

**“Train a Child in the Way He Should Go ....”**

by Lynn Bauch

*“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6).*

Oh, what a promise this is! For those of us who have been given the challenge of raising a wonderful, but stubborn, willful, or headstrong (did I miss an adjective?), child, this verse gives us hope!

I held this verse closely from the time my son was a mere 10 months old but already showing signs of what was to come. The sheer strength of his will was intimidating, and there I was, an adult, being bested daily by a short, two foot master of determination!

Looking back at the toddler, pre-school and elementary years, in addition to loving him and physically nurturing him, I realized the significant role of prayer—at mealtimes, at bedtime, and especially praying together, out loud, as a family. What an impact prayer makes in these little lives! We also made church a priority. By actively participating in Sunday school, weeknight activities at church, and Vacation Bible School—first when he was a student, and then as a helper—I watched him grow close to the Lord. This is all important! These are the foundation blocks that he needed—that they all need. When the cornerstone is Christ Himself, the cornerstone will not crumble or fail!

Oh, yes, the foundation may take a pounding, and temporary walls may be erected and sometimes decorated beyond recognition, but the foundation and the cornerstone are always there, strong and waiting.

When those “in between” years hit, it makes you wonder if anything can ever be normal or sane again. You struggle through these years, doing your best, and fixing your eyes upon the Lord and His promise, until one day out of the blue, when they are 20, 30, 40 or 50, you receive that phone call, and you hear the excitement in their voice – “Mom/Dad, the most wonderful thing in my life has happened ...!” You will witness them making the right decisions—the moral ones—and you’ll know it was worth it.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” doesn’t say anything about what happens “in between,” but it does promise a happily ever after. Remember –

**“When the right things are taught,  
The right things will happen  
At the right time.”**

**Going Deeper...**

1. From the recent study of Proverbs, discuss the definitions of promise, precept, and proverb.
2. How does knowing the difference between these words help to understand the “exceptions” to this statement that sometimes occur in some families?
3. What is the promise of Ephesians 6:4? How can we deal with the fact that there really is no promise given?



**THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**At Clear Creek**

*Connecting People to God and to Each Other*

**April 13, 2008**



A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to worship. Let us express our love to God and our deep appreciation for His bountiful goodness. With prayer and song, with scripture and devout responses, with minds ready to receive the Word of God, and with our spirits dedicated to God’s will, let us eagerly approach the throne of grace. If you are our guest today, we are delighted that you have joined us for our celebration of God’s love. Our period of worship usually begins with congregational singing and a prayer. Before or after the sermon, we commemorate Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection with a symbolic Last Supper. This is followed by a monetary collection used to support our ministries here at Clear Creek. During our afternoon service, we have a special time of worship for children ages 3-5 called “Wee Worship.” If you would like for your child to attend, one of the ushers can assist you in finding the room. Again, we welcome you to the Clear Creek Church of Christ. We pray that you will be blessed by your time with us and that God will be glorified by our period of worship today.

**Family News & Coming Events**

**Thanks to the retreat planning committee for all their hard work!**

**April 20: Elders/Deacons** meeting in the church office at 12:00 noon.

**April 22: Chattanooga Room In The Inn Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please RSVP before April 15 to 624-6144.

**April 27: Area-Wide Singing** at Boyd-Buchanan School. Begins at 6 p.m. All are encouraged to attend!

**Available Now!** Family and individual counseling services with **Pam Johnson** are now on Mondays. Her hours are from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you have need of this service, call the office at 877-6232 to set an appointment.

**WBS:** We have 200 new students, some from Ghana and some from South Africa. They are in bundles or lists of 9, 10, or 12. Please take one and send them out. Use Ghana lessons for Ghana and the other lessons for South Africa.

**Office Position Available:** The church office has a part-time position open for a Receptionist/Secretary. If you or someone you know is interested, please forward a resume to Jim Beasley.

**Pulpit Search Committee:** Our search committee consists of: **Butch Hannah (chairman), Suzanne Belcher, Jana Cannon, Jill Hartness, Clay Parker, Melanie Pope, Lila Statom, Ben Vance, Katie Warren and Todd Zumbrun.** If you know of a candidate that is worthy of consideration, please give any name and relevant information to one of the committee. We also solicit your continual prayers for this important decision for Clear Creek.

**August 6-9: Summer Camp for current 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders!** It will be at Camp Vesper in Soddy Daisy and the cost is \$135 per camper.

# Children's Ministry

**April 21: Mommy 'N Me Playgroup** (4 years and under) Meet at the Chattanooga Zoo 11 am - 1 pm. (Adults: \$6; ages 0-2: free; ages 3-15: \$3 - see coupon in Kids First Book) In case of rain, we will meet at Northgate play area.

