Fall Creek KIDS CONNECT newsletter

Early...Every Day

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Dear God, thank You for the very breath in my lungs this morning and the goodness in my life each day. Lord, teach me to offer You a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all circumstances. Teach me to be joyful always and to pray continuously, and to use my blessings to in turn bless others. Remind me, Lord, that a heart can be filled with joy every day, not just the easy days. Thank You for Your love for me today and forever. Amen.

We're commanded (your kids in KIDS CHURCH know that a command in the Bible is a "have-to" not an "if I want to") to give thanks in all things. Paul goes further to write "rejoice always"!

With the season of Thanksgiving all around us, do you let that word "thanksgiving" slip in and out of your head and mouth so quickly that you don't stop to think of it as a command? A daily requirement? What if life right now is making it hard to feel daily gratitude?

In order to have a heart of gratitude, we must know **JOY**. Last month's newsletter mentioned that JOY comes with first simply being obedient. We can be obedient ***early ... every day ...*** before even getting out of bed, by giving THANKS TO THE LORD for that very first big breath in our lungs. For the opportunity to live another day, serving Him, amidst the struggle. That, my friends, is JOY. Biblical JOY doesn't mean a party in your heart. It means PEACE. Without war within you. A joyful heart is a thankful heart; and we truly have so so much to be thankful for.

What are you thankful for today? I'm thankful for our neighbors, now new friends, we've met through our recent Trunk or Treat and Oaklandon initiatives! Whom will you invite to church in November?

And we say together: ***Thank you, Lord.***

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/1	KIDS CHURCH @ 11
11/5	**HEART & HEARTH @ 6:30PM**
11/7	**CHILI COOKOFF @ 6PM**
11/8	Family Worship @ 11
11/15	KIDS CHURCH
11/15	**FCC THANKSGIVING DINNER @ 5PM**
11/22	KIDS CHURCH @ 11
11/29	Family Worship @ 11

BOOKMARK

Nurturing Contentment

Charles Spurgeon said in one of his sermons, "If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled."

On the brink of the biggest consumer-driven months in America, how do you teach children to be content in Christ?

When it comes to "contentment" in the Bible, you can't avoid Philippians 4:11-13. Perhaps the first step in realizing contentment is to understand we can't do it on our own. And then the best way to teach our children contentment is to .. you guessed it .. practice it ourselves. We need to ask God for His guidance.

I've found that when we seek wisdom from God, He'll meet us in a very practical way. For me, it came in the form of a book called "How to Raise Selfless Kids in a Self-Centered World" by Pastor Dave Stone.

If your children see you being more concerned about spiritual disciplines than earthly possessions, they too will experience greater contentment.

Excerpt from ***A Lesson in Contentment***
by Brent Rinehart
ParentLife Magazine
Lifeway