



Calendar of Events for the Month of June and July 2018:

- ⇒ **Sundays:** "Marriage On The Rock" (God's Indestructible Plan for Marriage; Keys to success in Marriage and Family, etc.)
- ⇒ **Wednesdays:** "The Holy Spirit 101" (The Person and Power of the Holy Spirit...e.g. The Ministry and Help of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer; etc.)

Special Announcements:

- **SUMMER READING @ TWCC!** Make this a **Summer of Growth** by reading a selection of E Books / PDF Books from CCB during the months of June & July:
 - ⇒ **6/17 - FAMILY FOCUS:** (1) Love Never Fails (2) Family Promises (3) Now Are We In Christ Jesus (4) The Force of Righteousness
 - ⇒ **6/24 - HEALING/HEALTH FOCUS:** (1) Don't Buy the Lie (2) Healing - How God Does It (3) Harvest of Health (4) 3 Steps to the Good Life (5) Don't Give Up Double Up
 - ⇒ **7/1 - 7/21 - GRACE FOCUS:** Read 1 Day of Devotional "21 Days of Grace for the Pace" every day for 21 days.
- **GROW CLASSES START JULY 2018!** Want to get involved? Volunteer your time and talents? Become a member of TWCC? Attend our **NEW GROW Class** and discover who you are, what you're called to do, and find your place in the family. Sign-up by completing a Yellow Connection Card and RSVP on CCB.
- **WATER BAPTISM & BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY:** Need to take the next step of faith in following Christ by being Baptized? Do you wish to be Re-Baptized? Sign-up for our Baptism Class and Sunday, August 12th and Back-to-School Block Party. (See picture below). Sign-up by completing a Yellow Connection Card and RSVP on CCB.



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SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, June 17th, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "Marriage on the Rock!

SERMON TITLE: "Power Parenting and Purposeful Fathering"

Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV) - "26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- God's first recorded statement to man established the _____ of parenting: "Be fruitful and increase in number..." - Genesis 2:28 (NIV) Man was commanded to reproduce after his own kind and God created "man," both male and female, to make human increase possible through sexual union in the context of marriage.
• In other words, God created Adam and Eve and then told them to have children. Genesis 5 verifies that Adam and Eve fulfilled this mandate faithfully, as did the generations that succeeded them: Genesis 5:1 - 3 (NIV) - "1 This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth."
• God created man (male and female) in His own image and likeness. Notice that the general term "man" includes male and female; men and women together make up the race that is known as "man" or "mankind." And together they in turn produced children in their image and likeness.
• IT IS POWERFUL, PROPEROUS AND PRODUCTIVE TO OPERATE AND LIVE BY BIBLICAL THAN YOUR OWN IDEAS AND THEORIES. This is especially true in Marriage and in raising godly children.

THREE (3) BASIC GOALS OF PARENTING:

Genesis 1:28 (NIV) - "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

- From God's original mandate to man to be fruitful, to multiply, and to fill the earth, we can identify three basic goals of parenting.
• GOAL #1: To Reproduce the _____ of the Parent in the Child. This is part of the meaning behind the word "image." In creation God is Father and mankind are His offspring. By creating us in His image, God intended for us to have and to reflect His nature.
• GOAL #2: To Reproduce the _____ of the Parent in the Child. The second goal of parenting is to reproduce the character of the parent in the child. This is the other part of "image." The full meaning of the word "image" refers to the true nature and character of a thing. So when God said, "Let us make man in our image, our likeness," He meant, "Let us create man in such a way as to reflect our nature and character." In other words, we were created to be like God: to think like God and to display His distinguishing characteristics - "like Father, like son."
• GOAL #3: To Reproduce the _____ of the Parent in the Child. Parenting should have the goal of reproducing the behavior of the parent in the child. When God created mankind, His goal was to bring about children who were like Himself in every way: children who looked like Him, thought like Him, displayed His characteristics and qualities, and acted like Him. Human parents should pursue the same goal with their children. Jesus' Example: Jesus our Lord was just like His Father because they were of the same essence. In every way Jesus was a perfect representation of His Father. John 14:9 (NLT) - "Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?" Colossians 1:15 (NLT) - "Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." PARENTING MUST BE ! No one parents effectively by accident. Parenting must be intentional; it must be planned, focused, and have an expected end in mind. Good parents don't leave the job to chance and happenstance! They do everything they can to prepare themselves and to know what they are doing.
• Biblical wisdom says, Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) - "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." There is nothing more worthwhile or of greater importance in this world than for parents to commit themselves to living godly lives and raising righteous and godly children who love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. This is God's design. This is His plan. And this is the purpose of parenting. So the primary purpose of parenting is to produce righteous and godly children for God. The word "righteous" means "right positioning" or "to be in right relationship." In other words, the purpose and power of parenting is to raise up children who are in right relationship with God - children who are in line with God's will and who desire to please Him - children who reflect His nature. HOW TO TRAIN UP A CHILD? 1st - Know the Way - Show the Way - Go the Way: Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) - "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it; Deuteronomy 6:1 - 8 (NKJV) 2nd - Understand Children Cannot Raise Themselves: Proverbs 29:15 (NKJV) 3rd - Provoke Not Your Children to Wrath: Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV) (Examples: Demonstrating double standards in front of them. Another way we exasperate our children is by making unrealistic threats or failing to follow through with our word. By doing these things, we end up either: (1) Causing our child to develop an unhealthy fear of you, or (2) Your child will not believe you and soon he or she will come to disregard all your threats as meaningless.

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

SERMON TITLE: "Power Parenting and Purposeful Fathering"

Purposeful Fathering (continued): Psalms 128:1 - 6 (NKJV) - "1 How joyful are those who fear the LORD - all who follow his ways! 2 You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be! 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table. 4 That is the LORD's blessing for those who fear him. 5 May the LORD continually bless you from Zion. May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live. 6 May you live to enjoy your grandchildren. May Israel have peace!"

- A Godly man and father is a powerful and purpose-driven man who:
• 1st - _____ the Lord (Vs 1): In other words, follows the Lord fully both willingly and obediently. Fear is not scared of God; but has deep reverence, respect, honor for God and is in awe of God.
• 2nd - Enjoys the _____ of his labor and is prosperous God's way (Vs 2): That means godliness and Christ-likeness first flows and functions in his individual life then to his married and family life. Becoming a man of God should be an important prerequisite before becoming married to a woman of God and raising children up in fear and admonition of God.
• 3rd - Has a blessed and beautiful _____ life (Vs 3): A man's decision to marry a woman and begin a family is one of the most important decisions he will ever make. Men of God should, I suggest, fully conceive, contemplate and comprehend the calling and commitment of all that he must Biblically decide and devote his life to do to be responsible to do and be as a husband. Psalm 128 moves first from the individual to the family, which represents the Divine order of creation. God created Adam first and give him the responsibility of personal governance and guidelines before giving Eve to him.
• Adam had to first learn and establish his individual authority before expanding it to a family. Another important element to note is that David by the Holy Spirit, progresses to the family in Psalms 128 before he writes about the church and the community. This is because before God ever created church or civil government, He created the institution of the family. Men, Fathers, your role is critical, and Satan's primary goal is to keep you from performing it according to God's Kingdom principles. The first kingdom principle that applies to marriage, the foundation of a family is that we are to view and treat it not as a contract, but as a covenant. MARRIAGE IS A COVENANTAL UNION DESIGNED BY GOD TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF BOTH PARTNERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR DIVINE PURPOSE FOR ADVANCING GOD'S KINGDOM. Read Malachi 2:13 - 14 (NKJV) Fruitful Grapevine - Keep in mind that the verse specifically says, "Your wife WILL BE like a fruitful grapevine," rather than IS a fruitful grapevine. This is because in the home, the ordained order is that it starts with you. She becomes what you name her and call her. As a husband, you should love your wife as Christ loves the Church: unconditionally and sacrificially. Friends, in marriage, selfishness is lethal, but sacrifice is life-giving.
• 4th - Has _____ children - "Olive Trees" (Vs 3): The interesting thing about an olive plant is that, if it is nurtured correctly, it will then become an olive tree that can produce olives for over 2,000 years. Proverbs 23:24 (NLT) - "The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise."

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