

## Let's Give Them Life

Even a casual observer has surely noticed that our society is increasingly anti-child. Abortion is still on the rise. The incidences of child abuse of all kinds continue to astound the concerned. The ever rising crime rate is definitely connected with the improper rearing of children, who are now adults. Cases of child abandonment are increasing in many areas. Most of the hungry in our nation are children. The rising incidents of ulcers, skin diseases and other stress illnesses among children and the increase of suicide among adolescents are signs that children are feeling unwanted and do not know how to deal with the problem.

Most parents order their lives around jobs and personal goals rather than what is really best for their children. The children need their parents most of all, not what more money can buy them. When we have sacrificed our children, we have sacrificed too much.

In Ann Landers' newspaper column, this question was asked of parents: "If you had it to do all over again, would you have children?" Ten thousand parents responded. Seventy percent said, "No! If we had it to do all over again we would not have children."

This whole scenario is such a stark contrast to the Biblical feeling about children that it is hard to adequately describe. All through the Bible, the coming of children is the greatest blessing that God can give anybody. One of the Psalms speaks of children as the highest blessing, "*like olive shoots around your table*" (Psalm 128:3). The prophets, Isaiah and Hosea, both gave us beautiful pictures of father and mother tenderly and compassionately loving their children and teaching them about life. Of course, when we come to Jesus, we find Him talking lovingly about children. Time and again He would set a child before the people and say, "*You must become like this if you want to enter the kingdom of God.*"

The truth is, rearing children can be a real trial. Sometimes they are mean and selfish. They will disappoint us. But they are ours and it is our responsibility to give them life. Jesus tells us about a young man who caused his father much anxiety and grief and loneliness. But the father never forgot his responsibility to give life to the new generation. We dare not do otherwise for our younger generation. They are our children. Let's give them real life.

—Jerry Gardner

**FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**

**TODAY!!!**  
Time: 2 PM - 5 PM

Please arrive early so your trunks are set up before 2 PM. Thank you for your help in reaching out to our neighborhood children with this fun-filled event!

THE Christmas Store

**Special Collection TODAY To Fund This Ministry**

**November 29 — December 3**

6-PACK DRAGON ACTION  
WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts. Not for children under 3 years.  
POSABLE CREATOR EPIC BATTLE

SLIMY GLOOP MIX'EM'S  
SLIMY SAND SURPRISE

NO HANDS ROVER STRIPZ  
SPINNY NEW SURF 4-4 SURF BOARD CONTROL

SHARK  
STARS

## Sermon Notes

### Life Without Ruts

John 14:6

Are you bored with life; have you lost the thrill? Do you feel like you are in a rut? God intended for your life to be fresh and thrilling. Notice three avenues through which Jesus can give us life without ruts.

- I. I \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. This is not about C \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. F \_\_\_\_\_ without F \_\_\_\_\_ will always come up short.
  - C. Christ must become your life, not just a M \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. This requires daily C \_\_\_\_\_ with and C \_\_\_\_\_ on everything about Him.
- II. I \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. We must celebrate I \_\_\_\_\_ and I \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. C \_\_\_\_\_ what you A \_\_\_\_\_!
  - C. People are not a M \_\_\_\_\_ to an E \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. A \_\_\_\_\_ people and C \_\_\_\_\_ with them those things which are positive and good.
- III. I \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. The greatest thrill in life is being involved in C \_\_\_\_\_ to the S \_\_\_\_\_ of someone.
  - B. We were meant to lose ourselves in P \_\_\_\_\_ and their N \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Involvement with others is the key to real L \_\_\_\_\_ and L \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Losing your life for Christ doesn't mean it is lost; it is G \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ which increases your joy and power.

## Announcements

- ➔ The **Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck** will be here the week of December 6, 2021. Please leave your donations at the designated spot in the Lobby. Requested items include: beef jerky, 100% fruit juice, candy bars, mixed nuts, sweet cereal, picante sauce, assorted chips, spaghetti sauce, Sloppy Joe sauce, summer sausage, cookies, Little Debbie cakes, Pledge, 13 & 39 gallon trash bags, dishwasher & detergent pods.
- ➔ Community Cupboard needs all things BABY: Diapers, Wipes, Shampoo, Lotion, Powder, Food, Cereal, or monetary donations.
- ➔ Join us on Wednesday night in the Chapel at 7 PM for an expository study of Ecclesiastes, answering the very relevant question, "Is Life Worth Living?" A children's class is also available in addition to regular Youth Group.

### Condolences:

Brother **Tim LaValley's** father passed away 10/23/2021. Please keep the LaValley family in prayer as they grieve. Cards may be sent to 3900 Hazel Street, Choctaw, OK 73020.

Brother **Elmer Cochran**, beloved Elder and member of our church family, passed from this life into the eternal presence of Jesus Christ on Tuesday, October 26. There will be a period of visitation at Sunnyside Funeral Home (4000 East 29th Street, Del City) on Monday, November 1, from 4:00-8:00 PM. Then his Celebration of Life will be here at our building on Tuesday, November 2, at 10:00 AM. His burial will follow at 2:00 PM at Ada Memorial Park and Cemetery in Ada, OK. Cards may be sent to Wanda and her family at 3209 Hilltop Road, Midwest City, OK 73110. Please keep them in prayer as they continue to grieve.

### Dates To Remember:

- TODAY Fifth Sunday Special Collection for Christmas Store Ministry
- TODAY @ 2-5 Fall Festival
- November 2 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- November 2 @ 4-6 PM Whiz Kids
- November 3 @ 8 AM Men's Breakfast @ Madison's
- November 3 @ 4:30 PM Early Class
- November 3 @ 5:30 PM Supper in the Gym
- November 3 @ 6:30-7 PM Singing Practice
- November 3 @ 7 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study for Adults in the Chapel PLUS children's class and an attended nursery for any who may need it.
- November 4 @ Noon Ladies Class in Coffee Shop
- November 4 @ 4:15 PM Feed the DCHS Football Team
- November 5 @ 6 PM Keenager's Game Night at Rhonda Bailey's house, 15632 Leslie Road, Choctaw, OK 73020
- November 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set Your Clock Back Before You Go To Bed Saturday Night!
- November 29—December 3 The Christmas Store Ministry
- December 6 Westview Boy's Home Grocery Truck Pickup

## Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Welcome To Our  
**Sunday Morning  
Family Worship**  
October 31, 2021

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

## Order of Worship

Song #239, *In Moments Like These* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
Welcome.....Ivan Gonzalez  
Song, *Great Are You Lord* .....Tim Holt  
Song, *Here I Am to Worship* .....Tim Holt  
Song #810, *Listen to our Hearts*.....Tim Holt  
Prayer.....James Roland Phillips, Jr  
Song #350, *When My Love To Christ Grows Weak* ..Darrell Sullivan  
Communion.....Mark Carr  
Offering.....Mark Carr  
Scripture Reading, *Lamentation 3:21-24* .....Chris Schoelen  
Song #122, *The Love of God* .....Tim Holt  
Song #123, *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* .....Tim Holt  
Message, *Life Without Ruts*.....Jeff Gardner  
Song #903, *There Is Power In The Blood* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
Closing Announcements.....Jeff Gardner  
Prayer .....Tim Hempel  
Song #853, *When We All Get To Heaven*.....Tim Holt

### Schedule of Assemblies

	Sunday	Thursday	Noon
Worship	10:00 AM	Ladies Class	
Classes	11:15 AM		
Hispanic Class	5:00 PM		
Wednesday			
Early Class	4:30 PM		
Mid-Week Classes	7:00 PM		
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM		

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.