

Fruit of Vine: John Franks

Helper: Arturo Orozco

Helper: Lester Mabry

Closing Prayer: Sandon Spyker

Sunday Afternoons

Oct 5 3PM Visitation Day

Oct 12 Nothing

Oct 19 3PM Devotionals

Oct 26 3PM Classroom Quarter Change

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco

Speaker: Josh Emerson



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Lessons From Proverbs (#1)

“Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die. You shall strike him with the rod And rescue his soul from Sheol.” (Proverbs 23:13–14)

Americans are reaping the results of child-rearing without discipline. The nation has suffered a staggering decline in morals in the last 40 years, and it still seems to be going down. Youth violence continues to rise. Our court systems and prisons are full of young people who have been given no instruction about what it means to live life. Matters are only going to worsen in coming years. Christians will be challenged to discipline children in a society that frowns on discipline, yet we cannot neglect our God-given responsibilities.

“Do not hold back discipline from the child” and “strike him with the rod” are very clear instructions. Children need discipline and even crave it, though they will not admit it. I was encouraged years ago by a national ad campaign where adult children were thanking parents for being tough disciplinarians when they were young. Children may not understand it at the time, but they will. Parents have been through most of the problems teens face and understand the need to prepare the child before they reach that age. Guidelines and principles must be established early so that when they are older they will know how to behave. “Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6). If we neglect discipline from a very early age we are simply asking for grief as our children get older. “The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother” (Prov. 29:15).

While “strike him with the rod” is by no means condoning child abuse, it is teaching us to discipline in such a way that the child will not want to misbehave again. “He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently” (Prov. 13:24). In God’s eyes, those who do not discipline do not love. What a contrast to the world’s way of thinking which says if you loved him you wouldn’t beat him. The

world tells us corporal punishment is terrible. Discipline does not have to be “strike with the rod” but can be anything to discourage the child from continuing in that way. The instruction for the parent in discipline is a very difficult one: *“disciplines him diligently.”* Consistency in discipline is one of the hardest things for a parent to practice. Yet if we are not diligent in our discipline the child will understand warnings have no meaning, or worse - we could confuse them so that they never know what to expect from us. “Diligence” means discipline is something we are constantly aware of, and when our child breaks a rule or behaves unseemly, we must say or do something to correct him. Otherwise God says we do not love them. *“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.”*

“You shall strike him with the rod And rescue his soul from Sheol.” An aspect of discipline the parent must consider the realm of authority. Children first learn authority from the parent. They learn that if they violate the rules there are consequences for their actions. This is later transferred to the authority other adults posses (like teachers and policemen). Eventually the goal of all this instruction is to teach the child about the authority of God as our creator. If we discipline our child as God has said, we will be keeping his eternal soul in mind. It is a sobering thought to consider how my discipline may help my child come to obey God as an adult, OR my lack of discipline may encourage him to turn from God! Raising children is difficult. Solomon wrote: *“Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.”* All parents have been angry at their children, but there is still hope for the child to learn how to be righteous. Therefore, I must continue to teach and discipline.

“Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul” (Prov. 28:17). Children are a blessing, but we must raise them as God has instructed us, and not like the world tells us!

by Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Wheels

1. Who sent back the Ark of the Covenant on a cart pulled by two cows?
2. What king of Israel had 1400 chariots and 12,000 horses?
3. What foreign official was in his chariot when Philip ran along side?
4. Who got to ride in Pharaoh’s second chariot?
5. Which king of Israel was known as a fast and furious chariot driver?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



UNITY chart by Paul Brock (from his book in the 1950’s)

WHY BE UNITED?

Christ prayed for unity
(John 17:20–22)

Essential to world conversion (John 17:21)

God is against division
(Prov. 6:19; 1 Cor. 14:33)

Division is destructive (Matt. 12:25)

Christ died for unity (Eph. 2:14–16)

Division is condemned (1 Cor. 1:10–13)

Only one Body /Church
(Eph. 4:5; Col. 1:18)

Christ built only one church (Matt. 16:18)

Only one way to heaven
(John 14:6; Is. 35:8; Matt. 7:13–14)

The New Testament is NOT a
denominational book (Heb. 10:20)

HOW BE UNITED?

As God and Christ are one
(John 17:21–22)

By walking in the light (1 John 1:7)

Speak where the Bible speaks
(1 Peter 4:11)

Silent where the Bible is silent
(2 John 9–11)

In one faith (Eph. 4:5; Jude 3)

On the Bible plan of salvation
(Acts 2; Heb. 5:8–9; Mark 16:16)

On Bible names (1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 11:26)

Worship in Spirit and Truth (John 4:24)

Rejecting false teachers (Rom. 16:17)

Being only a Christian
(1 Pet. 4:16; Acts 26:28; 11:26)