

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Robert Emerson
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”



— Hebrews 12:11

Servants during March:

Songleader: Larry (6), David (13), Peter (20), Stanley (27)

Reading: Stanley

Announcements: Robert

Table: Mike M, Larry, Mike B, David

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (2), Stanley (9), Kris (16), Larry (23), Stanley (30)

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“Examine everything carefully...” —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Teaching Children to Behave in Worship

By Connie Adams

When you take a large bag full of books, cars, dolls, stuffed animals, and cookies, you are giving out the wrong signal. I have seen children soon discard all of these and still act like brats and disrupt the whole service. When you put them on the floor to play under the benches, or allow them to run up and down the pew, or you run in and out with them to pacify them and then give them a cookie when you take them out, or even worse, allow them to make a garbage dump out of the pew and floor for several yards around you, you are not training your children to reverence God. You are teaching them to show contempt for both God and man. And by the way, if you could get a cookie for creating such a disturbance as to be taken

out, would you not soon learn how to go about getting a cookie?

I have seen children old enough to go to school sit in services with comic books, or other secular books, and I have seen some do school work while the gospel is being preached. I have seen children who are old enough to hold a song book and learn to sing, allowed to sit while the whole congregation is asked to stand, or worse yet, to make a bed and go to sleep, rather than sitting up and being respectful. When parents allow this, they are teaching their children, all right; they are teaching them to dishonor God and show contempt for others. When they get older, they will move to the back rows, if you allow it, and there they will

sleep, laugh with other unruly young people, pass pictures, write notes, flirt, and wander in and out to the water fountain and rest room.

What do you do with a child, past the infant stage, who is cranky and unresponsive to warnings? I first heard this formula from Gary Ogden of Plant City, Florida. He is exactly right, and I pass it on to you for what it is worth. After trying briefly to get things under control (and I emphasize BRIEFLY; don't sit there so long you destroy the effect of the whole service), then this is what you do:

TAKE THEM OUT. WEAR THEM OUT. BRING THEM RIGHT BACK IN.

Well, you say, suppose that does not work? The next thing you do is:

TAKE THEM OUT. WEAR THEM OUT. BRING THEM RIGHT BACK IN.

You think that won't work? Of course it works. My own children soon learned that it was not such fun to have to go out and that it was much more pleasant to stay inside and be quiet. I learned the same lesson as a small child. My parents before me learned the same lesson in the same way.

The trouble is that we have too many who rely too heavily on permissive psychologists' instructions for training children.

God's word contains principles that will help with this problem. Consider the following:

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby," Heb 12:11.

"Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction," Prov 19:18.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," Prov 22:6.

"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him," Prov 22:15.


"Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die," Prov 23:13.

"The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother," Prov 29:15.

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent," Rev 3:19.

Let no one suppose that this writer advocates brutal treatment of children. These days, we are all sensitive to the subject of child abuse, and well we should be. But measured, reasonable correction that emphatically makes the point

that certain behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated is much needed. The Lord placed in the hands of parents the responsibility for training. One day, he will call us to account for how we managed the

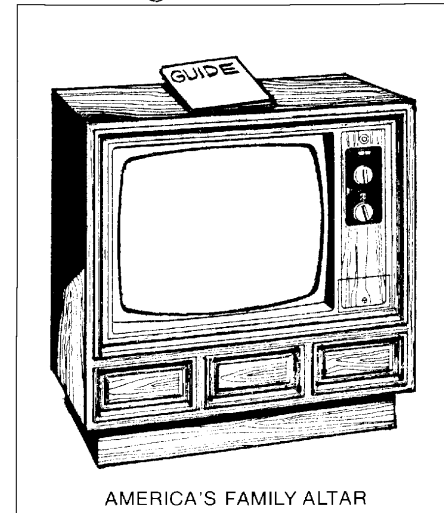
task. If you want your children to grow up to reverence God and obey His will, then you **MUST START TODAY** to teach them respect for worship of God. It will take time, effort, and patience, but it is worth all of that and more! 

Come hear the gospel of Christ!

We will be having a meeting April 24 through 29

Speakers: Sun, Tim Sutton; Mon, Stephen Russell; Tues, Glenn Hamilton; Wed, Kevin Chancellor; Thurs, David Wheeler; Fri, Marshall McDaniel

Our Religious World



AMERICA'S FAMILY ALTAR

The graphic to the left is obviously from several years ago... televisions don't look like that now! Why use it? Because the principle is still true today, though venues like YouTube or Netflix; PlayStations or X-Boxes; Facebook and Twitter, etc. have taken its place. They are our babysitters, time wasters, and family entertainment... and very often, the content is anything but family friendly. Train up a child using modern media, and even when he is old, don't be surprised if he is worldly, cf Prov 22:6. Rather, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things," Phil 4:8

Remember in Prayer

Pam is home now from the hospital for vertigo, but still feels unwell...

Please remember **Madelene Britnell, Carolyn Dennis, Dot Hice, and Joyce Smith**. Pray for our leaders to

make wise, God-honoring decisions, Prov 29:2. Pray that God would have mercy, and the wicked would have a change of heart, Lk 6:27,28. Pray that wickedness would be defeated and righteousness, exalted, Ps 7:9. 