Children and Family

Fall is in full swing! Apples, pumpkin, and sweater weather is upon us. How is your family doing as you continue to disciple your children? Where can I help you in this process?

It has been great to see families on Sunday mornings either in Kids' Journey Groups, Choir, or Youth 56. Parents, are you in a Journey Group where you can cultivate your relationship with God? If not, what is holding you back? Where can I come alongside you? At the time of this writing, I do not have anyone signed up for Spiritual Parenting. My husband says it is because



no one wants to miss Monday night football... Maybe by the time you are reading this something has changed, and maybe it hasn't. How can I offer learning and growing opportunities that will meet your needs?

I am excited about offering a study on <u>The Talk(s)</u>: A parent's guide to critical conversations about sex, dating and other unmentionables by Barrett & Jennifer Johnson. This study will look at a parent's responsibility, having "the talk", the impact of social media, when they're ready to date, the pornography problem, and discovering a better way. This will begin on Tuesday, October 15 (avoiding Monday night football...) from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and continue through November 19. Who is ready to register and learn more about this important conversation with your children?

Our first Positive Parenting Book Club is November 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The book is Becoming a Spiritually Healthy Family: Avoiding the Six Dysfunctional Parenting Styles by Michelle Anthony. "We all want to guide our children into the abundant life that Jesus offers, but when we pursue the 'more' and 'better' life that the world offers above our pursuit of Jesus, we fall into dangerous and subtle dysfunctional parenting habits." WOWZA! I look forward to the discussion that will ensue after reading this book. Will you join me?

And for something fun and festive, don't forget about the annual Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat! It will be on Saturday, October 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This is a FREE, no need to preregister event! Make your way through the trunks into the building to Fellowship Hall for games and activities. I am looking for "Trunkers" to attend with their trunks and to hand out candy. We will also need servants to assist with the festival! Who wants to be a part of our fun fall event? Looking forward to assisting you with your family's discipleship path! Please don't hesitate to ask questions and to let me know how I can help you and cheer you on!

By HIS Grace and through HIS love,

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