

Instruction is to be given in meekness, not meanness. Satan loves harsh teachers, for they drive men in his direction and often harden hearts to the point that loving teachers have trouble getting through the scar tissue left behind. Speak the truth, but speak it in love (Ephesians 4:15). "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle" (Proverbs 18:19).

Haughtiness. Answers to others are to be given with respect ("fear," 1 Peter 3:15). A holier-than-thou attitude cools off the interest of those asking. We must not be "high-minded, but fear" (Romans 11:20).

If you have lost your appetite at a restaurant, did you decide never to eat again? No. Did you vow to prepare your own meals from now on? Probably not. If someone professing to be a Christian has disappointed you, don't reject Christianity altogether. Find a better place. Feed your soul.

—Wade Webster

2016 Vacation Bible School

Friday June 3rd; 9:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Theme: Story of David

(Being Respectful, Being Brave,
Being a Shepherd, and Being Passionate)
Classes, Hands on Learning, and Singing.

Invite other congregations, friends and neighbors!

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Psalm 78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. (2) I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, (3) Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. (4) We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. (5) For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; (6) That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, (7) That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; (8) And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Suggestions for Rearing Your Children for Christ

1. Begin regular spiritual training now and continue through all their developing years (Proverbs 22:6).
2. Clearly demonstrate to them at all times that God is the most important thing in your life by never allowing other things to interfere with the worship and work of the Lord (Matthew 6:33).
3. Let their early memories include daily readings of Bible stories and Bible discussions in the family circle (2 Timothy 3:15).
4. Give them their own Bible even before they can read. Read to them from it at home and have them take it to church services (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). In their preschool years have them begin a lifetime habit of regular memorization and review of important Bible verses (Psalm 119:11,16).

Times of Services

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 p. m. Worship

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- 2nd Sunday 2:00 p.m. Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- 2nd Saturday 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study –Ranch House Restaurant
- 3rd Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study 6:00 p.m. (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars monthly meeting 6:15 p.m. (TBA)
- The Pines Bible Study Sunday 8:00 p.m.; Mon. 5:00 p.m.
- Cady Hill Bible Study Sunday 8:00 p.m.; Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
- Recorded sermons and Gospel Meetings can be obtained by signing up in the foyer or going to the church website at <http://eastcolumbuschurch.com/> or contacting Steve Coburn.
- Kevin Kay addresses submitted Bible questions in his sermon on the 1st Sunday of the month. Don't forget to submit questions.

News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Jack Burkes, Eula Mae Harliss, and Burt Wheeler
- **Limited Health:** Joyce Monasco, Joyce Ratcliff, Willena Woods, Wade and Doris McCrary
- **Under Care for Cancer:** Sheree' Woods, Carolyn Johnson
- **Sick:** Gary Allen is recovering from a double hip replacement; Frances Barham is now at home under hospice care. Steve Coburn is battling a painful bout with pleurisy. Willena Woods is recovering at home from surgery.

Bible Question: Can you name six things God hates?

Your Answer:

5. Teach them to pray by having them repeat after you phrase by phrase. Pray audibly with them daily (Ephesians 6:18). (Never teach them to memorize a prayer.)

6. Speak often of the joys of serving God (Philippians 4:4). Sing songs together about it (never with an instrument, Colossians 3:16). Instill in them a longing to go to heaven.

7. Spend the necessary time to be the main spiritual teacher of your children, more than the preacher or teacher (Ephesians 6:4).

8. Teach them that lying is one of the worst things they could ever do (Revelation 21:8, 27), and punish them firmly if they do (Proverbs 29:15-17).

9. Train them early in principles of modesty, and you won't have to combat short shorts, scanty tops, and scanty swim suits in years to come (1 Timothy 2:9).

10. Keep their speech pure by not allowing yourself or them to ever use profanity or even a substitute such as g*lly, g*e, g*sh, d*rn, and h*ck (Matthew 12:36-37). "Good *understanding giveth favour.*" PROVERBS 13:15
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4 Things That Turn People off of Christianity That We are Trying Not to Do

Have you ever been in a restaurant and lost your appetite because of something that happened? Perhaps you found a hair in your food or the person handling the money didn't wash his/her hands before preparing your food. Sometimes, spiritual appetites are lost in the same way. There are four things that some Christians do that cause people to lose their spiritual appetites.

Hypocrisy. For Christ to live in us, our hearts have to be pure and holy (Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8). No one is perfect, but we must strive to live up to the standards we teach others from Scripture.

Hopelessness. A cynical worldview, a depressing outlook, or a complaining attitude do not speak well of one's faith in an all-powerful, all-knowing, all-sufficient God. One reason the first-century church multiplied so rapidly was because men could see their hope (Acts 2:42-47). Keep your hope "lively" (1 Peter 1:3-4).

Harshness. The servant of the Lord is to be gentle, not gruff (2 Timothy 2:24).