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"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—Deut 4:9

WELCOME! Welcome to the fifth issue of the First Baptist Church Missions Newsletter. This letter provides church information from different missionary ministries of First Baptist. It continues to recognize some of our local, national and international missionary ministry, as well as shares information from First Baptist Church.

Teach Them Well and Let Them Lead the Way: God commands us to raise a child up on the path they should walk, and when they become an adult, they will continue in that direction. So the question then, is this "why are so many of our children, forsaking the faith, when they get older?"

This is a difficult question for most parents to answer, as we do not understand what actually happen with our children when they mature. Do you remember, when your toddler first said "no" to you? It may have hurt your feelings a little. However, it was part of the rebellion stage, in spite of the fact you did not teach your child to say "no". It is a natural response when we do not want to obey some given instructions. Age has no bearing. Even with infants, when you try to feed them something they do not like, they often turn their heads. Therefore, it should not surprise parents, as children get older, that they would say "no" more often.

According to an extract from Focus on the Family "Raising our kids to follow Christ is a lot like trying to navigate in an under-developed country—there is no parenting map, no spiritual Global Positioning System (GPS). We head in the direction that seems best, trying to find our way by trial and error".

Nevertheless, the Bible is quite clear on this: *And now a word to you parents. Do not keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice. Ephesians 6:4 (TLB).*

Now, are we raising our children using standards approved by God? The "rod" has its place, but so does "love". If you are unsure of what to do as a parent, during a tough time, ask God .

Here are some things that are really important for parents raising children: (1) Keep the children focus on Jesus; (2) encourage them to share their faith with you; (3) show them that you care about their life problems and struggles, as much as you care about their salvation (pray with them as well as for them); (4) we need to be able to, honestly, answer their hard questions, they are inquiring for a reason; (5) accept it when something really is wrong; (6) they are just children, do not expect them to be perfect angels; (7) since we cannot protect them 24/7, teach them about the Armor of God (Eph. 6:10-20); (8) be tender towards your children when they frustrate you; (9) show them that God is not just a list of "dos" and "don't's" (share your testimonies, struggles, and deliverances with them); (10) unite them with other strong believers; (11) inspire them to find strength in God, when they are facing challenging times; and (12) spend quality time with them while showing interest in their personal goals in life because God cares about the desires of their hearts too.

As parents, we need to remember we are not in this alone. God is with us and He has told us what His expectations of us are. Jesus is with us, and He has demonstrated in many ways, the process that we are supposed to use while raising our children. The Holy Spirit is with us, and He applies the truth of God's Word in our life, daily, so that we can make wise decisions in the rearing of our children.

Children learn more from the actions that we display than the words we say. Therefore, if we take the time to teach and demonstrate to our children the way God intended, they will grow up to lead in the way God desires.

MISSION'S MESSAGES



Hello everyone!

This is Ellie. Most of you know that I attended BSU last fall. I had planned to complete their four year criminal justice program. That was my plan. But God has his own plan, and I stopped ignoring that plan. In the summer of 2016 I had gone to Boise, ID with my youth group for a missions trip. While in Boise, I learned a lot about myself and what a relationship with God should be like. But, when I left Boise I was mad at God. So during my senior year of high school I made my own life plan. Then, the summer after graduation, I went to Zoe Summer Camps, I had already signed up for classes and had a plan! On the last night God gave me a revelation that I needed to go back to Boise, ID. But, I ignored it because I had a plan and I liked my plan.

Through my first semester of college I did well in school, but making positive friends not so much. During winter break I was talking to one of my best friends about how college was going and some of the issues I was having. I knew what I had been doing first semester was wrong. So we prayed about it, about college and what was next for me. I heard Boise, ID, sounds crazy but I did, and I knew immediately that was God's next step. So I got into contact with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) in Boise, ID and signed up for Frontier DTS.

The Frontier DTS (Discipleship Training School) is starting in September of this year. For the first 4 to 4 ½ months I'll be in Boise, ID with YWAM at the training school to learn and continue growing in the Lord. After that we will be going to South Asia for 2 to 2 ½ months. There we will be working in orphanages, with families and people living poverty, bringing the Lord's Love to new people and so much more.

I am asking for prayer and financial support so that I can take this next step in God's plan for me.

For more information I can be contacted at 218-760-9298 or by email at elliemae2999@gmail.com. If God leads you to support me financially, then your check can be made out to First Baptist Church with YWAM Ellie in the memo. The check can be sent to Ellie Priewe, 19000 Holden Ln NW, Solway, MN 56678 or to First Baptist Church, 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.

Thank you for supporting me in whatever way you can! I'm excited to see what God has in store!

With Love and Gratitude,

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How did you prepare each day for your personal responsibilities as a team member? Each morning our team of 7 would gather materials from the place we were staying and prepare for whatever was planned that day.

