



February Newsletter

FATHER / DAUGHTER BANQUET

As you know, at Airport Road, we are all about family! Every year we host a banquet for parents and their children. Last year, at our "Mother/Daughter Banquet," we had 92 in attendance! It was such a fantastic evening! We are hoping to have just as many at this year's banquet.

This year, we are excited to invite all of our fathers and their daughters to our banquet on

Saturday, February 11th. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose building at 6:00 p.m. Regardless of your daughter's age, even if she is grown with children of her own, we hope that you will make plans to bring her to this banquet.

The evening's events will include sharing a wonderful meal with your daughter, drawings for door prizes, fellowship with other Christian families, and pictures to remember your

wonderful evening. To top it all off, Jack Smith will be speaking.

The cost of the banquet is only \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. You can pay with cash or a check (made out to the "church of Christ") the night of the banquet. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 5th. If you have any questions, please see Wes.



Your child's most important youth minister is YOU!

When you think of your child's "youth minister," you may think of me.

Youth ministry is a responsibility I take very seriously. I love being one of your child's youth ministers. I pray that I have made, and continue to have, an impact on your child's life. However, I am not the most important "youth minister" in your child's life; that responsibility belongs to you.

God's plan for the family is for every child is to be taught the Bible by his parents. God wants the home to be a place of constant and consistent spiritual education, "You shall teach [My words] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down,

and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:7).

I am honored to be a part of your family's life. I love teaching your children in Bible classes and during youth activities. However, the Bible teaching I, and the other Bible class teachers, do is simply supplemental. The primary source for spiritual instruction must come from you. Primarily because they need to see how Bible truth is lived out in everyday life. They need to see Scripture applied and working. The few hours they spend with at church activities cannot sustain their spiritual needs. They need to be taught by their parents.

Thank you for allowing my ministry to link with your ministry as we labor together.

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KFC (Kids for Christ) every Sunday night before worship from 6:00 - 6:12 p.m.

We have been having a fantastic turnout at our Kids for Christ program. Parents, make sure your kids are here at 6:00 on Sunday nights. We are learning the book books of the Bible, the Fruit of the Spirit and the book of Acts.



RENEW Youth Rally in Paragould, AR from February 3rd - 5th

For those teens who have registered to attend the RENEW youth rally, we will be leaving from the church building on Friday, February 3 at 4:00 p.m. We need to leave as quickly as possible because we have a rather long drive that evening. We will return to Hot Springs on Sunday, February 5. We should be back at the church building around 4:00 that evening.

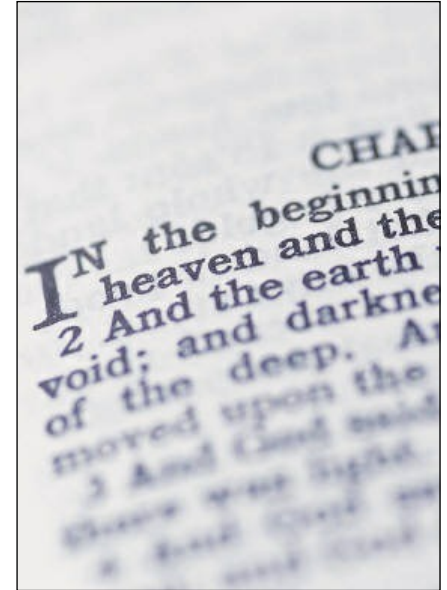
I am very excited to hear Joe Wells speak. He does an outstanding job and he will be speaking about, "Examining the Influence of Culture and What I Can Do About It." Please come prepared to learn and grow.

Parents, please have your kids leave their cell phones, iPods, and mp3 players at home. Here are the things everyone needs to bring:

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Modest Clothes
- A Jacket
- Bible

Teen Bible classes for girls and boys every Wednesday night!

Don't forget about the special "split" Bible classes for girls and boys on Wednesday nights. 7th - 12th grade girls meet with Glenda Pannell and Emily Mason in room 126 and 7th - 12th grade boys meet with Wes and Mark Livingston in the MPB.



"My Children's Faith" by Brad Harrub

This article can be read in its entirety at www.radicallychristian.com/harrub.

The inspired writer of Psalm 127 made this observation in verse 4— "Children are like arrows in the hand of a mighty man." Why do you think the writer chose this particular analogy? Do you think the inspired writer's choice of words happened merely by chance? Or do you think that the writer realized what you and I know today—that long before the archer ever places an arrow between his fingers, and long before he ever pulls that bowstring taut, he already has sighted his target. He knows long before he ever releases that arrow where he wants it to go. There is forethought and planning involved in launching that arrow. It doesn't occur haphazardly. We are God's archers! Our children are God's arrows! We must remember the goal on which we have our sights targeted, and then launch our children on their way with much forethought and planning toward that goal. Each step that we take in guiding and directing our children should be done with that target in mind—that big, red bulls-eye that we know as heaven.

The problem lies in the fact that many parents today lack the proper biblical knowledge and understanding to firmly send their children toward a heavenly goal. Sure, we know the steps of salvation, but what happens when our children ask us questions outside the realm of "hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized?" How can we accurately and firmly launch our children toward the goal of heaven if we ourselves are deficient in knowledge? When our children come to us with questions (and they will!) about the age of the Earth or about the dinosaurs, they expect answers. And rightly so! It is up to us to educate ourselves in such a way that those questions get answered.

We are God's archers! Our children are God's arrows. We must take our responsibility seriously and stop allowing other people to launch our children in any direction that they please. Our children should be sent on their way with such force and such strength that by the time they turn 17 or leave home, they possess strong convictions about their religious beliefs. Otherwise, the "church of tomorrow," as so many like to call it, will continue walking out the doors of our church buildings, never to darken those doors again. But be forewarned: this kind of direction and guidance requires quantity (as well as quality) time and a Christian example.



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			1 Bible Classes (7:00 p.m.)	2	3 Leave for Paragould (4:00 p.m.)	4 RENEW Youth Rally in Paragould, AR
5 Return from Paragould (Around 4:00 p.m.)	6	7	8 Bible Classes (7:00 p.m.)	9	10	11 Father/Daughter Banquet (6:00 p.m.)
12 Parent Hosted Devotional	13	14	15 Bible Classes (7:00 p.m.)	16	17 Fellowship Game Night 6:30 p.m.	18
19 W.C.E. Pie Auction	20	21	22 Bible Classes (7:00 p.m.)	23	24	25 Homebuilders Roller Skating at Skateland
26	27	28	29 Bible Classes (7:00 p.m.)			

Theme:

“Set Your Minds on Things That Are Above”