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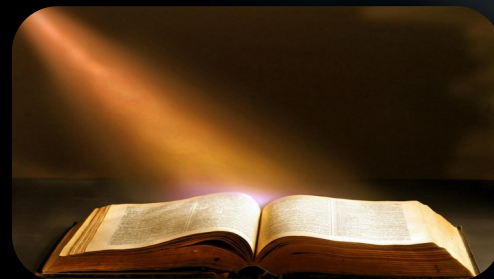
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“...like a dove”

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BIBLICAL STANDARDS Pastor David Webb

outdated and overboard?

There is a growing movement that feels biblical holiness standards are out of style, out dated and irrelevant. This article is not crafted to list standards, for they are listed in the Bible. The intent is to help us understand the importance of having standards.

Why do we need standards? Are we not in the dispensation of Grace! Surely the days of legalism are over. But wait! Should we not read the words of Jesus Christ himself in **Matthew 5:17** *...Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill?*

My dear friend, Christ, when asked about divorce and remarriage, said in **Matthew 5:27-28** *...²⁷Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: ²⁸But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.* Christ did not loosen the level of requirement under grace; He tightened it down. *It's like this – the only people who are mad about the*

truth are those living a lie!

If standards are not important...

Go to the gas station for a fill up. You will find a sticker on the pump that reads, *“This pump has been examined and approved by the Dept. of Agriculture & meets the standards of weights and measures.”* If the pump read that it gave you one gallon of fuel but had really only pumped ½ gallon into your tank...would standards be important?

Need a shirt? Go to Dillard’s and ask the attendant for your size. Suppose they didn’t use standard measurement. Take the shirt home and remove the packaging. Try it on ... hmmm. Could it be that you’re busting the buttons, or, on the contrary, that it hangs like a tent. Standards anyone?

Take a trip to McDonalds and order a 44 oz Super Guzzler. Pay the attendant

at the window for the super-sized drink and, let him, in return, hand you an 8 oz. kiddy drink? Now tell me standards don’t matter.

Ladies, make an apple pie. The recipe says put a pinch of salt but instead you are opposed to someone telling you how much salt to use. Who needs standards anyway; so the Morton’s salt container is turned up and poured out *to your liking*. I can guarantee one thing – if you don’t adhere to the standard ***the pie will not be to your liking!***

Let a murderer sentenced to 30 years in prison be let out in a week because the jailor decided it doesn’t really matter what the judge says; and that killer move in next door to you. *Are we getting the picture yet?*

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“Where do we draw the line?”





THE ALTAR Sister Genell Webb

As a pastors wife, there are times when I find myself alone in an empty dark sanctuary. During these times I can't help but stop and reflect on my surroundings. While some do not relish the idea of being inside a vacant church, for me it is a place of peace. One particular time while walking down the center aisle I reflected on what was the most important part of the church to me. After thoughtful contemplation I had to say it would be the altar. It is sad to think this piece of furniture is often-times removed from houses of worship nowadays. If they only realized what they are missing.

I can still recollect the feel of the grain and distinct smell of the finish of the altars in the church I attended as a child. What precious memories that altar holds for me. I was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at that altar. I consecrated myself again and again standing or kneeling there at the altar. I have my first remembrances of taking communion with the gathered congregation standing at the altar. I said my vows and kneeled for prayer in a lovely white wedding gown at that altar. A few years later, my two oldest children were dedicated to the Lord at that same altar.



Life now finds me serving in a different church with its own set of altars. I have thanked the Lord more than once that we are blessed to be in a church, serving a group of people that cherish the importance of the altar. I have been here long enough to establish yet another set of memories. My younger two children were dedicated to the Lord at this altar. I'm also older and with age and experience, I have come to learn that the altar isn't just for events in my life, but is the sustaining strength in my life. I have rejoiced and grieved at the altars in the front of our church. I have prayed for healing and direction at the altar. I have been chastised and comforted at the altar, but the final product after every trip to the altar is that I have grown. Thank God for the gift I have; that at every service I can come to the altar and pour my heart out to Him. The altar - what a special place in our sanctuary. It isn't a place of reproach, but by definition a place of sacrifice. If I am willing to surrender what He asks, He is faithful to accept my sacrifice. He is faithful to meet me there, at the altar.



