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How we view our children determines how we disciple our children.

An excerpt from an article I found while cruising the internet addressing some of the same issues we discussed during our Sunday evening sessions this fall. The article is from a pastor in South Carolina.

The Bible speaks of children in two categories:

1. Children come into the world as sinners (Gen. 8:21; Ps. 58:3). This isn't news to many of us, but the most important things to remember are the easiest things to forget. Failing to view our children as natural-born sinners leads to some of the dumbest approaches to parenting you've ever heard. And if we're honest, we're all guilty of them on occasion. We often think that if we let our kids do that or don't let our kids do this, we'll ruin them. The truth is that kids come into the world already "lost and ruined by the fall."

2. Children come into the world as gifts and image-bearers. Psalm 127:3 invites us to treasure children as a gift. Children don't seem like a treasure when their soiled diaper gives us whiplash or when they try to flush Dora down the toilet. But never forget that children are a gift from God. Genesis 1:27 reminds us that children are

created in God's image. Regardless of age, handicap, or ethnicity, all human life is intrinsically valuable because

it's made in God's image. Depraved beings are still infinitely valuable beings. To quote the great beings. To quote the great theologian Dr. Seuss, "A person's a person no mat-



ter how small!" Parents must view their children as gifts from God made in his image.

Think of how these categories should be worked out in your home. Here are two examples:

1. Random Moments

"Guess what, Katherine?"

"What?" "Did you know you're special to mom and dad? Do you know why? Because God gave you to mommy and daddy as a gift to care for and love! Do you know why else you are special?"

"Why?"

"Because you are made in God's image and that makes you very valuable."

In this way, we're trying to teach our kids to locate their significance outside of themselves, in the God who made them and sent his Son to take away sins.

2. Teachable Moments

"Carson, do you know why you were fussing in the store?"

Blank stare.

"Did you think you needed that toy to make you happy?"

"Yes."

"Guess what the Bible calls that?"

"What?"

"The Bible calls that covetousness. Covetousness is when we love something more than God. When you were fussing in the store, you were saying that you needed that toy more than God. And you know why you said that?"

"Why?"

"Because you have a sinful heart that loves things more than God. We need to call out to God and ask him to have mercy on your sinful heart."

In this way, we want to show them

the horror of their sinful condition and the hope and mercy of the all-satisfying God.

If we ignore such biblical categories, we veer off into things like:

Moralistic behaviorism (do the right things);

Christianized determinism (give them the right things—friends, music, places, catechism, education, etc.); or

Grace-based libertarianism (let them do anything).

The problem with all of these is that none has much need for a bloody cross or an empty tomb.

Remember: How we view our children determines how we disciple/teach our children. Our kids always need the same message: the hope of the gospel. That is their greatest need.

Brad Baugham planted and pastors [Emmanuel Bible Church](#) in Maudlin, South Carolina.



Our sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Mrs. Edith Reese.

We also express sympathy to Brian Setzer and family in the recent passing of his Grandmother, Willie Setzer.

Thank you to the Mission Team:

One of the things Todd and I planned to do this summer was to have a new deck built. It was long overdue. When Todd passed away, I didn't know who to call or how to even begin to get this accomplished. When the note was listed in the bulletin that the mission team was looking for work projects, a burden was lifted. I know that this would have been what we would have chosen to do. The deck is now finished and looks wonderful! I know my Todd would be happy that it has been done and that our church family could help me and in turn, we could help the mission team.

Thank you to all who worked either by volunteering or by draft and to all who prayed while the work was being completed. When I sit out there on sunny days, it will be a blessing to me. It will be a good place to reflect and to remember.....

Love in Christ, Scotti

Here and There at New Sterling!!!!!!!



The new Co-directors of our Men's Ministry are **Harvey Reese and Tim Hager**.....**David Sides** had a car accident during the first ice storm.....**Jill, Tim, Bailey, and Allie Hager** took a trip to Disneyworld.....**Amy Gray** suffered a broken finger in some pre-sledding activities.....**Juan David and Esther Cruz** from Belize have been here visiting over the Christmas holidays. They have enjoyed their first Christmas snow and have been FREEZING,,,,,,**Joseph, Julie, Josiah and Jubilee Alghrary** will be moving back home here. He has accepted a position as Pastor of Lakeside ARP Church in Mooresville. Welcome home!!!!.....The **Ken Haucks** visited Pennsylvania family over the Christmas holidays....Congregational officers for 2011 are: **David Brady**, congregational chairman, **Craig Pugh**, financial secretary and **Dawn Keller**, church treasurer....Sarge Emery was selected by the Rotary Clubs of NC to be part of the World War II Veterans HONOR FLIGHT to Washington DC on November 9th. He said that it was a rewarding day for his military service and greatly appreciated the honor.....

