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The Challenge to Teach

BY DAVE BYRD

I just want to share some information about our upcoming quarter in the children's Bible classes.

First, we really need teachers. We have been working hard to develop some curriculum and provide teachers with some ideas and guidelines for the classroom. But we all know it is work to teach Bible class.

It's also very rewarding. Like a lot of things that are worthwhile, you're glad you did it when it is all over. It's a spiritual challenge. You learn a lot, both about the subject you are teaching and the students you are teaching. The bonds you build with the children make the church stronger. Please also remember that this isn't an opportunity just for women. Men can, and should, teach children of all ages. It's good for the man and good for the children.

Last year, we had 58 opportunities to teach or co-teach a children's Bible class (not counting Vacation Bible School) from age 18 months to 5th grade. Those 58 slots were filled by 42 different teachers. That's great and all those efforts are appreciated. But we would love to spread the rewards of teaching (and the work load) around. Sixteen teachers taught for more than one quarter during the year and we want to do everything we can to avoid burnout among those sixteen teachers.

If you would like to teach in the Fall quarter (October through December) or Winter quarter (January through March) please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway across from room 7. There's space for two teachers to sign up and co-teach the class. You can also see what children will be in your class right next to where you sign up. You'll note that most of the classes are relatively small in size.

One new feature we have added to the sign up sheet this year is a space to sign up to observe the class. The purpose of this position is to learn how to teach by watching some experienced teachers. You can just observe all quarter, but I think you find yourself helping out and getting involved as the quarter unfolds. Our hope is that we can use this opportunity to qualify some others to help with the teaching program.

We always start a new quarter on the first Sunday of the October, January, April or July. The first Sunday in October will be October 5th so we need to fill these teaching positions quickly. October is also the month where we move students up to their new grade level so there will be a few changes in classrooms. Look for a map coming soon to

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Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

Classes for all ages.

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the bulletin board to show you where the students will meet for their class.

Finally, if you do sign up to teach, we have a dedicated person (or persons) to serve as curriculum coordinators for each grade level. This is the person that you can see to get your material for teaching. The curriculum coordinator for each grade level appears below.

Freshmen (18 mos), Sophomores (2-3 yrs) Juniors (3-4 yrs): CHRISTIE POSEY

Preschool: MELISSA ECKERT

Kinder & 1st Grade: WHITNEY SCRIMSHER & DEBBIE REAGAN

2nd & 3rd Grade: JANET BYRD

4th & 5th Grade: DAN & JO SINGLETON

We hope you,ll consider signing on for this important work. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Dave Byrd, Michael Caisse, Dane Scott or one of the elders.

