

August 2010

August Events-
August 11th- 15:
Vacation Bible School

**“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”
-Ephesians 6:11**

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Ladies Encourager

A Godly Newsletter to encourage ladies for the cause of Christ.

An Opportunity

When I was a young girl, Vacation Bible School was something I looked forward to every summer. It was always fun and even though I didn't understand at the time, I was learning a lot about God and His Word. There are many things I was taught as a young girl that have carried into my adult walk with Christ but the one thing I remember the most is that year after year, they were there. No matter how disobedient I was or unresponsive to the message I may have appeared, they

all were still there. I don't remember the exact year but it was either my last year or the year before, before I came to know Christ as my personal Saviour through the VBS ministry. VBS is an amazing way to reach children for Christ and to show them that someone is there for them. That is why I feel it is so important to remind every teacher and every volunteer of any VBS ministry, the importance of what they are doing. Every act of compassion and moment spent with a child,

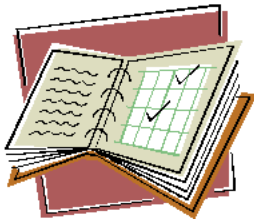


could be what brings them to know the Lord. It is an amazing opportunity to reach someone for Christ. I pray we all can remember that no matter how disobedient a child may be, whether it's at VBS or a regular service, he or she could do something great for the Lord, if they are just shown how.

Vacation Bible School

This month, Lighthouse Baptist Church will be hosting VBS August 11th-15th at 6:00 - 8:30 pm for children grades K through 6th. We will be teaching the children about the importance of equipping themselves with the full Armor of God. If you or someone you know fits in that age group and lives in the Waterloo Area contact Pastor Mike Davis at (319)239-6519 or Jacob Shinn at (319)283-9243 for more information.





Scheduling

**"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
-Philippians 4:13**



Scheduling

With 3 boys' ages 6 years, 3 years, and 22 months and with a baby girl due in September, the feeling of being overwhelmed often crosses my mind. The endless laundry, dishes, toys, diapers, cooking and other general cleaning can make it easy to get lost in the tasks that need to be accomplished. It seems in my house, when I am sure to stay on top of the things I am to do, everything is so much easier. Scheduling my time and my housework is something I have always struggled with. Over time something's have improved but it is still an area in my life that needs attention. God's Word tells us, "Let all things be done decently and in order" – 1 Corinthians 14:40. We are also told in Titus 2 that women are to be, "keepers at home". If we look at these two passages together, we can see that it is God's plan for women to keep the home decently and in order. One good way to keep your home decent and in order is to schedule your time or to schedule your children. There are many reasons why scheduling your children is important and I would like to share a few of them.

1. Scheduling allows parents to give their children attention for positive behavior. When we don't have scheduled time to give positive attention then primary attention comes from misbehaving. This can promote poor behavior. The scheduled child learns that if he behaves, he/she will have some special time with Dad or

Mom soon.

2. Scheduling prevents boredom.

A child's schedule should include different changes in activities and environments so he/she will not become bored. Boredom is one of the most common causes of misbehavior in children.

3. Scheduling can promote and encourage independence and alleviates fear.

This will draw a child toward God. I try to schedule a time each day when my boys have the opportunity to entertain themselves. Whether its time with blocks, crayons, or some other tool that is used to show them that they are capable of entertaining themselves. Even as babies I would set my boys in their swing or chair with a rattle and allow alone time, monitored of course. Avoiding this can train children from a young age to depend on others for enjoyment.

4. Scheduling relieves guilt on the part of the parents.

When mothers are extra busy, they struggle mostly with feeling guilty about neglecting their children. When children have scheduled time with Dad or Mom, Mom does not need to feel guilty when she is busy tending to her work.

5. Scheduled children learn to be balanced children.

They learn how to be good at many different things. They learn how to put aside one task when it is time to complete another. They learn not only how to work hard, but they learn how to organize

themselves so that they can work hard.