Prayer for: **Joe Jenkins** who has been hospitalized with heart problems.....**Lillian Jenkins** who is undergoing chemotherapy....**Brax Setzer** who has been suffering with bronchitis, ear infection and croup....**Ken Hauck** whose brother, Butch, recently suffered a stroke....**Andy Hartness** has been down with the flu and went to the ER with some blood pressure problems....**Amber Jarrett** is on bed rest for the remainder of her pregnancy....

Many others in our church congregation and community suffering with illness or heartache....



Ordination and Installation of Anthony Brady, Kevin Brown and Barbara McClure to the office of Deacon.

Installation of Brian Setzer to the office of Deacon. Installation of Tony Harper, Jeff McNeely and Steve Stewart to the office of Elder.

Women's Fall Retreat



Women's Salad/Soup Supper



News From New Sterling Women's Ministry

Can you believe it is already 2011 and we have already had a winter storm and a White Christmas to boot! We are excited about the upcoming new year and wait for God to show us big things here at New Sterling. We have a new Men's Ministry beginning with new directors to lead it. We look forward to seeing them get started (and they may even need a little help from us) and they can begin to enjoy all the greatness God has for them. I just hope and pray that their ministry takes off the way our women's ministry has and they are all as blessed as we have been.



As our circles begin meeting for our new Bible Studies in January I pray that everyone participates and finds a circle which meets their needs and becomes involved. It really is a time for study, fellowship and the closeness of friends. Once you start, you will not want to stop coming. If you have not chosen a circle or you are still trying to decide if you want to start, just give it a try a couple of months. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Our Circles and studies are:

Golden Christian which meets the first Monday at 9:30 am—*Living a Life of True Worship*—Kay Arthur
Treasure Keepers meet the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm—*What Happens When Women Say "Yes" To God*—

Lisa TerKeurst

Mary Martha Sunset meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm—*A Guide to Personal Holiness*— Rhonda Kelley

Mary Martha Sunrise meets the third Wednesday at 9:30 am—*Sacred Pathway*—Gary Thomas

If you feel the Holy Spirit giving you a little "nudge" - It's easy—Just say Yes and come on to a meeting!!!!

As we do meet this year and study at home again I ask that the Holy Spirit is beside us each time we pick up our study and just engulfs us with all He can give us to help us study, understand and enjoy everything we read and learn.

Women—remember the Women's Council meeting on January 15th at 9:00 am. If you signed up to be on this committee, we welcome you and cannot wait to start the new year with old and new faces.

May God bless us all in 2011 and may we readily receive what He has for us.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Hebrews 11:6

COME AND SEEK HIM!!!

Love In Christ

Delinda





January 3	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
January 4	7:00 pm	Session Meeting Christian Symbols
January 8	5:00 pm	Poor Man's Supper—Fundraiser for Missions
January 9	4:00 pm	Christian Education Committee
	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
January 10	7:00 pm	Evangelism/Membership Committee
January 11	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers
January 15	9:00 am	Women's Council
January 16		Missions Committee
January 18	7:00 pm	Mary Martha Sunset
January 19	9:30 am	Mary Martha Sunrise
January 23		Youth Council
January 25	7:00 pm	Knit Wits in the Parlor
January 30	7:00 pm	5th Sunday Night sing at New Sterling

**No Sterling Silvers Meeting the month of January



A HEART FOR MARRIAGE: This study will be provided again beginning March 13, 2011 for those who could not attend the first session. It has been a wonderful study for those who participated this last Sunday School session.

January Birthdays

- 4 Garrett Deal
- 8 Lori Compton
- 9 Doug Gryder
- 13 Stacey Mrazek
- 16 Gary McNeely
- 18 Harold Moose
- 18 Sarah Watts
- 19 Madison Winters
- 22 Bobby Lail
- 24 Johnsie Jenkins
- 26 Clifton Mauney
- 28 Todd Fulbright
- 29 Harold Sherrill
- 31 Bradley Fulbright
- 31 Tim Donnelly



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