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Minister’s Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M

“We had better start talking about sex (Part 2 of 2)”

David B. Smith

We may not be able to change everyone’s mind to a biblical view of sexuality, but we can certainly work to protect the hearts of our own children (Eph. 6:4). We do not accept the premise that children will “just figure it out on their own.” If we don’t train them, the world will. So what can we do?

**Attendance Last Week**

Bible Class: 115 Sunday AM: 185

Sunday PM: 94 Wednesday: 84

**Men to Serve**

AM: Opening Prayer – George Farmer Announcements – Joel Laney

PM: Opening Prayer – Bob Doak Closing Prayer – Willard Elsea

Wed: Opening Prayer – Bob Newsom Closing Prayer – Brad Jones

All week: Lock Building – James Germ Hall Monitor – Keith Herron

(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

**If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please**

**e-mail them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com**

**Prayer List**

*Additional information is available on the bulletin board.*

James Anderson

Patricia Anthony

Jim Bethune

Nancy Birch

Jennifer Bradford

Marjorie Cagle

Isaac Cooper

Danny Curvin

Tommie Grandfield

Sarah Grasham

Bill Greer

Susie Hargis

Grayson Ledbetter

Loretta Leffew

Judy Lusk

Tony Miller

Lexi Owens

Carlos Shannon

Janice Smith

Bessie Smithson

Johnny Southerland

Diane Stacy

John Webster

**Susie Hargis** was released from the hospital earlier this week, but continue to remember her in your prayers as she remains very weak.

**This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Next month’s calendar is on the table in the foyer. Please check that your family’s December birthdays and anniversaries are correct and included.*

Birthdays

17 – Kenzi Harvey

23 – John Germ

Lucas Bellomy

Anniversaries

22 – Jesse & Ashley Ellison

**Announcements**

* **Holiday Meal:** Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m., is set as the time for our annual holiday meal. Once again, members will bring side dishes and desserts while turkey and ham will be prepared. If you wish to contribute to the cost of purchasing meat, you may give money to Curt Stewart.
* **Singing:** Song leaders, remember that next Sunday evening will be our monthly song service.
* **Ladies’ Retreat:** A Ladies’ Retreat is being planned for the weekend of February 14th. If you are interested in attending, today is your last chance to sign up. The list is on the table in the foyer.
* **Martin-Boyd Services:** Two weeks from today is December 1 and the time we conduct worship services at Martin-Boyd Christian Home. Services there will be at 3:00 p.m. each Sunday in December. Once again this will be our evening service; however, there will be someone at our building at six o’clock should someone miss communion at earlier services.
* **Men:** Another reminder. If you have not received a Men’s Duty Roster Questionnaire, please get one from one of the elders. If you have received one, please complete and return.
* **Hygiene Bags:** With only a few weeks of school left this year, the last delivery of hygiene bags to local schools for 2019 is quickly approaching. With it being the holidays, it is also a nice time to include a little something extra with the usual hygiene items. See Paulette Oxford for suggestions and to make monetary donations.
* **Tumor Clinic:** Jimmie Ruth Wilson regularly takes donations to the Tumor Clinic. Your contribution of snacks and nutritional drinks is so needed and very helpful and appreciated by the patients there.

**1. We need to open up lines of communication with our children now.** Families aren’t together as much these days. Fewer and fewer families eat meals together or spend time together as an entire family. Someone is always missing. Parents are too busy. Kids are too busy. In the process, we communicate less with each other. And when this happens, we look for other people or things to fill the void. What we need is a recommitment to family. By doing this, we build a place for our children to express concerns or ask questions—knowing they are getting help from the people committed to their safety and spiritual growth. There’s a reason God wanted parents to teach their children from sunrise to sunset (Deut. 6:6-9). He wants “godly offspring” (Mal. 2:14). And that goal is impossible without an atmosphere where communication is free, honest, encouraged and rewarded.

**2. We must teach our children the truth about sex.** Most people fear “the talk;” but why should we? Did God make sex? Did God make the human body? Is sex beautiful in the context of marriage? The reality is that our children are curious about sexuality, especially as their own bodies develop. So why should we be ashamed or scared to answer their curiosities with Biblical truth? Isn’t that why God talks about it in Scripture? Consider Proverbs 5:7-23. Solomon warns about the appeal of the harlot and encourages people to be satisfied sexually with their own spouse. Pay attention to Proverbs 5:7. He directs this teaching to his children.

Perhaps “the talk” is awkward because we wait too long to have it. Perhaps we need to start finding age-appropriate ways of explaining God’s view of the man and woman. Perhaps we can find conversation starters in the things our children hear and see, and explain the beautiful way God made us.

**3. Set standards that protect children from their own inexperience.** Part of teaching involves setting boundaries. We shouldn't be surprised if our children grow up with a corrupted view of sex, if we’ve feed them a steady diet of trashy TV and music (Mark 7:20-23). Instead, let’s help them understand why we only want pure things in our homes (Phil. 4:8). Explain why we don’t watch some TV shows. Explain why the lyrics in some songs are impure. Refuse activities and friends and clothing that encourage a view of sex different than God’s. Set limits on computers. Establish boundaries for dates.

God created the world in perfection and holiness, including human sexuality. Though sin has marred the way many people see it, the intimate relationship between husbands and wives is meant to be a beautiful and fulfilling part of their commitment. Let’s do our best to set the world straight, so that it too can appreciate what God has done. Let’s especially work to protect the hearts of our children.