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President’s Corner by Katy Taylor

Missing But Not Forgotten

Dear Ladies,

In our sanctuaries every Sunday someone is missing. I missed church services from January 1st thru the 29th due to my lower leg swelling and a staph infection. I received cards, visits, calls and meals. My church is great! I felt loved and encouraged. But that is not always the case. Sometimes someone may miss several weeks and it goes unnoticed. We are a family! That should not happen! We need to be aware when people are missing and take time to check on them. There are many reasons that people miss services and activities.

You may be able to help them in some way. This is called maintenance of our family. In Luke 15:1 -7, we find a shepherd leaving his flock and seeking one lost sheep. It is not up to our Pastor alone to take care of our flock! We cannot assume someone else is calling that missing person. Some of you have been encouraged as I was when you had to miss some services. We must do our part and not let anyone be missing and then forgotten. It is my prayer that I and you will be more diligent in taking care of our church families in the days we have left to labor.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday April 29th

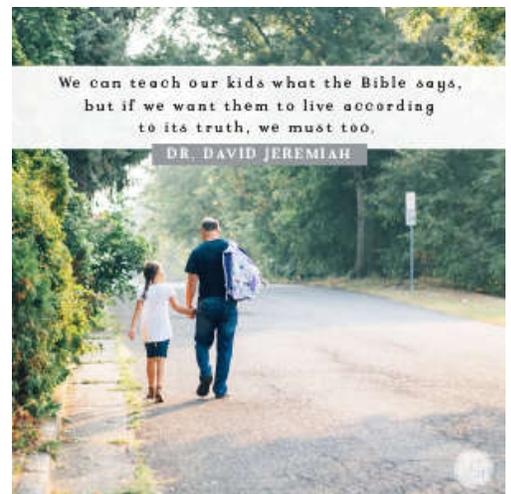
Our annual MI WAC State Meeting hosted by the North Warren FWB Church

Registration to begin at 9:00AM, meeting to start at 9:30AM

Family Matters by Stefanie Shope

The following is an excerpt from Proverbs31 Ministries “How to Help Our Kids Love God’s Word” by Dr. David Jeremiah.

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NKJV)



She was late.

We had agreed to meet at 6:30 and it was almost 7 when I finally saw my teenage daughter strolling through the mall toward where I sat, waiting. Now I'd be late to my board meeting.

In my frustration, I did what many of us parents have done — I reacted and jumped to a wrong conclusion.

When we got home, the truth came out that her watch was broken. She thought she had indeed arrived on time. Gulp.

I penitently made my way to her bedroom where I heard her sniffing and knocked.

"May I come in?"

"Yes," she said.

"Honey, I am sorry," I began. "I blew it. I didn't even ask you. Can you ever forgive me?"

She looked up at me through her tears and said, "Sure Dad, everyone makes mistakes." We held each other for a few minutes, and I went on to my meeting.

My children are grown now. All four of our children are married and have families of their own, but I have to admit there were some days I wasn't sure we would get here. Donna and I made some mistakes along the way. My children know all my faults. But I learned one of the best things I could do was be honest with my kids and apologize for my mistakes.

Our biggest failures as parents can become the greatest opportunities to illustrate genuine faith to our kids. When we admit our wrongs and allow our kids to see our humanity, to see how we mess up just like anyone else, it catches their attention. It allows us to set a biblical example of humility, love and forgiveness for them to follow.

My own dad taught me how to admit my mistakes, ask for forgiveness and have the humility to reveal my human weaknesses to my kids. His willingness to

admit his wrongs impressed me when I was young. I realized he had faults just like me. And he let me see him seeking God and praying through those weaknesses. It impacted me for life.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 offers a roadmap for how we are to live out our faith in front of our children. What we believe must make its way into our daily attitudes, conversations and routines.

The old adage is true about parenting: More is caught than taught.

We can teach our kids what the Bible says, but if we want them to live according to its truth, we need to live it. If we want our kids to have a growing faith and love God's Word, we need to demonstrate its importance in our lives. A "Do as I say, not as I do" approach to parenting will fall flat.