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Standards are everywhere. Without standards our society would not function. A standard is something established to provide rules, guidelines or characteristics for products, services or systems. Simple things we take for granted— from traffic signals to units of measurement— are the same from one place to another thanks to standards.

One of the most misrepresented scriptures in the Bible is **1 Samuel 16:7 (King James Version)...** *For the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*

Listen, I think it's wonderful that your heart is clean, but I can't see your heart! How are we to be witnesses to the world if we look like the world? If our lives do not change after we get saved, what was the reason Christ died. The reason we are called CHRISTIANS is because we are Christ-like! If we are to be Christ like then we must live up to the standards of biblical holiness.

Here is what you'd get if 99% were good enough:

- No phone service for 15 minutes each day
- 1.7 million pieces of first class mail lost each day
- 35,000 newborn babies dropped by doctors or nurses each year
- 200,000 people getting the wrong drug prescriptions each year
- Unsafe drinking water three days a year
- 2 million people dying from food poisoning each year

There is an old song that says ... Lord I'm striving... trying to make a 100 ... 99 ½ won't do.

We compare ourselves to others and say, I am more conservative than her or our religion is stricter than theirs; therefore, I am holy. Wait, Wait, Wait! You can't compare yourselves among yourselves ... the Bible says those who do so are "not wise". The standard for Christian living is the Word of GOD!

Years ago a man used to walk by a jewelry store, stop and set his watch by the big clock in the window. One day the jeweler happened to be standing in his doorway. He greeted the man in a friendly way and said; "I see you set your watch by my clock. What kind of work do you do that demands


such correct time each day?" "I'm the watchman at the plant down the street," said the man. "My job is to blow the five o'clock whistle." The jeweler was startled. "But...you can't do that," he blurted out. "I set my clock by your whistle!"

The church of this society doesn't want you to deal with any of their pet sins. They are repulsed at the final authority (Bible) being used as the "Rule Book for Christian Living" They don't want you to preach the truth – just give them a good sermon on love, lead them to believe they are all going to heaven when they die, and let them live in their sin.

I like what J.M. Boice said, and I quote, "You know what Mason said to Dixon? You've got to draw the line somewhere."

If we don't draw the line somewhere, in 20 years:

- How much worldliness will be in our churches?
- What will your grandchildren believe?
- What percentage of the congregation will have Hollywood spewed into their living room?
- Who will preach in our pulpits & sing in our choirs?
- By then, would we come out of hiding of movies in the confines of our home to having movie parties with the youth group at the church because there is no need to hide it anymore because everybody's doing it?
- Will the women be letting their glory grow or will it be found on the floor of a beauty salon?
- Will the men look like clean cut men?
- Will we have tongue rings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, finger rings?
- Will we have couples living together before marriage?
- Will we be tolerant or possibly embracing of alternate lifestyles?
- Will there be a midweek service?
- Will we still have an altar?
- Will we accept abortions as a choice?
- Will we openly have contemporary gospel rock worship in this sanctuary whereas it is now concealed on our iPods?
- Will we be able to have revivals that last longer than a weekend?
- Will we have super bowl parties in place of Sunday evening service?
- Will we wear our shorts to church outings?
- Will we permit tattoos and paint up like Jezebel?

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- Will our children even know a real move of the Holy Ghost?
- Will we have a form of godliness but deny the power and have Ichabod written over the door?

GOD FORBID! ... **Proverbs 22:28 - Remove not the ancient landmarks, which thy fathers have set.**

Where do we draw the line? Where the **Bible** draws it!

Who set the standards? God has set them in His word!

Who's right and who's wrong? **Romans 3:4 ... yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;**

Outdated and Overboard? NEVER!



