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WHAT DID YOU THINK OF CHURCH, DADDY?

Every Sunday, just about noon, families walk out of church, get in the car and begin the drive home. Crucial religious instruction takes place then. Here are some of the positions a parent takes as these minutes tick away.

ACT LIKE YOU NEVER BEEN TO CHURCH. *Do not mention anything that happened. The whole experience was lived in another world; now you are back in the real world.*

PLAY DEVIL'S ADVOCATE. *Take the opposite side from the preacher: punch a few holes in the sermon.*

SUPPORT THE THINGS THAT TOOK PLACE. *There will be times when that will be easier to do than at other times, but be SUPPORTIVE. THERE is a TEACHABLE moment right after church—give some thought as to what you make of it.*

THE RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL-----	147
WORSHIP-----	174
CONTRIBUTION-----	\$4459
SUNDAY NIGHT-----	135
WEDNESDAY NIGHT---	133

SICK/SHUT-IN

Faye Webb had a biopsy-face
Rufus Johnson, Claudine Burch's brother has been in Erlanger North—he has COPD
Ashlon Hatfield and her son L. J. were injured in an automobile accident. They are Kim and Cheryl's Granddaughter and Great-grandson. L. J. - slowly improving
Fred St.Clair needs prayer and visits
Sarah Dodson-not doing well, has had more tests
Ruth Weir, a friend of Jim & Janis Dearman—in Alexian Village
Glenn Eidson's tests went well, waiting to schedule surgery for chemo beads
Melba Johnson had surgery -- improving
Quay Johnson
Ruby Smith has returned home
Carol Hubbard, they found more tumors. She is a sister of Janet Land, Wanda Hennessee and James McLain (See Address)

Ruth Turner

Thelma Smith had a heart attack and a stent implanted, not doing well.
George Fowler has cancer, he is a friend of Keith Pickett
Freddie Layman, Arrietta's son
Lou Von Rohr, Bobby's mom
Janie Smith is home bound
Avery and Minnie Lee Deakins
Jennifer Smith has cancer
Gary Turner-Brenda Von Rohr's Dad has COPD
Lynn Layne in Quiet Place of Dayton
Emma Bowman is doing better
Ernest Laws
Billie Laws fell, not doing well
Phyllis McGlothen has COPD
Darlene Raber has bone cancer
Ryan Harvey has leukemia
Hospice is involved with Joellen Pickering's dad
Donna Mischelle Siler(See address)
LaMontez Sykes Jr.-see address
Monroe Carrell Jr-see address
Randall Childress is having some foot problems

NURSING HOME

Kathleen Cole-fell and broke the Same hip..not doing good
Clara Mae Foley, Room 201-A,
Donna Underwood Room 713
Campbell Underwood
Paulette Hamilton's mom fell and broke her hip—Re-hab
Edna Johnson

SEND A CARD & SAY A PRAYER

Carol Hubbard, Steeple Chase Apt. 1421, Cloverdale Circle, Hixson, Tn. 37343. She is being treated for cancer. She is Wanda Hennessee, Janet Land and James McLain's sister.

Lou Von Rohr, c/o Bobby Von Rohr, 67 Keener Hill Road, Dunlap, Tn. 37327. She is at Bobby and Brenda's home.

Janie Smith, PO Box 193, Dunlap, Tn. 37327. Ph. 949-3741.

Lynn W. Layne, c/o Joyce Layne, PO Box 1434, Dunlap, Tn. 37327. He is the husband of Joyce Carey Layne.

Emma Bowman, 1106 West Valley Rd., Whitwell, Tn. 37397. She has cancer.

Nancy Feezel, 769 Parrot Rd., Maryville, Tn. 37803. She is 93 years old and has cancer and is Ellen Miller's Aunt. Hospice is involved.

LaMontez Sykes Jr., and Monroe Carrell Jr., Room 5417 Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, 2200 Children Way, Nashville, Tn. 37232

Donna Mischelle Siler, 7727 Potranco Rd., Apt. 11202, San Antonio, Tx. 78251

VISITATION

Visitation Group 2 meets today.

TAKE FOOD TO FUNERAL HOMES

This Week, TEAM 4, Team Coordinator: Sarah Land, Ph. 243-7732

*If you are aware of a body at either Funeral Home,
please call this week's team leader. That way we can be sure this need is met.*

WHEN YOU TAKE FOOD TO THE FUNERAL HOME, PLEASE SIGN THE BOOK!!

CHURCH WEB PAGE

The web page is: www.yourspiritualhealth.com. This was created is maintained by Michelle Young. Freddie's weekly sermons are on this. Copies are made by Sharon Green.

ITEMS FOR THE PANTRY

Our Pantry Item this week Oven Cleaner. Last Week it was Furniture Polish. If you are not participating in this program, does that mean that you don't think it is worthwhile?

YOU CAN HELP

With the Good News Today Bible correspondence Courses, we have many new names.

RESPONSE

Sis. Vera Burdette asked for the prayers of The Church for problems in her life.

SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Glenn Eidson in the death of his Half-Brother.

CHURCH EVENTS

VBS At Arlington in McMinnville, July 10-13 at 7:00. (See Bulletin Board)

*Gospel Meeting At Green's Lake Road, Sunday July 17 at 9:30 AM EDT with Bro.
Kyle Butt. (See Bulletin Board)*

Singing at Glendale in Bryant, Al. at 6:30 CDT July 22.

VBS Community Cookout At North Hamilton, July 23 at 5-7 PM EDT

Ladies Day At Sevierville, July 30 at 9:30, with Jane Washington.

