

Administrative Manaae

Pastoral Reflections " A Baptist Catechism" By Daniel Headrick

Over the summer, I became convicted of this truth: it is the family which has the primary responsibility for instilling the values of Christian faith into children. The church walks alongside families, equips them, encourages them, and offers resources...but there is no substitute for modeling faith for your kids in the home.

As a recent article I read puts it: "If we want our children to have faith, we must practice our own. We cannot expect our children to embrace that which we do not value." That's why in our family we are going to be reading through the lessons I wrote in "A Baptist Catechism" together, starting this year.

For the past two years, off and on, I've been writing a series of Sunday School lessons for tweens that I've called "A Baptist Catechism." It has been a labor of love for me. I have tried, sometimes with marginal success, to imagine as I write the kinds of questions and concerns that our children and youth have about the Bible, theology, and Christian history.

I found that simply writing what I believe to be some of the truth I've been convicted of in my Christian journey, informed by tradition and Scripture, has been enough. These writings are designed for teachers to read and reframe or instruct as they see appropriate. They are designed for the children and youth to read on their own and ask questions of their parents and siblings. And they are designed for families to read together and discuss.

Catechisms for children have often taken a question and answer motif. Some of you may be familiar with the Westminster Catechism, especially this first article:

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Memorization is a fine thing, and we will ask the children to memorize the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostle's Creed. These have long been held in Christendom as the core essentials of the faith. However, it was my aim to move past memorization for this age group and up, and begin teaching the critical skills of careful reading, reflection, and a taste of ambiguity.

This year, the youth will journey through the narratives of Genesis and Exodus, learning of God's covenant with his people and deliverance from bondage. They'll learn about Advent and Lent, Baptism, and even a session on "All Our Weird Church Words." I didn't know a *narthex* from a *nave* before I darkened the doors of our sanctuary two years ago. You all have trained me up in the way I should go.



Flowers lovers are needed to support the NDBC flower ministry. This involves a couple of hours on Mondays to break down the pulpit flowers into a few (usually 2 or 3) smaller arrangements and to deliver them to church members who are sick, who have lost a loved one.

or who are unable to attend church because of chronic health issues. As we work in teams of 2, it does not take long to arrange the flowers. You do not need prior experience arranging. You can also volunteer to be a deliverer of flower arrangements only. Each committee member's commitment is **One Monday per month.** If you can help but are not available on Mondays, it is possible to wait until the Sunday service is over, make the arrangements and leave them at church for someone to deliver on Monday or deliver them on Sunday afternoon. Having delivered flowers and having been the recipient of these bouquets, I know how much it can mean to both the preparer, deliverer, and recipient. This is another way our congregation can express love and concern for our fellow members.

Richard Wilson has dubbed us "Flower Girls" but guys can definitely help, too.

For more information, please contact Virginia Gilbert at <u>gilbertva3@gmail.com</u> or 770-617-1809.



Les Trois Voix, a women's vocal ensemble based in Atlanta, will present a full concert on

Sunday, September 15, 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Northside Drive Baptist Church.

The ensemble features Erin Garrard, Jenna Gould (NDBC Staff Soprano), and Katie Sadler-Stephenson. The concert titled *Gilded in the Light of Hope* will feature a mix of ancient and modern pieces that exemplify hope in times of darkness. For more information visit their website www.lestroisvoix.org.

School Supplies

School Supplies----It's Not Too Late Yes, schools are back in session, but we still need supplies to prepare for next year. As

stores clear their shelves to make room for Halloween and Christmas merchandise, clearance sales begin! Look for great discounts and help the Missions Team collect supplies for the children served through TOUCHING TALIAFERRO WITH LOVE, THE ANDREW P. STEWART CENTER, and the AGAPE CENTER (Bolton Road area). Baskets for the supplies will be at the entrance to the sanctuary and chapel.

Items needed are

Backpacks Child Safety Scissors Wide ruled notebook paper Pocket folders Packs of #2 pencils Rulers Packs of black or blue ballpoint pens Boxes of 24 crayons Spiral notebooks (wide ruled) Glue sticks Marble composition books Box of 12 colored pencils



Meets Tuesday, September 10 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The program will be: *A Marathon of Life Lessons* by *Dave Wooten*

How can running a marathon be funny or important, unless a lion is involved or your name is Phidippides? Running marathons has taught me much about how to be effective in life: by approaching it with humor and grace. Join us to hear our own Dave tell his story about running and life.

NDBC Book Club



Will meet on Wednesday, September 25 @ 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The featured book is Becoming Mrs. Lewis: The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C. S. Lewis Author: Patti Callahan Facilitator: Donette Lee Hostess: Carolyn Mahaffey



ROMEOS will meet on Tuesday, September 17 @ Noon @ Piccadilly in Marietta. For more information call Posey Starkey at 404-374-5383.

Habitat Build.



On August 3rd, NDBC celebrated our 27th year of building Habitat for Humanity homes, with a successful "Day 1" build day. Approximately a dozen Northside Drivers participated in

nice weather (for August), building and raising the walls - in a single day! Our homeowner, Ms. Latreece Williams, and some of her family members, were on-hand to celebrate our kick-off, and "first nail" traditions at 2490 Perserson Rd SW. Other members of the NW Interfaith Partnership also participated, and will take the lead on subsequent build days. Our Dedication ceremony will be on Saturday, September 21st, at noon. Many thanks to those from NDBC who worked August 3 in whatever capacity: driving nails, preparing and delivering lunch, or volunteering for child care. Well done!

The 2019 NDBC Habitat Crew