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**"A Matter of
Emergency
Proportions in
Your Life"**

THE HOLY GHOST—PART I Brother David Whelan

A look at the experience of the adult believer and the Holy Ghost

John 14:25-26 (Quoting Jesus) "These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

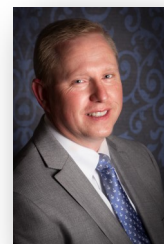
I am sharing space for the next couple of issues with several writers who desire to be of encouragement to Christians who have not received the baptism of The Holy Ghost. We want to re-ignite a spark in you that causes you to open your mind and heart again to the possibility that you will be filled.

Some of you may believe you will never be filled because you are too old. Plainly, that is a lie of the devil. The enemy will drag you into a rut where you may feel like a second class citizen, that your prayer isn't effective, and that you will never amount to anything (also a lie, because that is not up to him, it is up to the Lord and you).

Some of us grew up within the Holiness movement, and others in nominal church backgrounds. Many of us were saved at a tender age.

The baptism of The Holy Ghost *is a matter of emergency proportions*. The

desire must consume you. (A side note, it is not natural or healthy for someone to be filled once and never refilled).



It has been said so much that no one remembers who said it first..... "You can get to Heaven without the Holy Ghost, but I wouldn't advise going to Wal-Mart without it". Your very life as a Christian is fragile without It. It is not our intent to belittle or condemn or to scare, but to instruct and encourage based on our own unique experience.

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Acts 1:8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

First Question: What has held you back for so long?

Even though you have tried, you have never made it. Forgive me for being pointed (Don't quit on us now!), but we know that the Holy Ghost is a gift. It is reserved for pure vessels to receive and for those who will totally surrender themselves to God. We as writers share several things in common where this is concerned: We held ourselves back. We prevented the blessing, not God. We likely have been where you are now.

One made the comment, "I will never do that," referring to making a spectacle of himself. Another held on to a love of UK basketball. One of us spent most of his life with no awareness of the Holy Ghost, despite being in Church, and studying the Bible. He was taught that Acts 2 was for the first century church, and also struggled with a life of low grade sin based on the belief that he would always be saved. You likely know what your hindrances are. Pride is probably the #1 obstacle for an adult. Love of "self" and "pride" will absolutely quench the Holy Ghost in your life; they are diametrically opposed to one another.

Second question: What is your level of desire?

You surely don't doubt the authenticity of the Holy Ghost. But have you considered whether you genuinely desire a closer, more intimate experience with the Third Person of the Trinity? When that desire becomes more than a want,

more than a need....when it becomes the ONLY thing, then you will be ready!

Consider these statements:

- "I have been saved 42 years, but only got serious about seeking for the Holy Ghost for one week."
- "I remember sitting on the front pew, having been very close, wondering how I could have been in Church most of my life and missed this."
- "I was sitting in my office contemplating and praying when the Lord spoke and told me that I could have no other Gods before him....I tore those UK posters from the wall!"

*"Your very life as a Christian is fragile
without it"*

Are you anxious for the altar? Do you want the service to hurry up so you can get there and get in his presence again? Are you faithful in prayer and study? Is there a willingness to put aside things that are distracting and taking away the devotion that is our reasonable service? What about the old habits you are hiding that he has put his finger on that prevent you from being a clean vessel? Are you submitting yourself to those in authority over you, or do you harbor a rebellious spirit?

You absolutely must yield to the Lord to sanctify and prepare yourself. You will feel a closer communion with God. You will feel his power in your life to witness boldly. *He will change your nature.* Perhaps the best instruction is personal testimony to glorify God and build his Kingdom.

Acts 2:4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Testimony #1 Brother Steve Dalton

As revival began it was apparent that many were ready to be revived! The songs, the message, and then the altar services were extraordinary. As I entered into prayerful worship to the Lord around the altar, I could feel (and hear) the brethren praying and encouraging each other.

