



# Together With Jesus

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Pastor Kevin's Korner. . . . .

## 10 Tips for Fun Family Devotions Making the Most of Your Time Together

Family devotions are a great way for families to come together and learn about the Bible together. They should be interesting and fun for everyone in the family.

You want to have family devotions because you know that devotions are a way to keep your family connected and learn Bible truths together. But what about time constraints and busy schedules? What if they just bore your kids and lose their original intent? Listed below are some ways of making the most of your time together and keeping the whole family ready to come back for more!

**Tip #1:** Do not make devotions boring. Make them lively and inviting. If the weather is nice, get out of the house. Have devotions in different places in the house, and not the same place every time.

**Tip #2:** Do not make your devotions too long. Rambling on and on is not an effective way to keep your kid's attention. Get to the point.

**Tip #3:** Use object lessons for devotions. Having things that your family can feel and hold will really liven things up. For instance, if you are doing a devotion on Noah and the Flood, use stuffed animals, fill a tupperware bowl with water and have a small boat to float on it. Use your imagination!

**Tip #4:** Be knowledgeable about the devotion. The devotion will be more enticing if you flow with your words. Stumbling and checking back to references can become frustrating to those listening to you. Give yourself time to prepare the devotion ahead of time.

**Tip #5:** Make devotions at a routine time. Whether you have daily or weekly devotions, it is a good idea to make them at the same time. This way family members will know when to expect them and clear their calendars for that special time. Making devotions at erratic times will cause friction in the family when not everyone can attend. Avoid that!

**Tip #6:** Get the family involved in devotions. Let the kids pick out a topic they are interested in or have everyone place topics in a paper bag and draw one out for the next devotion. If kids have a say in what they are learning, they will be more apt to pay attention and participate.

**Tip #7:** Incorporate real life lessons. While reading from the Bible about a particular event and the lesson it provides, show your family how you have applied this lesson to your life. Go around the room and offer anyone who has had any related experiences to share with the family. Make the devotion real.

**Tip #8:** Be respectful of the different age groups. When planning a devotion, use different levels of discussion questions and activities to suit each family member. You will still be learning the same lesson, but on an age-appropriate scale.

**Tip #9:** Switch things up and let different family members lead the devotions. It is a good idea for the parents to lead the devotions a few times, so the kids can get familiar with how things run. But, giving other family members a chance to lead the devotion will make them more excited about what they are learning.

**Tip #10:** Not all devotions have to be totally serious. Adding humor and laughter to the devotion will make better memories for the family. But do make sure the Bible truth has gotten across to everyone and that they understand the underlying seriousness of learning God's Word.

Best of all...have a blast! Devotions are a great way for families to bond closer to each other, while getting closer to God.

# May Events

## To receive Jesus as Savior: A.B.C. Admit, Believe, Confess...

Dear Lord,  
I have sinned and I am in need of Your forgiveness. I confess my sins to You now... I believe that You died on the cross and rose from the dead. Please forgive me and come into my heart and save me. I trust YOU NOW as my Savior. Thank You for saving me.

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## Community Group Meetings



**1. Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. Noon

**2. T.O.P.S (Dieting)**  
Mondays 2:30-4:00

**3. Gideons Meeting**  
3rd. Thurs. 6:30 P.M.

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County  
Courthouse  
Lawn

Come  
&  
Pray



DAY OF  
PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
11:00 A.M.  
PRAY FOR OUR  
NATION  
STATE  
COUNTY  
AND IT'S  
LEADERS



**SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**RECOGNIZE IN ATTENDANCE:**  
\*OLDEST  
\*NEWEST  
\*MOST IN ATTENDANCE

## Memorial Day 2010



**SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010**  
**11:00 A.M.**

# June Events



**Vacation Bible  
School  
June 27-July 2**



**Wedding June 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
3:00 P.M.  
Crystal Ahrens to Micah Taylor**

**All Invited to Service  
Reception by Invitation  
Congratulations Pastor and Pat**



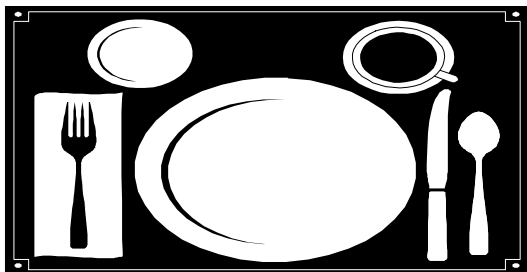
**The Southern Baptist  
Convention is coming to  
Florida June 15-16 in  
Orlando –Set your calendar!**

**Father's Day 2010  
Sunday, June 20 11am**



***Celebration for the  
Entire Family***

**Wednesday Night Meals will  
End on Wed. June 2nd.  
Come and celebrate this  
“Last Supper”**



**BUCKETS  
OF HOPE**

**Missions for  
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Sent Out  
51  
Buckets!  
& Over  
\$1,000**

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**Schedule of Services**

**SUNDAYS**

9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Morning Worship,  
Extended Session, and  
Children's Church  
6:00 PM Evening Worship

**WEDNESDAYS**

5:30 PM Family Fellowship Dinner  
6:15 PM Wednesday Night Alive!  
*Children: Crafts, Recreation, Music and Missions  
Study. Youth: Recreation, Fellowship, Bible Study.  
Adults: Small Group Studies.*  
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting  
*Church Business Meeting every 3rd Wed of Month*  
7:30 PM Choir Practice



*For by grace you have been  
saved through  
faith, and that  
not of  
yourselves, it is  
the gift of God,  
not of works,  
lest anyone should boast."  
Ephesians 2:8-9*



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