Bible Book Summaries

Old Testament

Book Name	Sentence Summary
GENESIS	Beginnings of the human race and the Hebrew race; the beginning of God's promises
EXODUS	God redeems the Israelites out of Egypt through Moses and they receive the Law
LEVITICUS	Handbook for sacrifice, worship, and purity
NUMBERS	Census of fighting men, the guiding cloud, and wilderness wanderings
DEUTERONOMY	Moses' last words, remembering God's law and why we should keep it
JOSHUA	Conquest and partition of the land of promise
JUDGES	Judges as deliverers in the dark age of Israelite disobedience
RUTH	Love story of a foreign ancestor of David and Jesus with a focus on redemption
1 SAMUEL	Transition between the judges and the United Kingdom, featuring King Saul and the rise of David
2 SAMUEL	Reign of David: the good, the bad, the ugly
1 KINGS	Prominence of King Solomon and the beginning of a divided kingdom
2 KINGS	The Divided Kingdom with captivity for both north and south
1 CHRONICLES	History and genealogy of Israel, focus on Davidic institutions
2 CHRONICLES	History of David's kingdom and Judah
EZRA	Rebuilding respect for the Law after the return from exile
NEHEMIAH	Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem
ESTHER	Staving off extermination and a lesson of divine providence
JOB	The problem of human suffering
PSALMS	Inspired hymnbook for Israel; seeking God from the heart
PROVERBS	Wisdom for life
ECCLESIASTES	Meaning and purpose of life
SONG OF SOLOMON	Romantic love
ISAIAH	Hezekiah's reign, coming Babylonian captivity, and glimpses of Messianic glory
JEREMIAH	God's judgment on Jerusalem
LAMENTATIONS	Funeral dirge for Jerusalem
EZEKIEL	Apocalyptic message for a people facing a long captivity; departure of God's glory from the temple and His future return.
DANIEL	Babylonian captivity, the future of God's people, and God's sovereignty ruling the nations of men
HOSEA	Northern Israel likened to an unfaithful adulterers and God's punishment: Assyrian captivity
JOEL	Locust plague calls Israel and Judah to repentance; the day of the Lord
AMOS	Judgment pronounced on Israel from the mouth of a "southern" herdsman
OBADIAH	Woe to Edom for afflicting his brother Israel
JONAH	Running from God and to God
MICAH	Judgment and pardon by God
NAHUM	Judgment pronounced against Nineveh, a historic enemy of God's people, for its violence
HABAKKUK	God's judgment, using Babylonian power, against Judah; from questioning God to praising God
ZEPHANIAH	A parallel of Jeremiah: Fall of Jerusalem and apocalyptic prophecies of future restoration
HAGGAI	Catalyst to rebuilding the temple
ZECHARIAH	Exhortations after the return from exile with apocalyptic/messianic prophesies
MALACHI	Cleaning up abuses in the temple and a prediction of a new era with the coming of "Elijah"; God in controversy with His people

New Testament

Book Name	Sentence Summary
MATTHEW	Jesus is the Messiah, foretold by Old Testament prophets
MARK	Jesus is the powerful son of God, focusing on His miracles
LUKE	The humanity of Jesus as demonstrated by His kindness toward the weak and suffering
JOHN	The deity of Jesus and believe in Him for eternal life
ACTS	A history of the spread of the gospel and some of the acts of the Holy Spirit through the apostles
ROMANS	The how and why of justification
1 CORINTHIANS	The cleansing of the church from false conceptions of the ministry, intellectual pride, social evils, and other disorders
2 CORINTHIANS	Paul's ministry to share God's gift with others
GALATIANS	A defense of the doctrine of justification by faith, warnings against Judaizing teachers, and a vindication of Paul's apostleship
EPHESIANS	The church - the fullness of Christ
PHILIPPIANS	A spiritual love letter to the church containing outbursts of joy: To live is Christ
COLOSSIANS	Christ - the fullness of the Godhead and the preeminence of Christ
1 THESSALONIAN	Holy living in hope of the gospel
2 THESSALONIAN	The second coming of Christ
1 TIMOTHY	Counsels and exhortations to a young minister regarding his personal conduct and ministerial work
2 TIMOTHY	The preacher and sound doctrine; faithful service to Christ
TITUS	Fruitful life directed by the gospel
PHILEMON	An appeal by Paul to Philemon concerning Philemon's slave, Onesimus
HEBREWS	The superiority of Christ and the better covenant
JAMES	The practical aspects of Christianity and being made perfect by trials and maturity in Christ
1 PETER	An exhortation to Christians regarding suffering
2 PETER	A warning against false teachers and their teaching
1 JOHN	Those who follow Jesus must live righteously; the requirements of a love for God
2 JOHN	Caution against false teachers
3 JOHN	Pride causes distress in a local congregation
JUDE	An exhortation to contend for the doctrine which was once for all delivered to the saints
REVELATION	A symbolic account of the conflict between Christ the conqueror and Satan with a glimpse of eternal life

The Abortion Issue

When you vote for President in November, shouldn't this be the number one issue on your mind?

"You shall not murder." (The Bible: Exodus, Matthew).

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

Psalm 139:13-16.

Actor Stephen Baldwin said, "You can't be an authentic Christian and when asked about when life begins say 'it's above my pay grade.'"

"Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born." *Ronald Reagan*

"Only half the patients who go into an abortion clinic come out alive." *Author Unknown*