I was saved at 12 years old. That was 42 years ago! God's mercy has kept me all these years. My thinking was, I'm saved and I've made it this far. I even had thoughts of "You don't have to do that", or "I'll never do that!", and "it's a gift so all you have to do is just receive".

One night, after my time of seeking and praising God, I looked near the center of the altar area and there was my daughter. She was glorifying God and it was a sight that reflected holiness and the spirit of God. A hunger came over me and I wanted to deepen my walk with the Lord. I found myself thinking about the Holy Ghost throughout the day while working, and it became my first prayer every morning, and the last thing on my mind prior to sleep each night.

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A few nights later, my wife was refilled with the Holy Ghost. I began to see my "need" for the baptism. I suppose that it would be natural to feel discouraged about my years as a fence rider. But that was not the case at all. The hunger and desire for the baptism was bigger than all my disappointments, failures, and shortcomings.

Encouragement, guidance and counsel came to me from so many brothers. It seemed that they were as eager for me to receive the Holy Ghost as I was myself. I cherish Pastor Webb and my brothers in Christ. However, their prayers and instruction brought me to a place where they had gone as far as they could go. I had to continue on my own. My "comfort zone" was actually my "control zone".

It was Friday, January 9th, 2015, and the last scheduled service for the revival. Brother Ryan Ralston stepped to the platform. "I'll not hold you long tonight," he said. Wonderful! I want to get to the altar. After what seemed (to me) to be a long message, the altars were finally opened. "It's your night" was the message sent to me earlier that day. I believed it! Then as the blessings of the Lord began pouring on the saints, I felt nothing. Oh no, I had missed it. As I began to seek for God's will, I felt an urge to tarry and wait. I can remember my pastor taking me by the hand leading me through the sanctuary. When we stopped, I could feel myself getting lost in praise. "I love you Jesus", "Glory, Glory, Glory", "Hallelujah" were the phrases I remember uttering mostly. The Holy Ghost was there. I could feel it. But I was still in control. "Give me everything," the spirit spoke. "Let loose, let the Holy Ghost have control of everything". I let go of everything. I even put away my handkerchief that I was using to mask my expressions and tears. The Holy Ghost filled me as I surrendered self-control, and pride. After an unknown period of time, I can remember standing up and trying to ease myself back in control by saying, "Glory, Hallelujah," but I could not form the words as the Holy Ghost had control of my tongue.

I had reached a place that I had never been before. I had done things that I thought I would never do. After 42 years I had received the Holy Ghost after getting serious and seeking for less than one week.

Some have said that they could not have made it without the baptism of Holy Ghost. I will say that I certainly don't want to go on without it. Why did I wait?

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Brother Claude Powell:

In Hebrews 12:26-27 it refers to him that speaketh from heaven whose voice shook the earth. It goes on to speak about shaking other things.

Some things to consider that The Lord may also shake up:

1. Man's faith in himself
2. Political systems and political leaders
3. People's faith in science, philosophy and education
4. Man's plans for conquering space
5. The ground
6. Religious systems
7. The monetary system

Some things that will never be shaken:

1. God's Grace
2. God's Mercy through Christ
3. God's Love
4. Our Salvation
5. Our Heavenly Home!
6. The new Heaven and New Earth
7. God's credibility and integrity



Testimony #2 Sister Lindsey Clayton

I am thankful that we serve a merciful and patient God. I did not receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost until nearly 16 years after I had been saved. I can't thank God enough for keeping me through public school, a public university, and all those years even without the Baptism. I did want the Holy Ghost and at times the hunger would grow stronger, but then I would settle into satisfaction again. I accepted the lie that some people just never receive it, but remain saved and are just fine.

After our first child was born, I began to see how needful the Holy Ghost would be in the coming years as we made decisions as parents. God had placed us in charge of a soul. I realized more than ever that I needed the Holy Ghost to guide me as a mother, and I could not do this on my own even though I had great parents to learn from and a wonderful husband for support. I began to pray and read my bible more and God began to deal with me. There were things in my life that needed to change for me to draw closer to Jesus. Over time, the Lord sanctified me.

