

CONNECTED PARENTING



BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9am during CG

October 10, 17, 24, and 31

Room D243

Join us for four weeks on Sunday mornings as we dive into gospel-centered parenting. We will be learning a simple, yet effective framework for parenting our kids in and with God's grace and truth.

Become a more confident parent who connects with your kids relationally and spiritually so that you may lead them to become all that God created them to be.

*This study is for anyone who has a touchpoint in the life of a child. Study led by Michelle Davidson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GLOW Night

Wednesday, October 27

Join us for TeamKID at 6:30 pm for some fun glow games.

Harvest Potluck

Sunday, October 31 on the Rec field
Join us after morning worship service
(bring a side dish to share).

Light the Night

Sunday, October 31

Come grab your Light the Night Bag at the Harvest Potluck.

from a child's heart

CG Leader: What is your favorite Bible story?

Child: Noah's Ark

CG Leader: Why is that your favorite?

Child: Because there are animals and it rains. The people were bad but God wanted it to be good.

In every story of the Bible, we see Jesus and God's never-ending love for us and His desire and purpose to rescue us from our sin. These truths are so foundational to our children understanding the gospel.

Monthly Memory Verse:

"This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5



Baby Rose - 10/6

Peyton Stockman - 10/7

Andrew Lederman, Jr. - 10/8

Connor Loos - 10/14

Madison Lay - 10/19

Scarlet Paz-Benavides - 10/21

Xavier Abshire - 10/22

Jasmine Cruz - 10/25

Crystal Zetino - 10/26



THE LENS WE LOOK THROUGH

I recently heard a very profound statement. The speaker said that "how we perceive a child's behavior will directly influence how we respond to them." Let's ponder that thought for a moment. Often times, as parents, teachers, church leaders, or people in general, we will assume that we understand and know why a child is behaving a certain way and to be honest often times, we are assuming the worst. We have thoughts and speak phrases like:

- she is just being defiant and simply will not obey.
- he is such a mean child; he needs to be in time out.
- she just wants attention and doesn't like for anyone else to have it.
- he is just out of control and we need to get him under control or else.
- she is just a hot mess, wild, crazy, etc.

I believe, that behind every behavior, there is a circumstance (for adults and kids). In my 30+ years of children's ministry, I have found this to be true over and over again. A child who is 15 months old and bites another child is trying to communicate, "I want that toy!" A preschooler who doesn't share is communicating to us that he or she has not learned that skill yet. Kids who fight and have conflicts are telling us that they need some tools and skills to resolve conflict. A kid who is always the class clown is saying, "I thrive from interaction and I have potential to be a great leader." Do we realize that we are the ones who help them learn how to behave? It really doesn't just happen by osmosis and they are definitely not born that way. I know, it would be easy if they were!!

So how do we change the lens through which we look at a child's behavior? We stop and think about what might be going on. We ask some basic questions like is the child hungry, tired, or overloaded on sugar? We say things to the child like, hey, you seem to be struggling, how can I help? We see children through the lens of Christ and remember that they are His creation to bless and multiply His kingdom. They are children who need us to teach them, love them and be patient with them, because they are still a work in progress. Aren't we all?

Mrs. Michelle ♥

"But now, Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter, And **all** of us are the work of Your hand." Isaiah 64:8

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PARENT RESOURCES

Websites:

www.connectedfamilies.org
www.protectyoungeyes.com
www.protectyoungminds.com

Podcasts:

Parenting Great Kids
Connected Families
Pardon the Mess

Books:

The Whole Brain Child, Daniel J. Siegel, Tina Payne Bryson
Discipline that Connects with Your Child's Heart, Jim and Lynne Jackson
Take Your Life Back, John Eldredge