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Family Discipleship (part 3)

Article by Tim Tripp

In my last article, I discussed a four-part series of articles dealing with the topic of family discipleship. The idea came from reading an article on the AWANA website called "[8 Ways to Incorporate Discipleship into your Family Routine.](#)" The author's name is not given. It is a very practical guide with great suggestions on easy ways to be intentional in making discipleship a key focus in the home.

In the last article, we looked at items 3 and 4. They were 3. Memorize the same verse as a family and 4. Read quality Christian books together. Both of those suggestions are not difficult but are practical ways keep Christian themes in focus during the day.

The next two items will be the focus of this article. They are as follows.

5. Use Spare Time Wisely. Use moments between activities to listen to worship music, review memory verses or discuss what God has been teaching you this week.

6. Serve Together. Look for opportunities to serve in your church together. Show your children the beauty of serving the Body of Christ as you pull weeds, clean up after an event or help a friend move.

Being intentional during spare time is one I did not do well on as a father. We played or watched something on TV during down time. I missed opportunities to have intentional conversations about my kids' spiritual walk during those times. I think this is a great suggestion and encourages us to be intentional about every moment.

Serving together is something we did quite a bit of. Taking the kids along on service activities is classic discipleship. Have a conversation about the service project before you go. Tell them why the work is important and be sure the kids know who will be blessed by it and how. During the activity, make it as fun for the kids as possible. Turn activities into a game. Push them gently to stay engaged but give them lots of break time as well. After the activity, do something special to celebrate. Go for ice cream or to play in a park. Process the activity as a family and be sure the kids know what a difference they made by being willing to serve.

Being intentional with spare time and doing service together as a family are great ways to keep the discipleship process going. Kids will remember those times and the impact will be noticeable.

I love the concept of discipleship being about daily, intentional activities more than just getting to worship or Bible classes a time or two per week. Family time spent in worship, prayer and Bible study is precious and will play a pivotal role when children grow up and have their own choices to make. There will be exceptions of course, there always have been, but most of the children who grow up with this kind of discipleship in their homes, remain committed to the Lord and make disciples of others too.

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Last Week:
Sunday Class & Conversation - 134
Worship - 252
Giving - \$19,470
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 97

Prayer Requests

Carol Harrison is doing well following neck and carpal tunnel surgery. Please continue to pray for a rapid and full recovery.

Carol White recovering at home from outpatient surgery March 31st. Please pray that she will recover quickly and be able to join us again soon.

Chris Johnson, nephew of Carol White, continues to battle colon cancer. Please keep him in your prayers for effective treatment and healing.

Niles Raines, father of Kristen Davis, has decided with his doctor's direction, to cease his chemo treatments and continue with weekly blood transfusions as treatment for leukemia at this time. Please keep Niles and the entire family in your prayers during this next phase.

Jen Rentfro's father, Paul Bandanza, is currently hospitalized to diagnose ongoing medical issues and form a treatment plan. Please keep Jen and family in your prayers during this time of unknown outcome.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Jim Betterton in the recent loss of his great-nephew Joshua Stansbury. Please keep Joshua's family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Continue to Remember

Tami Robinson

Sofia Juarez

Jonah Vanderheiden

Good News!

Congratulations to Abigail McCall on her decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday evening! Welcome to the family Abby! We look forward to walking with you on your Christian journey.

Welcome Sharon Dodge to our family at West Side!
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Easter Egg Hunt

West Side Youth will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children 4th grade and under, following morning worship on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

Festivities will take place in the field behind the Family Center.

Donations of plastic eggs and candy (no chocolate or nuts please) are appreciated.

For more information see Mark Hixson.

Around the Community:

Ladies you are invited by Hector Church of Christ to Ladies Day April 16th, 1-4pm Theme: "But God" A Study of God's Providence

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