I had struggled with the faith to believe that I could be filled. I had seen many others filled over the years, but always had a reason why that couldn't be me. Pastor Webb and others had said that if you had been saved and were living right, you were a candidate for the Holy Ghost. This helped to increase my faith and seeing others that were adults getting filled for the first time also helped. I prayed several times at church and I got closer each time. At times I could not even speak and sometimes this actually scared me a bit, and I would stop. But on Sunday night of our revival in January, with Brother Ryan Ralston, I felt such a desire and faith rise up that I kept on seeking even when I got a little nervous.

The sisters gathered around encouraging me and worshipping God when the Holy Ghost came upon me, and I began to speak in tongues. It was something I had never experienced before and there was no doubt in my mind or heart what it was. I felt His spirit all over me. It truly makes being a Christian easier and I don't want to go back to not having it. The devil has tried to make me doubt a few times since then, but I cling to the experience of that night and He lets me feel his presence whenever I start to doubt. Receiving the Holy Ghost for the first time while carrying our second child makes this even more special for me. It is something I am going to tell our son when he gets older. I am so thankful for a God that will still work on us even if we have been saved 16 plus years and haven't received the Holy Ghost. The promise is to all of us, no matter our age.

If this has spoken to your heart, we ask you to recommit yourself to being filled. Whatever your age, whatever your circumstances, you need it. Your family needs it. Your church needs it. And mostly your Lord wants you to have it! We will be continuing this series in the next issue. We will be praying for you!



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THE NEARNESS, MIRACLES AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF JESUS

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...while He blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven (Luke 24:51).

I would like to share three thoughts that are taken from the triumphal entry of Jesus' ascent into Jerusalem as recorded by the gospel writers. The spontaneous outpouring of emotion from the disciples toward Christ is a template of how our hearts should be stirred during our times of worship. There were several factors that led to this momentous time of worship and those factors are still in place today.

*First, notice the **Nearness of Jesus**.* The scripture is very illustrative of the fact that Jesus was moving through the crowd of disciples. The anointed pen of the gospel writers shares that Jesus had come "nigh." This is a critical component of our worship services. The closeness of Christ is what inspired this crowd to begin to worship fervently. Only those in the congregation that sense or see the nearness of Jesus will worship Him. John 4:24 states, "we must worship Him in spirit and truth." Truth is foundational to our worship. Truth tells us that Christ is among His church. Truth reminds us of our relationship in Christ and the presence of Christ that is pledged to present himself among a "group of two or three" gathered together in His name.

*Second, notice the **Miracles of Jesus**.* This is another aspect that is critical to our worship of Christ. The writer instructs us as to the motive or genesis of their worship. The disciples were praising Christ for what "they had seen." The evident displays of Christ's power were the motivating emotions that caused an eruption of praise toward Christ. The lame feet that had been healed, the blinded eyes that had been opened, the lifeless bodies that had been brought back to life, and a host of other miracles were all signposts for these disciples to magnify Christ to the highest. How many people do we know that worship Christ only when they are trying to gain favor or a blessing from the Master? Worship is not a negotiating technique the church employs to gain access with Christ. Worship is not reserved only when we are in a crisis and need



something from heaven. Part of our worship energy comes from the things that God has already done in our lives.

- When I see the finished work of Calvary, I want to praise Him.
- When I remember the night He saved me, I want to praise Him.
- When I remember how He healed my body, I want to praise Him.
- When I remember the gift of the Holy Ghost, I want to praise Him.
- When I see all He has done for others, I want to praise Him.