What type of team projects were you involved with? We spent days doing an audit, which took basic information about the kids and a picture, this helps the organization keep track of the children and their sponsorships. Other days we spent helping with a medical clinic, each child gets a chance to see a Dr. During this event. We also got a chance to go on home visits and meet the needs of individual families. My mission to Uganda, Africa affected my spiritual growth by giving me compassion.

How did your mission's trip to Uganda, Africa affect your spiritual growth and character development? Throughout this trip I developed such a huge heart for the children and their families. The hardest part about the trip was having to leave.

How did your team prepare to return home and share their mission's experience? I'm thankful to have experienced something so great and also be able to share that with others around me.

Your missions Committee: Jean Wilde (Chairman), Ted Wilde (Co-Chairman), Justin Hoover (Elder/International Missionary), Heidi Hulsebus (Secretary), Tye Clark (Elder Representative), Kim Clark (Deaconess Representative), Dustin Hoover, Max Hulsebus



What A Beautiful Name It Is

Romans 10:13-15 ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Don't you love the Gospel? It's so simple. Even a child can understand and believe. "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). That's it. Just confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior. That's a promise from God! Just believe that only Jesus has the power to save your soul from Hell and hopelessness. He loves you (cf. John 3:16)! You and I were lost and perishing and hell-bound without Christ. But God opened the eyes of our hearts to see the vileness of our sin before a holy God, to see the beauty of Jesus Christ taking our sin on the cross, rising from the dead victoriously, and forgiving us freely by His grace. Just call on Jesus and He will give you new life by the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness. Abundant life. Eternal life with Him in glory. And it's all free! Christ paid it all. It's called GRACE, for you and for me. **God's Riches At Christ Expense (G.R.A.C.E.).** Amen. Come. Repent. Call upon the name of Jesus **AND YOU SHALL BE SAVED!** The Name above every name. So simple. So true. So powerful. So sweet. The beautiful name of Jesus!

Now go! That's the plan for you and for me. Now go! We've been saved by Jesus and now we are sent by Jesus. People all around us are lost and perishing without Christ. The Apostle Paul said, "How are they to believe in Jesus whom they have never heard" (Romans 10:14)? You don't need to go to the mission field to be surrounded by souls who are perishing. God has put people in our lives TODAY who don't know Christ. Look around. They are everywhere. Your coworker. Your neighbor. Your family member. Your friends. Your fellow student. That construction worker. That woman at the checkout counter. They're everywhere. And we have the message that can save them; it's the name of Jesus! It's the life-changing power of the Gospel message.

In 1786 a 25-year-old English man by the name of William Carey asked a group of ministers if every Christian is obligated to share the Gospel and reach the nations. Dr. Ryland, a well respected Christian leader, told Carey, "Young man, sit down: when God pleases to convert the heathen, he will do it without your aid or mine."

Well, guess what? William Carey didn't sit down; he stood for Christ. In 1793, at age 32, he set sail from London to Calcutta, India with his 3-month-old son Peter, his 6-year-old son Felix, and his wife Dorothy. William Carey would be used by God to translate the Bible into six languages in India, to open the first Christian printing press so that millions could hear the Gospel, and to train thousands of bible students to go out and reach India for Christ. Today Carey is known as the "father of modern missions."

I wonder what would have happened if William Carey would have listened to Dr. Ryland and sat down? The world is telling us to sit down. Satan is telling us to sit down. Culture is telling us to sit down. Even some "christian leaders" are telling us to sit down. Someone else will reach that lost soul. Sit down at work. Sit down at school. Sit down! Just sit down! Don't worry about it. That's someone else's job. The work of winning souls will get done in God's time and that time is not now. It's bad timing. Sit down! You're busy with life. It's not your problem. Just sit and get comfortable and complacent.

But the Bible says to you and to me, "Behold, **NOW** is the favorable time; behold, **TODAY** is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Now! Today! God wants souls to be saved TODAY. We must tell them today about Jesus.

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How will that lost soul be saved if we don't go and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to them? They must hear **about** Jesus in order to be saved **by** Jesus (cf. Romans 10:14). That's truth. There is no other way. We must open our mouths and tell of the Good News. God has called, anointed, and even commissioned us that we STAND up for Christ. That we STAND at work, in school, with our children, with our friends, with our co-workers with everyone. STAND for Christ. Oh that the Holy Spirit would empower us to go out boldly into this world and stand and proclaim Christ in these last days.

Who's that lost soul in your life? Stop right now. Think. Who in your life needs Jesus? Now pray for them to be saved. Today is the day. Now is the time for salvation to come to Bemidji, to the beautiful U.S.A., to Australia, India, Iran and every nation on earth. We are the chosen vessels. We are the ones with the beautiful feet. We have the power of God and we have the message of God. Let's preach Christ so that the whole world might "call upon the name above every name, the powerful name of Jesus and be SAVED!" In Jesus' name.

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