**April 23: KFJ Singing Night**

**April 26: KFJ Progressive Dinner** Meet in parking lot at 5:30 p.m. We will return at 8 p.m. Hosts and drivers needed. Kids can sign up in KFJ on Wednesday nights prior.

**May 3:** Teacher Development Day 8:30-11:30 a.m. All Teachers please make plans to attend.

**June 2-6: VBS** with Stuart Heights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For 3 yr. olds through 5th grade. Registration will start in May. Volunteers may sign up on the bulletin board.

**June 7: Family Fun Day** at Greenway Farms from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Youth Ministry

**April 13:** All money due for Jr. Impact.

**April 14:** Girls Bible Study at Jana's, 7:00-8:30 pm. Jane Boozer's topic is "The Ripple Effect".

**April 19:** All Youth Work Day at Clear Creek, 10:00-1:00, then lunch together. Bring money for lunch.

**April 20:** High School Devo following services at Matt Dolberry's, \$2.

**April 21:** Girl's Bible Study at Jana's 7-8:30 p.m. Heidi Stone's topic is "Good Little Church Girls?"

**April 26:** Middle School Fun & Devo at Chester Frost Park from 5-9 p.m.

**April 27:** Graduating Seniors Dinner at Gaithers following services.

**April 28:** Girl's Bible Study at Jana's from 7-8:30 p.m. Susan Crowell's topic is "I Will Praise You in This Storm".

**May 14:** Senior Recognition from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**June 8-11:** Chattanooga Work Camp for all teens. Save the date!

# Young Adults

**Sunday College Class meets in Room 253.**



# MEN OF COURAGE

**Men's softball is about to start!** If you'd like to play contact Nick Hughes or Quinton Skyles. This is a great time for fellowship and encouragement and maybe we can bring the championship trophy home again this year.

**Wednesday Nights:** "Measure of a Man" led by Lee Barton in the CAC conference room.

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study:** Fridays at 6:30 am, MP room.

**Support Groups** Hixson hosts support groups for various addictions. Call Quinton for confidential info (653-7895).



# Women's Ministry

**Women's Softball:** Any ladies interested in playing women's softball please contact Kara Crossman at pcsoccer@bellsouth.net or 875-6797. The season is set to start the week of April 21.

**May 24:** Come to a Mother/Daughter Brunch at 10am at the Tea Cottage. The cost will be \$9.50 per person. Sign ups will begin in May. More info to come. Contact Wendy Haustein (332-0712).

**Sunday Ladies Bible Class** in Room 256. Study on Moses taught by Kathy Holt.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:** Meets at 10 am in the Multi-Purpose room.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** "Stepping Up, a Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" by Beth Moore, in room 252. If you miss a DVD session, it can be downloaded to your computer for a charge of \$4.00. Contact Kathy Hannah at 718-3265 for info.

# LIFE Group Ministry

LIFE Groups facilitate worship and praise of God, encourage close Christian fellowship, serve the church and community, and create a welcoming environment to evangelize the lost. Interested? Give **Bobby Hicks a call at 870-3104 or Bill Warren at 226-6301.**

Please fill out a Member or Guest card or a Prayer Request card and place it in the contribution basket.

**Thank you!**

## WORSHIP TIMES:

**Sunday (Boyd Buchanan)**  
Worship.....10:00 am

**Sunday (Cloverdale Dr.)**  
Bible Class...1:00 pm  
Worship.....2:00 pm

**Sunday Evening:**  
Life Groups: Meet as scheduled

**Wednesday Evening:**

Fellowship Meal 5:15  
(reservations needed)

Bible Study...6:30 pm

## ATTENDANCE:

**April 6, 2008**

**Boyd Buchanan**

Worship Attendance: 124

**Hixson**

Worship Attendance: 303

**Bible Class:** 321

**Worship Total:** 427

## CONTRIBUTION:

**2008 Weekly Budget Need:** \$ 19,654.00

**03/23/08 Giving:** \$ 20,857.00

**03/23/08 Building Fund:** \$ 4,899.00

**Budget to Date:** \$ 269,814.00

**Giving to Date:** \$ 267,979.81

## HIXSON SHEPHERDS:

Gary Carson  
Roger Coffman  
Bobby Golden  
Larry Grant  
Loyd Hodges  
Phillip Lynn  
Bob McGrath  
Roy Ramsey  
Dick Salisbury

## MINISTRY STAFF:

Jim Beasley...Involvement Minister  
Phil & Jana Cannon...Youth Ministers  
Roger Coffman...Pastoral Care Minister  
Laura Harbin...Children's Minister  
Jake & Shelly Hendrix...Missions

# Prayer Requests

**Roberta Sells**, sister of **Jewell Douglas**, is near death. She is at Erlanger Bledsoe in Rm.102. Remember this family.