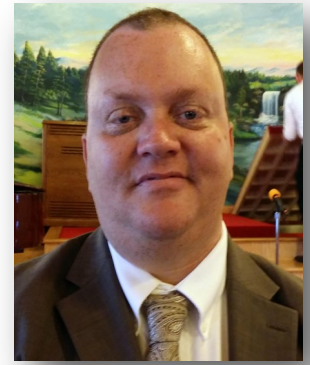
*Finally, notice the **Encouragement of Jesus**.* The final aspect of this story is how Jesus enlightened His disciples as to the importance of their praise. Christ did not discourage the outpouring of emotion shown by the crowd. Many in our churches feel we should *not* show emotion during our worship. They don't want to become too demonstrative, emotional, or passionate about Christ. Passivity has paralyzed them in the pew. They defend their emotionless worship by touting their past accomplishments or the number of years they had served Christ, yet the factor remains that they are absolutely quiet and lukewarm in their worship of Christ. This should not be so! Christ instructed the disciples the "rocks would cry out" if their praise was not shared. Christ did not try to dissuade the disciples from their acts or worship; much to the contrary, He encouraged, and even suggested, that there may be a greater demonstration than had already occurred. The disciples praised Christ in a very energetic, spontaneous, and sincere manner and Christ approved. He did not attempt to water down their emotional exuberance; He enflamed their passion. Think about that! Don't worry you are worshipping Him too much, too loudly, or too passionately! Ask yourself, am I praising Him enough? Does my praise show I appreciate who Christ is and what He has done? Would you have enjoyed being in this crowded worship service with Christ as the center of attraction?

Let's purpose in our hearts to praise Him passionately, fervently, and consistently.



A VISION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Brother Danny Compton
 Sunday School Superintendent



For some time I've had a vision to create more Sunday School classes, but was unsure how to implement that vision. Pastor Webb and I began to pray and seek direction from the Lord, and just before the holidays last year he called me into his office. "It's time," he said. Throughout the next months we organized the details, created 2 new classes, and drastically changed two existing classes.

The first phase was to create a class for 11 and 12 year olds for the purpose of improving the transition into the youth group. After much prayer and discussion, Pastor Webb and I agreed that Brother David Whelan would be the appropriate choice for teacher. What an inspiration he is to this class.

The next phase was to split the 13 to 18 year old boys and girls into two separate classes by gender allowing lessons to be specific to what our young people face today. The content would not be "fluff" but rather "in your face" biblical teaching. Sister Joyce Grant teaches the young ladies and Brother Elijah Taylor teaches the young men. Both classes have included guest speakers and our young people are being challenged on a new level.

The final phase was to create a young adults class for ages 19 until marriage. This class has a different teacher nearly every Sunday. A class like that needs a leader, and we found one in Sister Beverly Whelan. She has by far exceeded our expectations and cares deeply for our young adults. She moderates every class and takes on teaching responsibilities as well. Brother Zane Estis , Brother Andrew Astor, Pastor David Webb, Sister Genell Webb, and Brother Lucas Hedgespeth are just a few that have already taught this class. YOU MAY BE NEXT SO BE READY!

HERE IS A LOOK AT OUR CLASS LINE-UP

Class Name	Age Group	Teacher
LITTLE LAMBS	2-3 Year Olds	Sis. Tracy Compton
RAINBOW PROMISES	4-5 Year Olds	Sis. Teresa Yates
LITTLE SHEEP	6-7 Year Olds	Sis. Tonia Schmidt
SONSHINE	8-10 Year Olds	Sis. Debbie Woolett
EAGLES	11-12 Year Olds	Bro. David Whelan
BIBLE EXPLORERS	13-18 Year Olds (Boys)	Bro. Elijah Taylor
SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS	13-18 Year Olds (Girls)	Sis. Joyce Grant
YOUNG ADULTS	19-Until Married	Sis. Beverly Whelan

I stand in awe of the great Godly teachers the Lord has blessed us with. It's hard work to teach these classes week after week and we should be careful not to take them for granted.

I also thank God for a pastor with a vision that reaches farther than the eye can see who has the mind of God. Thank you Pastor Webb for caring deeply for every ministry in our church!