6. Scheduling prevents overly-dependent children.

For example: With my first son I constantly held him and rocked him to sleep. Doing this caused him to be dependent on this for all sleeping time. With my other two boys I made a point not to constantly rock and cradle them. Instead I rocked and cradled at times unrelated to sleeping and incorporated #3 to encourage them to be able to rely on themselves for some enjoyment and comfort. Of course if they were ill acceptations are made.

7. Scheduling prevents parents from relying too much on the television as a baby-sitter.

If you have adult children, it is just as important to schedule your time with them as well. Make set times to get together. You could also call or write a small note of encouragement once a week to remind them that you are still there for them. Scheduling with adult children helps to keep the relationship close but also prevents interrupting at times that would be inconvenient for their children. Remember to pray for them.

As I said before, scheduling is an issue for me. I pray by sharing these things someone else would have a desire to strengthen this area for the Lord as I do.

By: Christina Shinn

The Pastors Helpmeet

This month, I thought I'd share with you some of the devotion that I gave at Hannah's Bridal Shower. Proverbs 31:10-31 is a wonderful outline of a godly wife and mother. It would be good for all of us, as wives, to apply these principles and to seek to be this kind of woman.

10. Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

A good, godly wife is very rare these days. Be the godly wife God wants you to be and your husband will treasure you!

11. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Your husband needs to trust you. Don't get involved with the ladies who bash and rail on their husbands. Don't reveal things about him, private things, or things that he is insecure about or struggling with, to other ladies. Be honest in spending money, for example writing checks over so that you have a little extra spending money. He needs to be able to trust you with money. In dealing with other men, don't be flirtatious or too close with other men.

12. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Your goal ought to be to make him the best man he could ever be! Seek to find ways to help him to be that awesome man, godly Christian, wonderful father. Oh and when children do come, don't bad mouth their daddy, because you're mad at him.

13. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. It's important to keep your hand busy. It's good to know how to sew, because you may have to make your girls modest clothing.

14. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

Afar could even be Walmart-who knows where it's coming

from. But you are responsible to bring good food into the house. You are responsible to cook healthy meals. It's better to make things from scratch, rather than to have already prepared meals that you just add meat to, they are full of preservatives that are not good for you.

15. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

This could also mean, spiritual meat. Right now you may be able to read your Bible anytime, but when the children come, you may have to get up at 5:30 in the morning, so that you can get some spiritual meat for you and to share with your children or others to whom you come in contact with throughout the day.

16. She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

Don't sit back and wait for things to happen. Look for ways to make it happen. Plant a garden, and don't forget to weed it. In taking care of your home, it's not so much about making money but in saving money. Be frugal in shopping, make clothes, go to thrift stores, making things from scratch.

17. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

Be healthy and take care of your body. You only get one, take care of it, so that you will be there for your husband, children, and God.

18. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

Again work hard and do good work, not hap-hazardly, but with quality. Your primary responsibility is to take care of your home. That includes supporting and taking care of your husband, raising

godly children, and making the atmosphere a pleasant place to live.

19. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

More work, don't be afraid to work hard. Some think that a housewife is lazy, and that may be true for some, but don't let that be said of you. It's a tough job! But it's the most rewarding job, because you have an opportunity to influence many people.

20. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

Think of others. This may not just mean physically poor, but also spiritually poor. There are a lot of needy people, even in our churches. Some who feel defeated and worthless - reach out to them and help them.

21. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. Don't let anything keep you from doing what you know God wants you to do.

22. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Just because you're married doesn't mean you should let yourself go. Remember who you now represent, not only your Heavenly Father, but also your husband, as well as your church.

23. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

The saying is: Behind every good man is a good woman. You help him to be that good man, who is promoted in the eyes of men.

24. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Maybe one day you could use your sewing in a way in which you can earn a little money and still be at home. This



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-Proverbs 31:11**



The Pastors Helpmeet

may take some time to get to this point, but eventually you may be able to do this. But your primary responsibility is to raise your children and be there for your husband.

25. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

In 20 years, you will see, when others are pulling you up on a platform, saying that you made a difference in their life, you will see ~ it was worth it all!

26. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

Seek to have kind words, sound words, words that will build others up and not tear them down.

27. She looketh well to the

ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Again, keep busy! It's too easy to waste time now a days, with 700 channels on TV and now Facebook, you can burn up a lot of time with just these two things. There are always lots of things to do in the home, laundry, dishes, vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, and on and on I could go. There is no room for idleness in the home.

28. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

This will be your reward if you heed to the ways of a virtuous woman and believe me, it's worth it!

29. Many daughters have

done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

And you will excel them all, because a virtuous woman is rare!

30. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Fear the Lord! Before you do anything, think about what the outcome may be. A healthy fear of the Lord will keep you on the right track.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Then one day, after your children are nearly grown, you will hear, "You have a beautiful family!" In which you can reply, "Praise God!"

Genesis 2:28



"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

- Proverbs 31:26

Sisterly Love

Most sisters seem to get along well and I can tell you that I sure am close to my sisters. Although I'm close to all my sisters there is one in particular to whom I will refer. Hannah, if you don't know is my oldest sister of whom I am very close to. She is someone I can tell all my troubles to and she will give me comfort. When we were little we would always play together, and although I'm sure we fought, not one fight comes to my mind. It didn't really matter because before long we'd be back playing with each other. As I look back on the years we would vent to each other, I remember times I would be so upset about something that now seems silly, but she never made me feel stupid about being upset about

stupid about being upset about it. Sometimes I think back to when we would play barbies, or dolls, dress up, or maybe even school. Those days seem so far away now, and now I will be replaced. No longer will she come to me to vent or play because those years are all done. She is now married and has moved away, but I know that even though we may not be able to talk as much, that I had my years of fun with her. Even though we may not live under the same roof anymore I will still have my special times with her. Although this column may not be speaking directly to you think about it. Think about your sister (if you have one) and how close you are to her. I realize that some of you are married and all

married and all grown up but those of you who aren't and still have a single sister think about her. Soon she will get married and cleave to her husband, cherish the moments you have with her. Always remember that special sisterly love. Thank you Hannah for being the best big sister you could ever be!

*Written with love by
~ Sarah Davis*



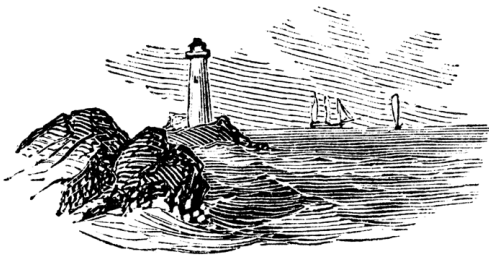
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My Local Church

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***"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
- Matthew 5:16***

Pastor Davis, of Lighthouse Baptist Church of Waterloo Iowa, has approved all the articles and information included in the Ladies Encourager. If you are in the area and are in need of guidance to the Saviour, join us at Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Lighthouse Baptist Church is and Independent, Fundamental, King James Bible-preaching & believing local New Testament Baptist Church.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Junior Church..... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

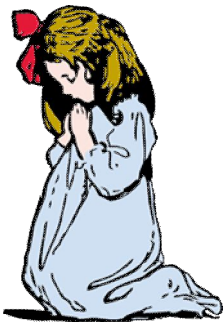
Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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If You Died Today Where Would You Spend Eternity?



**Take it to the Lord
in prayer**

Do you want to know what God says about Heaven from the Bible?

You need to first understand that you are a sinner.

- Romans 3:10 "There is none righteous, no, not one"
- Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"

You need to understand, God has placed a price on your sin.

- Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is death..."

You need to know Jesus died to pay the price for your sins and offers salvation as a FREE gift.

- Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

- Romans 6:23. But the Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

You must receive the gift of eternal life the Bible way.

- Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

Are you ready to trust Christ as your Saviour today?

Just come humbly before the Lord, pray and ask the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour. He is the only one who can forgive all of your sins. Call upon the name of the Lord today!