2016 Dunlap church of Christ Gospel Meetings, Events and Activities

July 11-16, McCroy Bible Camp (THIS WEEK)

August 19-25, Polishing the Pulpit

September TBA, Young Ladies Day

October 23-26, Gospel Meeting with David Powell

Ice Cream Supper here at the building on July 22 at 6:00!

About Video Games In Worship by Adam Faughn

I see it virtually everywhere I preach, both at 9th Avenue as well as in various guest speaking opportunities. It is a trend that is disheartening to me, not just as a preacher of the Gospel, but also just one who loves the hearts of children and who wants to see them grow to love God and His Word. **It is kids playing video games during worship.** They bring their iPad, tablet, or phone and while many of us are singing "I Surrender All," they are striving for a high score. While we are praying to God, they are playing baseball. While we are mining the depths of God's Word, they are on Minecraft.

Parents, may I just ask: *what are we teaching our children about worship?* It's boring...It's only for adults....It can't compete with electronics...It's something you do if you can't find something more interesting. **Those lessons, spoken or unspoken, are what your children are picking up when you allow them to play games during worship.** And I know that there are plenty of Bible apps and websites that are also being used by some. That said, I have randomly asked children at places I have spoken about what they were doing on their iPad (or other device) during worship. Never—not a single time—has it had something to do with the sermon. **It has always—every single time—been about playing a game or watching videos.** (Yes, I've seen kids with headphones hooked up to their tablet during worship. Not a good way to show that they are paying attention to the worship service!)

Is this what we want for our children? As we are gathering around God's throne to praise His holy name, do we want our kids to be off in virtual game land? If I may say so, I want my children right in God's throne room with me as I praise Him!

Excuses, More Excuses

"They can't sit still through a whole sermon." "They pick up quite a bit as it is." "They don't understand what's going on." "It helps *me* worship because they are still and quiet, at least." I've heard all the excuses. They just don't fly. Worship is something that children must be trained in, and it starts when they are very little. What's more, if they are trained how to act during worship when they are younger, children will most likely come to enjoy worship as they grow up. Of course, children will be restless during worship (especially the sermon). That's part of it, and it is understandable. But putting Temple Run in front of their face is not the answer. All that teaches our kids is that they can act up in worship, and they are rewarded for it!

What Can I Do?

I am not saying that children—especially smaller children—need to sit perfectly still during a worship service with just a King James Bible open to the text for the sermon. **But there are far better things to do, or even to give your children, than a video game (or social media access, for the older ones).**

When they are really small, give them Bible pictures, Bible story "board-books," or even small stuffed animals (and whisper in their ear, "God made the dog on day 6," or "God made the birdie on day 5"). That way, though they have something in their hands, or that they are looking at, it is teaching them to focus on their wonderful Lord during these few minutes.

As they grow a little older, Bible story books are a good idea. Also, make sure they are at least trying to sing and that they are still during the prayers. They can do this much! Another idea is to have **little worship worksheets** that they can draw and write on. These sheets let them write the names of the songs or something we prayed about. Have your children draw a picture of something the preacher talked about on the sheets, or write down the verses he used in his sermon.

It's Not Easy, but It's Worth It

I know that all this means that you may struggle to worship at times. During those younger years, those children are forming such valuable thoughts in their little minds. Wouldn't you rather struggle a little bit and have them grow up loving to worship and understanding what is going on?

Then please, not for the sake of the preacher, but for the sake of the souls of your children, nix the video games. Replace Minecraft with Matthew. Replace Temple Run with Titus. Replace sports games with singing with grace. God is worthy of your effort. It will be a fight for awhile, but the eternal destiny of your child is in the balance. It's worth every effort.

Resources available

"Training for Worship" [Arrows in Our Hand podcast. Contains other helpful links, especially for parents of smaller children.]

"Training Your Children for Worship" [A Legacy of Faith podcast]

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- (1) DAN EWTON
- (4) RUTH EVELYN TURNER
- (6) FRED ST. CLAIR
- (11) LESLIE LONG
- (14) CAROLYN TATE
- (17) HOLLY PICKETT
- (18) ROBIN THOMAS
- (20) ROBERT FARMER
- (21) MAKENNA MEEKS
- (23) GRACE GRAYSON
- (23) SOPHIE GRAHAM
- (23) CASSIE YAWN
- (24) TOMMY WALLACE
- (27) ROBERT SALLINGS
- (28) DAN MABRY
- (28) KATE WALLING
- (30) ANZLEE YAWN
- (31) JOY SIMMONS

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- (10) C. J. AND MIKA DAVIS (17 yrs.)
- (12) TOMMY AND BRENDA LESLIE (30 yrs.)
- (15) TOMMY AND RUTH TURNER (66 yrs.)
- (20) KEITH AND CHRISTY PICKETT (25 yrs.)
- (23) MARK AND ELAINE SIMONS (3 yrs.)
- (24) BOBBY AND BRENDA VON ROHR (24 yrs.)
- (31) GABE AND AMANDA DIXON (18 yrs.)

JULY

Lock Building: Ben McCoy

Prepare Communion: Tim Witt Family

Pick-up Cups: C.J. Davis Family

Van Driver: C. J. Davis

Last Sunday Singing: Glenn Eidson

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*See You at The Worship Service
With Your Bible*

Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Bible Study
- 10:30 A.M. Morning Service
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Service

Wednesday

- 6:30 P.M. Bible Study

Men Who Serve

Elders:

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| Tony Boston | 949-5065 |
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- Benny McCoy Lanny Smith
- Bobby Von Rohr

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