

Sunday Small Groups is to
TEACH the Bible to change lives
REACH the lost with the Good
News of Jesus Christ and
CARE for people through prayer,
ministry and fellowship.



09-14-2025
Attendance: 276
Visitors: 24
Enrollment: 502

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please submit your reservation
by noon Tuesday before the
meal on Wednesday.

NAME _____

Wednesday, September 24
5:15 pm to 6:00 pm

Grits, Sausage or Bacon, Biscuit
Alternate Choice: Chicken
Tenders & Fries

_____ Regular meal plate

\$5.00 per plate

_____ Chicken tenders & fries

\$3.00 per plate

_____ Yearly reservation

_____ I prefer to make
reservations on a weekly basis.

**Payment is expected for
cancellations after Tuesday,
12:00 pm.**

Adult Bible Study

Option 1
4:30 Sanctuary
Small Group
Singing/Prayer/
Bible Study

Option 2
5:30 Adult Small Group
Scripture Studies
Conference Room



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Sunday, September 21

8:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Sunday Morning Small Groups

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm Bible Drills (Children's Department)

4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group (Sanctuary)

5:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:30 Awana (Upstairs Children's Department)

Wednesday, September 24

5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship (Summit)

6:30 pm First Kids Music & Missions (Multipurpose Room)

6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

6:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Summit)



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-COLOSSIANS 3:12



I first shared this in August 2017. With the recent growth in our Children and Preschool ministries, I thought it prudent to share again in the hope that our young parents might read and heed this wisdom.

I recently asked a married couple who have three kids, none of whom are yet teens, “Who are the most important people in your family?” Like all good moms and dads of this brave new millennium, they answered, “Our kids!”

“Why?” I then asked. “What is it about your kids that gives them that status?” And like all good moms and dads of this brave new millennium, they couldn’t answer the question other than to fumble with appeals to emotion. So I answered the question for them: “There is no reasonable thing that gives your children that status.”

I went on to point out that many, if not most, of the problems they’re having with their kids - typical stuff, these days - are the result of treating their children as if they, their marriage, and their family exist because of the kids when it is, in fact, the other way around. Their kids exist because of them and their marriage and thrive because they created a stable family.

Furthermore, without them (the parents), their kids wouldn’t eat well, have the nice clothing they wear, live in the nice home in which they live, enjoy the great vacations they enjoy, and so on. Instead of lives that are relatively carefree (despite the drama to the contrary that they occasionally manufacture), their children would be living lives full of worry and want.

This issue is really the heart of the matter. People my age know it’s the heart of the matter because when we were kids it was clear to us that our parents were the most important people in our families. And that, right there, is why we respected our parents and that, right there, is why we looked up to adults in general. Yes, Virginia, once upon a time in the United States of America, children were second-class citizens — to their advantage.

It was also clear to us - I speak, of course in general terms, albeit accurate - that our parent’s marriages were more important to them than their relationships with us. Therefore, we did not sleep in their beds or interrupt their conversations. The family meal, at home, was reggraded as more important than after-school activities. Mom and Dad talked more - a lot more - with one another than they talked with you. For lack of undeserved pedestals, we emancipated earlier and much more successfully than have children since.

The most important person in an army is the General. The most important person in a corporation is the CEO. The most important person in a classroom is the teacher. And the most important people in a family are the parents.

The most important thing about children is the need to prepare them properly for responsible citizenship. The primary objective should NOT be raising a straight-A student who excels at three sports, earns a spot on the Olympic swim team, goes to an A-list university, and becomes a prominent brain surgeon. The primary objective is to raise a child with such deep spiritual foundations that community and culture are strengthened when the child reaches adulthood.

“Our child is the most important person in our family” is the first step toward raising a child who feels entitled. You don’t want that; our nation doesn’t need that; and unbeknownst to your child, he or she doesn’t need that. (An op-ed piece from the Naples Daily News, 1/1/2017, by family psychologist John Rosemond)

Try this parenting truism: Rules w/out Relationship = Rebellion; Relationship w/out Rules = Chaos; Relationship + Rules = Respect and Responsibility. Consider Dr. Paul David Tripp’s insight: “One of the foundational heart issues in the life of every child is authority. Teaching and modeling the protective beauty of authority is one of the foundations of good parenting.” Grace & peace, love you. PK



Road Trip

September 25
Trip to Coleman House
leaving 9:30 am
Sign-up by September 22
Bring correct change
\$18 with water
\$20 with tea
Tax included - Gratuity extra





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Kayaking trip September 27
Details to Follow

Sign Up
Call the church
office by 9/24/2025





ANNIVERSARY

Happy 18th Anniversary

Keith Rustin