**Helen MacArthur**, mother of **Melinda Horn**, is under hospice care. Cards would be appreciated. Her address is 5000 N.E. 72nd Ave. Apt.K71, Vancouver, WA 98661.

**Liz Morris** battling cancer. Cards would be appreciated.

**Robert Beasley's sister Fay Emerson** had a fall, is at home but is bedridden. Her address is 5201 Alabama Hwy 202, Anniston, AL 36201.

**Reggie Cox**, brother of **Nate Cox**, is now home and physical therapy begins next week.

**Jim Cannon** is having difficulty with mobility and balance.

**Maggie Green**, mother-in-law of **Sheila Swink**, is home.

**Charlene Smith**, sister of **Mary McGrath** is back in the nursing home. Her address is Oak Manor Nursing Home in Booneville, AR 72927.

**Lecil Thurman**, mother of **Juanita Beasley**, has been moved to rehab at Standifer Place.

**Tom See**, our church maintenance man, is now home and is doing better. Cards can be sent to 14 Woodard Circle, East Ridge, TN 37412.

**Wayne Arthur**, uncle of **Tim Arthur**, is at Kindred Hospital and doing well but still on a ventilator.

**Crystal Hutching**, friend of **Steve and Beth Perry**, has been diagnosed with cancer. She is a wife and mother of seven and needs our prayers.

**Lisa Smith**, cousin of **Sheila Swink**, is in final stage of cancer and lives in Fayetteville.

**Andy Powers**, friend of **Joy Hibbs**, has had a brain tumor reoccurrence. His address is: 4165 Gann Store Rd., Hixson, TN 37343.

**Debbie Davis**, mother of five children has pancreatic cancer. Please remember the family in prayer as well.

**Gloria Pickle**, aunt of **Betty Brasher**, has Alzheimer's that is progressing quickly. Please pray for her Uncle Coleman who is having a difficult time caring for her.

**Louise Weddington**, mother of **Martha Hendrix**, is home again from the hospital but is weak and not doing well. Prayer is needed for her and her caregivers. (Care Group 2)

Please remember **Kim Rucker** in prayer and send her a card of encouragement. K.S. Rucker (41226-074), FCI Tallahassee, 501 Capital Circle NE, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

**Ken Huntoon** is at Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B Winston Building. Visitation is 10:30 to 8:30 pm daily. Please visit small groups of 2-4 people (ID 43269). His address: Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B, 100 Moccasin Bend Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37405

**Please remember our men and women in the armed services.**

**CTRSN Lauren Cameron**  
USS Sterrett DDG 104  
590 Washington St.

**CMCA Campbell, Clay**  
NMCB FIVE (DET 10)  
Unit 25304

## April Birthdays!

18 - Michaela Reagan  
19 - Jerica Bell, George Oleksik  
20 - Ivy Henderson, Claire Johnson  
21 - Deidra Benefield, Jillian Brewer  
22 - Jane Hodges, Julie McAlpin,  
Darlene Pittman  
23 - Brett Ellis, Curt Seiler  
24 - Robert Newcomb  
25 - Robert Bain, Jakobe Miller

27 - Pam Justus  
28 - Jim Beasley, Steve Brown,  
Barbara Campbell, JoAnn Lane  
29 - Judy Eblen, Dale Edmonds,  
Jacob Haustein  
30 - Riley Reagan, Howard Reasoner,  
Chris Wolfe

## Room In The Inn Meal

**April 15:** Holt/Seiler

**April 22:** G. Hannah/Horn

**May 6:** Parks/Coffman

## April 13, 2008

### Hixson

**Opening Prayer:** Josh Oakley

**Com. Message:** Jim Groves

Small Group Cleanup: Bob Odum

### Boyd Buchanan

**Opening Prayer:** Michael Hipp

**Com. Message:** John Spann

## Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

**April 13:**

**Nursery:** P. & M.E. Lynn

**Toddlers:** Annette Wheeler  
Cassie Hamilton

**Wee Worship:** S. Cole & S. Miller

Lindsay Lane

B.Whitehorn

**April 20:**

**Nursery:** J. Gray, A. Henderson

**Toddlers:** S. Reagan, F. Lane

**Wee Worship:** Stacey Cole & Scott Miller

G. Hicks, M. Marlin

## Order of Worship

**Welcome**

Prince of Peace

Firm Foundation

**Prayer**

His Grace Reaches Me (113)

In Christ Alone

**Communion Message/Offering**

Where He Leads I'll Follow (417)

Love Lifted Me (453)

\*Dismiss Wee Worship

**Sermon**

All to Jesus I Surrender (662)

**Announcements/Closing Prayer**