

Coming up for your Family

- ▶ **Sunday, September 18— Church-wide picnic**— Join us from 1-4pm at Bon Air Park, just off Wilson Blvd. in Arlington. Here's what to bring (1 dish per family): Last name beginning with A-F, desserts; G-R, side dishes; S-Z, salad. Hamburgers, hotdogs drinks, ice cream and paper goods will be provided. Games for children and adults! Need directions? Visit our website at www.cherrydale.org/picnic.
- ▶ **Friday, September 23— Rock & Read Open House—10:30-11:30am.** It's our bi-weekly fun, interactive program for preschoolers focused on music and stories. To learn more about the winter/spring session visit rockandread.info online. This will be repeated on Friday, October 14.
- ▶ **Sunday, October 2—Principles for Parents Seminar—2:00-5:30pm.** Childcare provided. Register online at cherrydalekids.net. Every parent should attend this seminar at least once. We call this "the instruction manual that didn't come with the kids."
- ▶ **Wednesday, October 5— Kids Choir and B.L.A.S.T. begin.** More information and instructions for registration will be available soon.
- ▶ **Sunday, October 30—Parent-Child Dedication**—Register your child at cherrydalekids.net and call Pastor Herb Owen at 703.254.8305 to set up an appointment.
- ▶ **Monday, October 31—Fall Fun Festival**—It's our annual fall celebration for kids and their families. Join us in costume in the gym from 6:00-8:00pm.

Join our Wednesday evening team

Can you teach your hobby or special interest to children. We're currently recruiting volunteers to give about an hour a week in monthly commitments to share their interests with kids in B.L.A.S.T. on Wednesday evening. Teach kids crafts, chess, babysitting skills, photography, what you do at your job in a way kids can experience it, or one of thousands of possibilities. If interested, contact Marilyn Owen at (703) 254-8304. We are also hoping to start a Wednesday club for preschoolers (ages 3-5). Call Pastor Herb if you are perhaps interested in helping.

Do you read Family Talk? Please help us by emailing Pastor Herb at herbowen@cherrydalekids.net, telling him you read Family Talk and offering suggestions for future issues. Back issues are available online at cherrydale.net/familytalk.

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Welcome back, Family Talk

After taking a two-month summer hiatus we're back with our weekly family newsletter.

In addition to articles and tips for parents, this weekly publication will include announcements from Cherrydale's Children and Family Ministry.

Copies are distributed to each child in the various classes and nurseries. In addition, extra copies are available at the Welcome Center in the Commons and at several other locations around the facility.

Please be sure you receive (and read) your copy each week. 🏠

Why you must see this movie

Courageous is a new film from Sherwood Pictures, an amazing company of Christians, part of the ministry of a church in Georgia.

They produce high-quality films that tell great stories while communicating biblical truth.

I (Pastor Herb) had the opportunity to see a pre-screening of this film in January and the action grabbed the audience from the first scene.

It's the story of a group of policemen who, while facing the danger and daily activities of their job, face another challenge as fathers.

Every dad (moms, too) must see this film. It premieres on September 30 in theaters across the USA, including Tysons Corner 16, Regal Fairfax Town Center 10, and Hoffman 22 in Alexandria.

Be assured this is not a sweet Christian "preachy" film. It is top-rate entertainment that challenges dads to be courageous fathers. Take the entire family and enjoy a great night at the movies.

For more information and video clips go online and visit courageousthemovie.com. 🏠



Ten mistakes good parents make

Good parents want what's best for their children; great parents know what's truly best and provide it.

How is it that "good parents" can have kids who grow up to be a mess? What happened? What mistakes did they make? What can we learn so we won't make the same ones?

- 1. Teaching children to ignore you, rather than expecting them to hear and obey you** – *Once your children are mature enough to understand what you expect, tell them what you want only once. Repeating yourself—giving the same instruction several times—teaches your child that the first several times you said it don't count. Gently teach your child to obey you immediately.*
- 2. Over-scheduling your child's life, rather than focusing on the things that really matter** – *When deciding what activities should be a part of your child's life, ask "What will truly matter ten years from now?" Too many parents make participation in services and activities with their church family something they do if nothing else is scheduled.*
- 3. Making achievement the standard for personal value, rather than showering your child with unconditional love** – *God loves us for what we are. He honors us because of what we do. Treat your children the way God treats you. See Proverbs 21:21.*
- 4. Fighting children's battles, rather than teaching them to develop the character of a successful person** – *Children develop learned helplessness when parents solve all of their problems for them.*
- 5. Protecting your reputation as a parent, rather than allowing your children to develop their individuality as God's created beings** – *Do not make decisions based on what others will think of you. Rather, make decisions on what is truly best for your child. If an eighth grade girl wears unusual color combinations, that is not a reflection on you as a parent.*
- 6. Making your preferences the issue, rather than teaching your children to develop godly convictions** – *If you equate your preferences with your convictions, when your children discard your preferences for their own, they will also discard your convictions along with them.*
- 7. Building your child's life around rules, rather than**

character – *Rules are necessary when children are young and in various situations throughout their lives. But rules are not enough. Only a commitment to character will cause your child to lead the right kind of life throughout adulthood.*

- 8. Putting the highest priority on your child's accumulating knowledge, rather than developing wisdom** – *Teach your child to love reading, to think critically, and to focus on that which interests your child. But put the most emphasis on developing godly wisdom. Prisons are filled with people who are quite smart but very foolish.*
- 9. Creating a child-centered home, rather than a Christ-centered marriage** – *Do not attack those who don't solve all of your children's problems for them and put what you want for your child ahead of other children. Don't undervalue your spouse because you value your kids.*
- 10. Training children to be religious, rather than to have a vibrant relationship with God** – *Good parents often raise religious children who grow to reject a religion that grew from their parents' desires, rather than from a personal relationship with God.*

Questions for consideration...

- ▶ Think back to your own parents. Do you think they made any of these mistakes? If so, how did it affect you?
- ▶ Especially if you have older children, do you think any of these mistakes have already shown up in your parenting? If so, which ones?
- ▶ Having thought through these ten issues, which ones do you think you should especially be careful to avoid?

Reminders:

- ▶ *Principles for Parents Seminar* October 2 from 2-5:30pm. Childcare available. Register online at cherrydalekids.net.
- ▶ Pick up a copy of *Family Talk* each week, either here on Sunday or online at cherrydale.org on the *Children and Family Homepage* under ministries.
- ▶ *Ask your children each Sunday* what they learned and experienced at church. Don't ask "did you have a good time today?" They weren't at a birthday party. Ask to see the "papers" they bring home, which often include a review of what they learned in their nurseries, classes, or children's worship services.