NOTE: WE WILL BE SPOTLIGHTING EACH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER IN COMING ISSUES, SO LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER A LITTLE BETTER.



LITTLE LEVITES

Brother Don and Sister DebbieWoolett
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A message from Transformation Junction

We live in a culture that is quickly changing and not for the good. It is not uncommon to read or hear of parents or grandparents harming their own children/grandchildren.

It is very difficult for us as

Christians and most non-Christians to comprehend how these atrocities could be thought of much less committed. *II Timothy 3:13* says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Two hundred years ago 95% of the world's Christians lived in America, but today, statistics show that percentage to only be 25%. The Lord told us our world would become very dark with sin before His return.

What is a parent or grandparent to do? How can we protect our children from this cultural shift? Our desire is to shield them from any danger that lurks out there to hinder or to destroy. There are so many directions we could go at this point. Our culture provides more than we could cover in this article.

This quarterly publication is entitled, "The Levite". Therefore, I decided to give us a definition of the word, "Levite".

Levite (noun) This name is generally used as the title of that portion of the tribe of Levi which was set apart for sanctuary service, as assistants to the priests. They were employed in various duties connected with the tabernacle first, and afterward the temple: care of the building, bringing of wood and other necessities for the sacrifices, the music of the services, etc. They were not allowed to be landowners "because the Lord was their inheritance." (Deuteronomy 18:2)

I am firmly convinced we can find the answer to every question we have about protecting our children from this culture as well as preparing them to overcome the culture of our day. God has allowed us to be born in this day and culture knowing He has the power to guide us and our children through with victory!

God has given us what we need to raise our children to be modern day "Levites". They do not have to be satisfied to warm a pew! They can be set apart by way of salvation, sanctification, and the Holy Ghost. God can use them to assist our church services. How can this be accomplished!?

Deuteronomy 6:7 says,

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

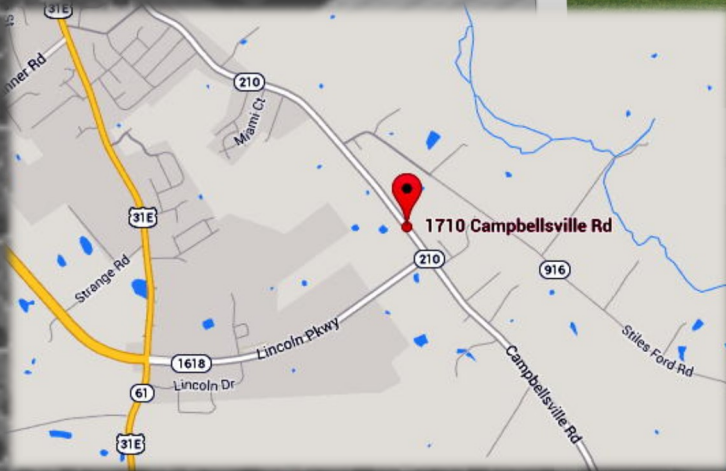
The only way we can teach our children to overcome this culture (world) is to saturate them in God's Word, not just on Sunday! God needs to be our main focus in conversation, in our slow times, in our busy times, when we go to bed, and when we get up! The word the Bible uses is DILIGENTLY! Teach them diligently to be a "Levite" for God, one that desires to do whatever he can to please God, and one that desires to be a part of what God is doing in the church.

The Lord has a plan for every one of our children. God has given some of them musical talent, the gift of compassion, gentleness, meekness, and the list could go on. I believe God will call some to preach, teach, and sing. Let us nurture these children while the Lord is maturing them. Our culture (world) provides enough hindrance. Let us never be found guilty of being a hindrance to God's plan for these children. *Matthew 18:6* says, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." This can also be found in *Mark 9:42* and *Luke 17:2*. God considered this important enough to be repeated.

We must take our responsibility serious! The Lord does. Kidz Church is full of little "Levites"! Let's help them be all they can be.



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Services and Times

Sunday School - 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Night Worship - 7:30 pm

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