We can't fake it as parents. If we don't model a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ, there is little chance our children will grow up to possess what we lack. Even if we didn't get it right when our kids were young, we can start now. How?

Begin by seeking the Lord today. Read His Word daily. Connect with your church. Make God's Word a necessary part of your daily life and watch Him renew a hunger and thirst for Him today. Allow your kids to be a part of that process. Allow them to see the importance and joy of God's Word in your life. By the grace of God, may they learn to lean on God and develop a growing love for Him and His Word.

Lord, help me embrace Your Word. But most of all, help me to live it. Help me be the kind of parent who will inspire my children to please You, because that's what they see being lived out in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Greetings from Spain – Tim and Kristi Johnson

Dear Michigan ladies,

When Tim and I first got married, his mom ordered me a subscription to the “Taste of Home” magazine. Every month since then, it has come to our mailbox, filled with yummy recipes which I have often poured over as I’ve done our weekly meal planning. But this year for Christmas, we got an actual “taste of home” when Tim’s parents came to visit us here in Spain for the holidays.

As soon as they told us they were coming, we began to think of all of the foods that we wanted “Nana” to make for us. Biscuits & gravy and chicken & dumplings topped the list of things we were dreaming of. Of course, both of those meals required ingredients that could only come from the States like self-rising flour, Crisco, and buttermilk. We figured out a way to find all of the ingredients and definitely had a “taste of home” several times while Tim’s parents

were visiting. (Check out all of the photos!)

We’re looking forward to another “taste of home” when we can taste and see all of the good things that God has prepared for us in heaven. We’re not sure yet if the banquet tables will be filled with biscuits & gravy or Spanish tortilla, but what we are really longing for is to introduce our Michigan friends to our Spanish friends over the table. We know you will love hearing the testimonies of the believers in the Alpedrete Church and they will love getting to finally see the people who have sacrificed so the Gospel could be shared with them. What a day that will be!!!

Tim & Kristi
Spain



Greetings from France – Steve and Becky Riggs

Dear Ladies of the Michigan WAC,

Can we just write and say thank you? We have the awesome privilege to be witnesses for Christ in Chateaubriant, France, because of you.

Thank you... on behalf of Maelik & Karla. They are a young couple in our church who love the Lord sincerely and are such a blessing to our church. Karla teaches Spanish in the local high school and helps lead our worship services. I would not trade her genuine spirit of worship for the best praise team to be found anywhere.

Thank you... on behalf of Eric. Eric has had a rough background and his life has been damaged by drugs. He comes to our services regularly and we meet occasionally to talk and pray. He's making progress, and tells me often how much he appreciates the encouragement from being in our church.

Thank you... on behalf of Tom & Jean. They are an elderly couple we have met and who have become good friends. Tom has Parkinson's and unfortunately his health is declining. He's still good at scrabble, however, and last week he beat me fair and square in a very close game. He's reading through the book "The Good and Beautiful God".

Thank you... on behalf of Jean-Charles & Magali. This past year has been difficult especially for Magali as her father passed away, and just a couple of months ago her grandmother also passed away. Hardly a Sunday service goes by without Jean-Charles saying how grateful he is that God has given them a church family in Chateaubriant.

Thank you.....on behalf of Cedric & Carolyne. They have just recently begun attending church with their two small children and plan to be baptised soon.

Thank you on behalf of Hamid. We meet just about every week, sometimes just for coffee, sometimes for a short trek through the countryside. He has yet to make a public profession of faith, but he considers this church his spiritual family and is making great strides towards faith. We are looking for a larger place to meet, and this week when we visited a possible site, Hamid wanted to come along.

Thank you! Thank you for allowing us to be part of what God is doing here in Chateaubriant. What a privilege we have to serve Christ and love those for whom He gave His life.

Steve & Becky
Chateaubriant, France

MICHIGAN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST 2017 RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 21ST – 23RD 2017 AT THE WEBER'S INN OF ANN ARBOR
OUR THEME THIS YEAR WILL BE "GLOWING IN THE DARK"
KEY VERSE JOHN 8:12
FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST: TAMMY JONES-ROBINETTE
REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR STATE MEETING
AND CAN ALSO BE FOUND NOW ON OUR WEBSITE
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