

Read Proverbs 3:5,6 and Proverbs 31:30. How do these verses relate to the pressures on women today? How can anyone, male or female, apply these verses to the peer pressures they may face?

Friday

This past weekend we talked about treasuring children. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. What do these verses teach about the seasons of life? How does this help you appreciate each season more? How does this help you gain perspective when feeling swamped?

Thank God today very specifically for five things about the season of life you are in right now!

Saturday

Please pray for our new series in the Book of Ephesians which begins this weekend! Also please be praying that God's will be done regarding the Monschke Hall refurbishment offering taken this weekend. Thanks!!

Prayer Updates

JOY & BLESSINGS

Oscar & Mary Gonzalez welcome their son, **Mason Garrett**, born May 6, into their hearts and home.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Aleta Zapata – testing, may need back surgery
Bob Shaw – tumor removed, waiting for biopsy
Clara Turner – testing, may need intestinal surgery
Connie Upton (Kim Breuninger's sister-in-law) – Cancer Treatment Center, Oklahoma, pancreatic cancer metastasized to her liver
Dorrell Smith – ulcers, intestinal blockage
Elva Jacobsen – testing
Irvin Smith – RCU, recovering from pedestrian/auto accident
Roberly Bedayan – cancer complications, blood infection
Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Gerry Zapata, Leslie Nelson, Helen Ellis, Matthew Brunetti

HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Steven & Debi Schmedes in the loss of Steven's mother, **Juanita Schmedes**, who passed away while on home hospice care for cancer. His father, John, is on home hospice with complications of Parkinson's disease and failing with the grief of losing his dear wife. Steven and Debi have been staying in the home of his parents caring for them these last days.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups – call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.

“4 Things Every Mother Needs to Know”



May 12 & 13, 2007 • René & Laurie Schlaepfer

4 Survival Strategies:

1. Realize

“For though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken.” Isaiah 54:10

“For the Lord your God is a merciful God, and he will not abandon you.” Deuteronomy 4:31

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39

2. Remember

“Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders.” Proverbs 12:25

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.” Proverbs 31:8

3. Release

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all that you do, and he will guide your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.” Proverbs 31:30

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4. Refocus

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3 NLT

Parenting Helps

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER

Seminar with author Dr. Les Christie
May 20, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, High Street Community Church

BOUNDARIES WITH KIDS

An interactive study group for single parents
Sundays 9 am Room 523
Contact Mia: 462-6980

PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN TOGETHER (PACT)

Meets first Thursday of each month
Two convenient times: Noon or 7 pm, Room 706
Contact Jennifer: 335-4815 or jfemme76@yahoo.com

TLC FAMILY CAMP

August 31 – September 3
Contact: Pastor Jim Josselyn: jim@tlc.org

Some Good Books on Parenting

Different Children; Different Needs: Understanding the Unique Personality of Your Child, Charles Boyd

Raising Great Kids and Boundaries with Kids, Cloud and Townsend

For additional information on how TLC can help your family, contact our Pastor of Family Ministries, Jim Josselyn: 465-3331 or jim@tlc.org

Resources used in the preparation of this message

“A Tender Mercy for a Mother’s Soul”, Angela Guffy

Messages at Willow Creek Community Church, Jim Tomberlin and Bill Hybels

“The Power of a Parent’s Words”, Norm Wright

Monday

Look back over the message notes from this weekend. What point or points really stood out for you? Why?

This past weekend was a day set aside for honoring mothers. Read Ephesians 6:1-3. Paul is quoting one of the Ten Commandments. As he points out, it comes with a promise: You will prosper! Why would someone who honors his mother or father tend to prosper? In what small ways can a child be dishonoring to his or her parents? Do you honor your parents? Try to make time this week to do something that “honors” your parents.

Thank God for your parents. Thank Him that He is the perfect parent who will make up for what you lacked from your own parents. Ask Him to show you how to honor your parents. Then do it!

Tuesday

The first point this weekend was about God’s love for you. Read Romans 8:37-39. What point is Paul making here? Why is it so important to be reminded that nothing will ever separate you from the love of God? How does your life change if you really believe this?

Read Luke 15:11-32. Jesus told this parable to show the kind of father that God is to you! What encourages you about this story?

Thank God today for His love for you!

Wednesday

The second point of the message was about giving appreciation to others. Read Ephesians 4:29-32. Is verse 29 easy or hard for you? How does this verse relate to this past weekend’s topic of Christian parenting?

When are you most encouraged by others’ words? How can you use words to build someone up today? Be very specific, and then act on your plans!

Ask God to show you how to build others up with words of appreciation today!

Thursday

The third point was to refuse to be pressured to be a “SuperMom”. How does society pressure Moms? How can you help other Moms feel less pressure?

In what ways do you feel pressure from society’s expectations?

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children a reward from him.”
Psalm 127:3