

Children and Family

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We made it through 2019! Remember how twenty years ago everyone was worried about Y2K? Can you even believe that WAS twenty years ago? So crazy how time keeps marching on... Did you make any resolutions?

If reading more is one of your resolutions, the next Book Club Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The book is [Queen Bees & Wannabees by Rosalind Wiseman](#). I am excited to share in meaningful discussion after reading this book. Our kids are so inundated with so many different things. I really believe there is a lot to share from this resource.

I was able to participate in Dale Hudson's workshop "10 Keys to Seeing Kids Follow Jesus for a Lifetime" while at the ETCH Conference in September. Hudson used the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13 to illustrate that the soil is what makes the difference. One of the important things that we need to remember is "Today's kids are not yesterday's kids." Here is Hudson's list:

1. Know Jesus instead of just knowing about Jesus.
2. Teach the next generation to keep their eyes focused on the perfect person and the perfect purpose.
3. Teach them why we believe what we believe.
4. Ask the hard questions now.
5. Connect them with Godly adults.
6. Help them understand Jesus doesn't just want to be a part of their life. He wants to be the center of their life.
7. Make church a priority.
8. Teach them to read and apply God's Word. Help them memorize and understand God's Word.
9. Help them develop spiritual gifts.
10. Help them understand it's about serving more than being served.

This is a great list to keep in mind as you disciple your family in 2020. No matter if you are a regular attender or have attend worship as it fits, Jesus wants to meet you where you are! It is never too late to start any of the things on this list. If your kids question you, you can just say that you are trying something new. You are the parent and can do just that.

As you start filling in your 2020 calendar, write in church on Sunday mornings, Youth 56 on the second and fourth Sunday evenings, and any of the other things that we are doing, be it a study or a family fun time. I want to encourage and support you as you lead your family onto a path of Christ centered discipleship. God has big plans for each and every one of us. Let's help Him make those plans a reality this year!

By HIS Grace and through HIS love,

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